

## Walker Bag

What you will need:

### Materials:

1/3 yard 44-45" wide durable fabric for the exterior of the bag  
1/3 yard 44-45" wide fabric for the bag lining  
1/2 yard 44-45" wide fabric for the pickets and straps  
1/2 yard 1 1/2" wide velcro (3/4"-1" velcro is also useable)

### Cut the fabric pieces as follows:

Two pieces 15" X 10 1/2" for the bag body  
Two pieces 15" X 10 1/2" for the bag lining  
Two pieces 15" x 13" for the outer pockets  
Two pieces 5" x 10 1/2" for the top straps  
Two pieces 2" x 12" for the side straps

### Sew the top and side straps:

Fold the strap pieces in half, matching the long sides. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew all into long tubes, backstitching at the beginning and end. Press each seam allowance open with the seam centered on the flattened tube. Sew across ONE end to close the tubes.

Turn the tubes right side out. A turning tool is helpful for the narrow tubes.

Press to flatten the tubes with the seam allowance centered again.

### Sew Velcro to the straps:

Cut two 1 1/2" long pieces from each side of the velcro tape. Sew one piece to the closed end of each wide top strap. Sew the other piece 6-7" away from the closed end.

Cut two 1" long pieces from only the hook side of the velcro tape. Cut two 4" long pieces from lonely the loop side of the velcro tape. Cut the width of the tape to fit (~1"). Sew the short pieces to the closed end of the narrow side strap. Sew the long pieces 4" from the closed end.

If you would rather skip the velcro you can add buttons and buttonholes instead.

### Sew the side pockets:

Fold a pocket piece in half with wrong sides together, matching up the 15" edges.

Place it on top of one exterior body piece, aligning all raw edges.

Measure and mark a vertical line at the center of the pocket. Sew on the line through all layers, backstitching at the beginning and end. This divides the pocket into two smaller pockets. Add more lines of stitching or change the placement to customize the pockets.

Repeat with the remaining body and pocket pieces.

**Add Straps and Lining to the Front and Back:**

Place both wide straps at the top of the front body/pocket piece right side up, 2 1/2" in from the sides, with the velcro tape facing the body/pocket. Align the raw edges at the top of each strap with the two of the body. BASTE in place close to the raw edges.

Place a lining piece right sides together with each body/pocket piece, sandwiching the wide straps between the two layers on one. Pin and sew along the top edge only with a 1/4" seam allowance. On the unit with straps, reinforce with a second line of stitching over the straps.

**Attach the Front and Back together:**

Press the lining/body seam towards the lining and open each lining/body/pocket piece out. On the front piece, press the wide straps towards the lining and set aside.

On the back piece (without straps), place the narrow straps with the velcro side down, 1 1/2" up from the bottom of the pocket, aligning the raw edge with the sides of the pocket. Bast the side straps in place 1/8" from the side edges.

Place both lining/body/pocket pieces right sides together, matching the top seam. Pin around all four sides, making sure all 4 straps are inside and will not be caught in the seam.

Starting on the lining side, sew around the four sides of the bag. Leave a 4" opening in the lining and backstitch at the beginning and end. Backstitch over the side straps and at the folded top of the pockets to reinforce.

Trim the corners to reduce bulk. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening and then sew the opening closed

**Finish the Walker Bag:**

Push the lining into the bag and press the seam allowance down into the bag.

Edgestitch around the top 1/8" from the seam.