

CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
Community Service Project
Wheelchair/Walker Bag

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Outside: ½ yard (42-45" wide) cotton weight, decorator, or pre-quilted fabric *

Lining: cotton weight, decorator fabric*

Ties: 4 feet of 7/8" grosgrain ribbon (optional)

Stabilizer: ½ yard Décor Bond or other heavy stabilizer (provided by guild)

Thread: Neutral colored cotton or cotton/polyester blend

**Fabrics may be whole or pieced in advance of cutting. This is a great way to use orphan blocks!!*

CUTTING:

Outside: Cut two 21" x 13.5" pieces of outside fabric

Stabilizer: Cut two 21" x 13.5" pieces of Décor Bond

Lining: Cut two 21" x 13.5" pieces of lining fabric

Ties: Cut ribbon into 2 24" pieces. If not using ribbon cut two 24" x 3.5" pieces of outside fabric

DIRECTION- Outside and Ties:

Using stabilizer instructions press Décor Bond to the wrong side of the two outside pieces

Cut 1.5" squares from the bottom corners of both outside pieces

Fold tie strips in half with right sides together. Sew ¼" seam down the long edge, turn inside out and fold the raw edges to the inside. Sew across both ends to enclose.

Fold ribbon or ties in half and pin folded edge 1" from the top of each side of the outside pieces. Place outside pieces right sides together and sew ½" for edge down both sides and across the bottom leaving the bottom corners open. Be sure that only the folds of the ties/ribbon are caught in the side seam.

Fold the bottom corners together so that the side and bottom seams match. Sew 1/2" across the fold. This will square off the bottom of the bag's exterior. Press all seams open.

Turn bag inside out and using fingers to make corners square.

DIRECTIONS-Lining and Finishing:

Cut 1.5" squares from the bottom corners of both lining pieces

Place lining pieces right sides together and sew ½" for edge down both sides leaving corners open. Sew across the bottom of the bag leaving a 4" opening in the center.

Fold the bottom corners together so that the side and bottom seams match. Sew 1/2" across the fold. This will square off the bottom of the bag's lining. Press all seams open.

Do NOT turn the lining inside out. Place the outside bag in side the lining. The right sides of both pieces will be facing each other. Match the side seam at the top edge and sew around the top using a ¼" seam being careful not to catch the ties in the seam.

Using the gap in the bottom of the lining, pull the outside piece through the opening. Slip stitch the gap closed. Use fingers to place the lining into bag and square off corners.

Press the entire bag with iron and finish the upper edge with one or two rows of parallel stitching.