



The SASSY
SUNFLOWER

Summer Cincher

Supplies:

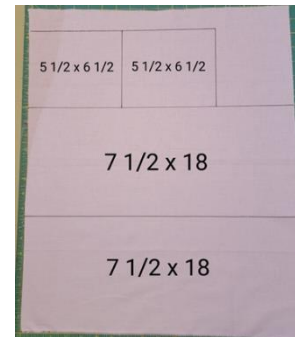
- ½ yard Nylon Mesh
- (2) Fat Quarters, one non-directional
- 1 yard cording (longer for shoulder bag)

Cutting Instructions:

Mesh – cut (1) 18" x 28"

Fat Quarter #1 (this will be at the bottom of the bag)
see cutting layout »

- (2) 7 ½ " x 18"
- (2) 5 ½ " x 6 ½ " (pocket)



Fat Quarter #2 (top of bag- this would be the non-directional fabric)

- (2) 6" x 14 ½ "
- (1) 5 ½ " x 6 ½ " (pocket)

Sewing Instructions:

BAG BOTTOM



1. With Right sides together, seam FQ#1, 7 ½ " x 18" pieces together on the 7 ½ " ends. Press seam open. Make sure that directional fabrics are matched up correctly.



2. Fold over $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the long side of the strip created in Step 1 (for directional fabric this will be the top of the design). Press.

3. Pin the fabric strip to the bottom of the Nylon mesh with the unfolded edge lined up with the bottom edge of the mesh. Match the center seam to the center (14 inch mark) of the mesh.



4. Stitch close to the folded edge of the fabric. Repeat a 2nd row of stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the first stitched row.

5. Trim excess fabric on each end so that it is even with the mesh.

BAG TOP CASING



6. With Right sides together, seam FQ#2, 6 " x 14 ½ " pieces together on the 6" ends. Press seam open. Make sure that directional fabrics are matched up correctly.

7. On each 28 ½ " side, turn in ¼ inch and press.

8. Turn in each 5 ½ " inch end of the strip approximately ¼ inch, press. Repeat, turning in another ¼ inch so that all raw edges are enclosed. Stitch this end seam. Press. Your finished strip should measure 5 ½ " x 27".



9. Fold the strip in half to make a 2 ½ " x 27" strip. Press.

POCKET



10. Using the pocket piece cut from FQ#2, fold over and press $\frac{1}{4}$ " along $6\frac{1}{2}$ " edge. Fold over $\frac{1}{4}$ " again. Press. Stitch in place.



11. Layer FQ#1 pocket piece right side up, FQ#2 pocket piece created in step 10 right side down (Line up the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " edges at the bottom). FQ#1 second pocket piece right side down.

12. Mark a 2 inch opening along the pocket top. Stitch around pocket leaving the 2 inch space open. Trim corners and turn right side out. Gently poke out the corners. Press.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



13. Position the mesh piece with fabric side down.

Open the top casing strip and center approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " under the top of the mesh(the mesh will be longer than the casing, aprx. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on each end). Pin the pocket on the left top about 4 inches from the edge of the casing, with pocket side up. Top edge of pocket should be even with turned edge of the casing.

14. Fold top of casing strip over the mesh and the top of pocket. Pin in place. Stitch close to edge of the casing being careful to catch both sides and the pocket in your seam. Repeat a 2nd row of stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the first stitched row.



15. Fold bag so that bottom fabric is right sides together as shown. Pin side and bottom of bag. Stitch using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam starting at bottom of the bag and ending 1" from the top of the casing. Backstitch at the top band and Restitch a second time over the side seam.

Finish side and bottom seams with a zig zag stitch or with a serger.

16. With bag still inside out, (box the corners)fold the bottom corners in a triangle, matching seams.



17. With a ruler, measure 2 ½ " from the point and draw a line. Stitch on the line. Repeat on both sides of the bag bottom.

18. Trim to ¼ " from stitching and finish seams with a zig zag stitch or a serger.



19. Turn bag right side out and feed cording thru the top casing. Tie ends of cord.