

Wheelchair Bag

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The finished bag will be approximately 20" X 17" with outside and inside pockets, loops for hanging bag on the chair, and finished seams on the inside.

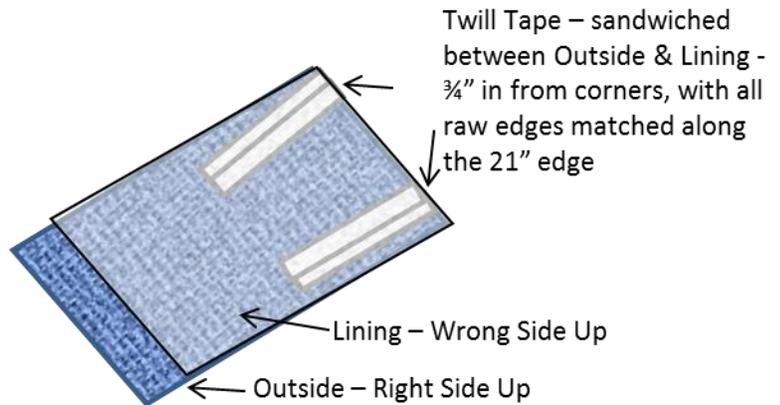
Materials:

- Outer Bag Fabric - 21"x36" - coordinating fabrics
- Lining - 21"x36"
- Outside Pocket - 12½" sq
- Pocket Lining - 12½" sq
- Inside Pocket - 15" x 17"
- Pocket Lining - 15" x 17"
- 4 Twill Tape - 15" x 1"
- 2 Velcro Sets - (1)- 1"x2" & (1)- 1½"x2"



Assembly:

1. Lay out the outer bag fabric right side up. Pin 2 pieces of twill tape ¾" from each corner of the 21" side. The raw edges of tape and the outer bag fabric meet.
2. Lay the short side of the Lining on top so that it meets the raw edges of the tape and the outer bag fabric. Pin in place. (The tape should be pointing towards the center of the fabric pieces.) Sew the fabric and tape pieces with a ¼" seam.
3. Pin outer bag fabric to lining, right sides together, around the remaining 3 sides. Sew ¼" seam around bag, re-enforcing back and forth over the twill tape and leaving a 6" opening in the center of a long side. Turn right side out and press. Sew the 6" opening closed. The twill tape will now be on the outside.
4. Center and sew securely the 1½ x 2" Velcro pieces on the lining side. Top stitch ¼" and 1½" across both of the 21" sides of fabric. Determine where the optional pocket will be and its Velcro closure. Sew that piece of Velcro.
5. Outside pocket - Pin right sides together and sew leaving a small opening on bottom edge to allow for turning. Turn and press. Sew a line of stitching across top of pocket ¼" from top edge and 1" from edge. Sew Velcro on center top of lining side. Lay pocket on Velcro on bag, pin, and sew ¼", securing the ends well.



6. Inside pocket - Fold the 15" X 17" piece in half, right sides together, so it will be 15" x 8.5". Sew the raw edges leaving a small opening for turning. Turn and press. Topstitch a ¼" seam across the top of pocket. Center and pin so *the top of the pocket is 6 - 7" from the bottom edge of the lining and the bottom of the pocket is towards the center of the lining.* (When the sides of the bag are sewn, this pocket will be lying in the correct direction.) Sew the pocket down and then make it a double or triple pocket by sewing 1 or 2 lines to divide it.
7. Finishing - Fold bag in half with the lining to the outside. Now it will be a rectangle approximately 20" wide by 18" deep. Being careful not to catch the loops in the seam, sew a ¼" seam on both sides, securing well at both ends. Turn bag to outside.

You are finished ... and so are the inside seams of the bag!

Optional to add a bit of shape

1. With bag wrong-side-out, flatten one corner to create a triangular point, aligning side seam along center-bottom line.
2. Pin; stitch perpendicular to the side seam, roughly 1-1/2 inches from point. Repeat for other corner. Turn bag right side out.

