

WHEELCHAIR BAGS

Fabric requirements: Heavy Weight fabric for the body, Medium or Heavy Weight fabric for the pocket, Cord, strong ribbon or heavy shoelace for the handles.

Cut

Bag Body – One 19" x 38" piece or Two 19" squares

Bag Pocket - One 9" x 18"

Handles – Two pieces 12 1/2" long

FINISHED SIZE: 18" wide 15" long

Pocket: Fold in half lengthwise (9x9) right sides together. Sew around the 3 open sides leaving a 2" gap for turning. Clip corners, turn right side out, press and edgestitch the gap side of the pocket. Center pocket onto the front approximately 6 inches from the top, pin and sew onto the front on 3 sides leaving the top open near the edge of the pocket and again 1/4" to 1/2" from the edge.

Bag Body: Fold each 12 1/2" handle in half and place one on either side of the front 2 1/2" to 3" from the top facing in and pin in place. Fold fabric with right sides together and sew 1/2" seam on each side. (NOTE: To reinforce the seams go over them a second time using a zigzag stitch or a serger) Cut a 1" square out of the bottom corner on both sides. (If using 2 pieces for the body sew the bottom edge together now)

Pinch the bottom sides together and sew across each side. Fold the top down twice and topstitch making sure not to catch the handles to make a nice edge.

NOTE: Small wheelchair quilts about 36" square can also have similar handles sewn on to tie onto the handles so the quilts do not fall off. (Maybe make a quilt to match the bag or VISA VERSA!).