


Utility Bags

Use the heavier weight decorator fabric or jeans/denim fabric. Best to use a #14 or 16 needle in your machine. Whenever possible use a zigzag stitch or serger to finish side seams.

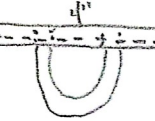
Cutting: Cut main piece 20x40"
Cut pocket 10/10 1/2" x 12"
Cut handles 2 @ 3"x16" or 3"x30/32"


1. Press both ends of top folded over 1" then fold over 2nd time and press. Fold tops in middle length wise and mark @ 2" from fold so you have a marking of 4" wide center.

2. Fold long sides @ 4" from each side and press to make a crease.

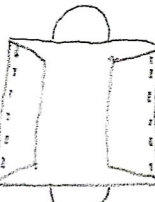
 3. Prep handles by folding over 1/3 and press then fold over other 1/3 and press. Stitch down middle of each handle.

4. Prep pocket by over top about 3/8" then fold over again. Press then top stitch. Finally fold over sides and bottom about 3/8" and press.


 5. Tuck ends of handles under folded down tops on each end outside of marked 4" center and stitch across the bottom of the fold.

 6. Flip over to right side of fabric and top stitch at top of bag folding handles up to stitch in place at top of bag.

7. Top stitch about 1/8" to 1/4" down the long folded over sides to stitch crease. Be sure to back stitch at both ends.

 8. Fold out sides flat. Now place pocket 1" below stitching at top of one side. Top stitch into place approx. 1/8" from folded edge being sure to back stitch at top on both sides.

9. Fold bag in half to sew side seams being sure to back stitch at top of both sides. Not necessary at bottom. Finish side seams with zigzag or serger stitch.

 10. While still inside-out, mark from side and bottom approx. 3 1/2" then fold over end into triangle and stitch from the marked points.

11. Bag is done, turn right side out.

Other possible sizes to cut:

--If fabric is only 38" long cut sides @ 19" wide

--If fabric is only 36" long cut sides @ 18" wide

--Cut pockets @ 9 1/2" by 10 1/2 or 11" long

--Fold sides for long side crease @ approx. 3 1/2" instead of 4"