

Community Service Project for ASG Atlanta 2018

Walker Bag/Caddie

This is a great way to use up some shorter pieces of either cotton or heavier duck cloth or home dec. All of the fabrics should be washed prior to cutting because we know they will need to go in the wash after some use. Here are a couple of pictures of my first attempts. This is the simplest ones that I've found to make.



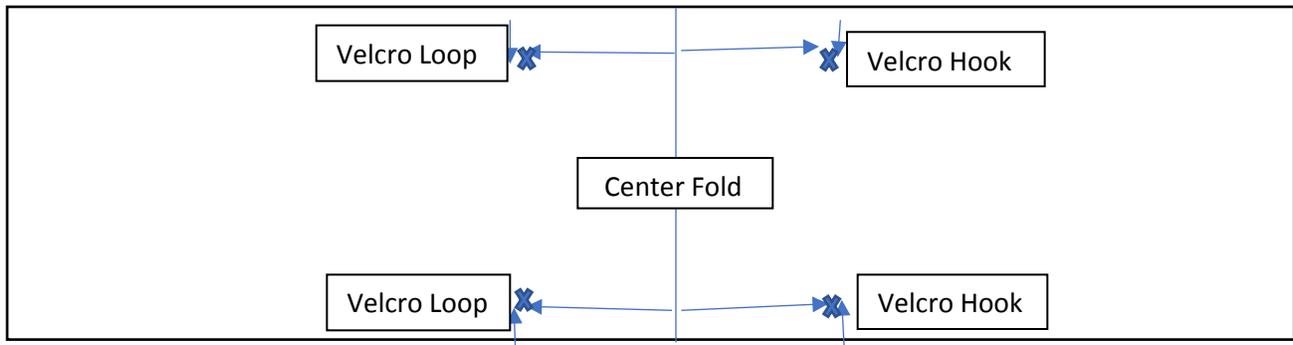
Cut a 14" length of two coordinating fabrics. If using home dec, cut the width to 45-45". It seemed to be too long if I left it the original width. If using quilting cotton, you can leave the width as is.

Place right sides together & stitch around all 4 sides (1/2" seam allowance), leaving about a 6" opening on one of the long sides so that you can turn it inside out.

Try & press the seams open as much as possible – it will help it lie flatter when turned. Turn inside out, pushing out the corners (be careful not to poke through!). Press all 4 sides flat and press the opening so that it looks sewn shut. Don't stitch it closed yet.

Topstitch each short end only for now. Fold the piece in half, matching the short ends, so you can find the center of the piece. This looks like a table runner when you look at it! Now to sew on the Velcro (use sew on – not glued). Cut 2 pieces of Velcro, 3" long & separate them. Measure 5" from the center and 1 1/2" from the

edge. Do this in 4 places. See drawing below. The Velcro will be sewn on the side that you want to showcase. It seemed counter-intuitive to me, but it works.



Next, place the side of the fabric down that has the Velcro on it & the coordinating side will be facing you. Take one short end of the piece & bring the topstitched side towards the fold. I stopped at about 5" from the center fold. Pin the 2 sides together. Do the same on the other short end of the fabric & pin in place. You now see that the pockets have been formed! The Velcro will not be showing here. Topstitch the 2 long sides. You now have a basic walker bag. I divided one of the larger pockets into 2 smaller pockets by stitching down the middle (reinforce the stitching where the top of each pocket is). I left the other pocket as is, should they want to put a larger item in it.

You may find other ways to make walker bags, but these directions I found to be the easiest. If you have full widths of fabric, this is a great way to use up some end pieces – as long as they are at least 14" long. I hope you enjoy making them! As you see, I have sewn our ASG Atlanta tags onto the bags. I think it adds a nice touch & lets the recipients know what our chapter did!

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