

Bags for the “Bless Your Hearts Squad”

Supplies:

Fabric - Exterior and lining unless using a medium to heavy weight fabric.

Interfacing may be used for light weight fabrics such as quilting cottons.

Thread - Matching or contrasting

Zipper - 8” or longer

Preparation:

1. Cut 2 pieces of exterior and lining fabrics 7.5” X 6”. Cut 2 pieces of interfacing the same size or a tad smaller). For medium to heavier weight fabrics, cut 2 exterior pieces only.
2. Cut 1 piece of exterior fabric for the strap 12.5” X 2”.
3. Press interfacing to the wrong side of exterior fabrics.
4. Press the zipper.
5. Press the strap fabric in half lengthwise and press.
6. Press each side to the centerfold.

Sewing:

1. Sew each long side of the strap about $\frac{1}{8}$ ” from each long edge. Set aside for now.
2. Lay lining fabric down with the long side at the top, right side facing up.
3. Place zipper on top of lining with the right side up. Align the zipper with the lining top edge. Make sure zipper pull is out of the way.
4. Align exterior fabric right side down on top of the zipper, sandwiching the zipper between the exterior and lining fabrics. Make sure the top and sides are lined up and pin/clip in place.
5. Sew top edge being careful of the zipper pull if you have an 8” zipper.
6. Flip exterior fabric over the lining, press and top stitch about an $\frac{1}{8}$ ” away from the zipper edge.
7. Follow steps 2 thru 6 on the opposite side of the zipper.
8. Open the zipper about halfway.
9. Place the lining pieces right sides together, aligning the sides and bottom, pin/clip in place leaving about a 2” opening on the bottom.
10. On one side of the bag lining place and pin an ASG label inside along the seam allowance.
11. Place the exterior pieces right sides together, aligning the sides and bottom, pin/clip in place pinning the strap about 1” below the zipper on the closed end of the zipper.
12. Start sewing on one side of the lining opening and sew around the entire bag using a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam allowance. Stop at the other side of the lining opening. Sew over the zipper a couple of times to reinforce.
13. Clip corners.
14. Turn the lining right side out, poking the corners out. Then turn the exterior right side out, poking the corners out.
15. Fold the seam allowance of the opening to the inside and sew closed.

16. Press lining and exterior.
17. Push the lining bag into the exterior bag and press.

*****For bags with no lining:

1. With the zipper facing up, place fabric right side down on top of the zipper. Align the long edge of the fabric on the upper edge of the zipper and sew.
2. Press and top stitch about an $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the zipper edge.
3. Repeat on the other zipper edge.
4. Press and top stitch about an $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the zipper edge.
5. Continue at step 11 from above.

You're all done and Thank You.

Mission Statement:

To empower and provide support to youth and families struggling with financial demands or personal emergencies. Through services and resources, but not limited to distribution of free feminine and personal care products, diapers, clothing donations and assistance to families during the holidays. We are able to meet folks where they are and assist as best we can.

These bags have been requested by The Wagner School

Return completed bags to our member:

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