

ANYWHERE BAG

Cut 2 pieces 15x15" for front and back out of sturdy bag fabric.

Cut 2 pieces 15x15" of contrasting fabric for lining.

Cut 2 eight inch square pieces of lining or other contrasting fabric for pocket.

Cut 2 - 30" pieces of grosgrain ribbon for ties (or other tie material).

You can also use 13"x13" squares if you prefer a slightly smaller bag.

Stitch around the pocket leaving a place to turn at bottom. Turn pocket, poke out the corners so it's square. Iron the pocket turning in the opening at the bottom. No need to hand stitch shut since it will be sewn to the front.

Take the front piece of bag fabric, pin the pocket in place and sew the pocket onto the front piece at the sides and bottom catching in the place where it was turned and leaving the top unstitched. Reinforce both sides at top of pocket with extra stitches.

Sew a lining piece to the front and back at the top of your bag fabric.

Lay the top and the bottom with right sides together. The bag front and back will be together and the lining pieces will be together. Make sure your seam at the top is lying toward the lining and that sides at seam are matching. Stitch all around the lining and the bag fabric leaving an open space for turning in the lining. Trim corners.

Turn the bag right side out, pushing each corner out, and sew the opening closed in the lining. Push the lining down into the bag.

When in place, pull lining up to make a decorative band around the top of the bag. Pin in place and top stitch in the ditch of the seam that goes around the top.

Use grosgrain ribbon for tying the bag onto the arm of a wheelchair or on a walker. It can also be tied onto a bed. Fold each piece of ribbon in half and stitch to the inside of bag at side seam. Cut ribbon on an angle or turn under to prevent fraying. You can also add Velcro squares as a closure if you prefer.

This pattern was adapted from a smaller version on the following website.

http://wocs-tutorial.blogspot.com