

Thread Catcher Bag and Pincushion

Supplies:

fabric or scraps totaling apx 1/2 yd. (or 2 fat quarters)

16 oz sand (1 lb)

18 in boning or other stiff material

Instructions

1. Cut out pieces:

1 - 7 1/2" x 9" fabric (or cut 1 on fold 4 1/2" x 7 1/2") (piece B sandbag)

2 - 2 1/2" x 5" fabric (Piece C straps)

1 - 9 1/2" square cut on fold of fabric (the fold will become the bottom of the bag) or cut

1 - 9 1/2" x 19". (Piece A fabric bag)

1 - 9 1/2" square cut on fold of lining fabric or cut 1 - 9 1/2" x 19" (Piece A lining bag)

2. Fold both the fabric and lining pieces of the bag (piece A) in half, right sides together so that you have a 9 1/2" square. Sew the side seams with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. The fold is now the bottom of the bag.

3. Clip the corners of the seam allowance at the folded end of both pieces. Turn the fabric bag right side out. Insert the lining bag into the fabric bag, wrong sides together. Set aside.

4. Fold the strap pieces (C) lengthwise, so that the long edges overlap and the strap is apx 1 inch wide. Tuck the top edge under and seam leaving the 2 ends unfinished.

5. Lay the straps in position on the back of the bag, 1 inch from either side of the center back. Make sure the straps have their best looking side facing the bag. The end of the strap should be apx 1 inch inside the bag (between the lining and the fabric sides of the bag.) Fold in a 1/4" seam allowance beginning at the inside edge of 1 strap and going around the top of the bag to the inside edge of the other strap. Leaving apx a 2 inch opening between the straps. Sew the seam.

6. Sew another seam all the way around the bag 1/2" below the finished edge of the bag.

7. Insert an 18 inch piece of boning into the top of the bag, Then, close the top seam of the bag.

8. Fold the sandbag (piece B) in half, right sides together lengthwise. Sew the two short ends closed. Carefully clip the corners of the seam allowance on the folded side and turn right side out.

9. Lay the 2 straps 1 inch on either side of the center of the opening. Apx 1 inch of the straps should be tucked inside the opening. Fold 1/2" of each edge into the opening and seam each side from the corner to the inside edge of the strap leaving apx a 2 inch opening in the bag between the straps.

10. Fill the bag with 16 oz (1 lb) of sand. Then close and seam the opening.

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