

Mat and Ruler Bag

- 2 yards of quilted fabric - off the bolt is easiest, but you can make the quilted fabric using your own 2 fabrics and batting.

Be sure the front and back of the fabrics you buy or make are coordinated cotton fabric and the grid lines are no more than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " apart.

- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " wide webbing for handles.
- Thread to match fabrics

Supplies to get the job done....

- Cutting mat, rotary cutter & rulers
- Sewing machine and all that goes with that.

There are 3 photos of the project, 1 of the outside and 2 of the inside of the Mat & Ruler Bag.

Outside of Bag



Inside Pocket



Inside Pocket



Mat & Ruler Bag

Follow this sequence:

1. Fold fabric in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and selvage exactly even all the way down the side.
2. Place 24" ruler on cut edge that will be the top of the bag, and trim to even up that edge.
3. Measure down 30" and cut across the bottom of the bag. Set the bag piece to the side.
4. Using the leftover fabric, cut the pockets. Small pocket 9 ½" x 14". The long pocket 9 ½" x 26". Pay attention to the direction of the pockets as you do the following:
5. Hem the top of both pockets on the 9 ½" side by folding down 1/2", pressing, then fold ½" again and pressing. Stitch across the lower edge of the fold.
6. Zig zag around the 3 sides of the pocket fabric.
7. To attach the pockets, first fold the bag fabric right sides together. Pin the small pocket 9 ½" from the bottom on one side of the bag. You will have a fold on one side of the bag and a selvage edge on the other. **(The selvage edge is about ½" wide. You will be sewing the selvage side later with a ½" seam, so do not include the selvage in measuring for centering the pockets.)** The distance from the folded edge of the bag to the pocket will be approximately 5 ¼". It will also be about 5 ¼" from the pocket to the selvage. Pin the long pocket to the other side of the bag 2" from the bottom, and center as with the small pocket. Once everything looks the way your want it, sew the pockets with a ¼" seam.
8. Working with the webbing. Fold the 4 1/2 yard piece of webbing in half and put a piece of masking tape at the halfway mark. Cut through the middle of the tape. That keeps the ends from fraying.
9. At this point the bag still has raw edges (cut edges) on 3 sides. Pin the webbing on the front of the bag starting at the bottom and leaving about ½" of webbing below the bottom of the fabric. Carefully pin the webbing so that about 1/8" is going to overlap the edge of the pocket that is behind it. Once all is pinned, make sure it looks straight and is not twisted near the handle. Stitch down the webbing on both sides and very close to the edges. When you reach 4" down from the top edge of the bag, secure the handles by sewing across the webbing three times.
10. Sewing seams. Fold bag with right sides together. Sew 1" seam across bottom of the bag, then stitch a second time. Sew the side with a ½" wide seam from bottom to top. Zig zag stitch the bottom and side seam edges.
11. Turn bag right side out. Fold over the top edge 1", press, then 1" again and press. Stitch around the top near the folded edge.