

Quilts for Kids -Wheelchair Bags

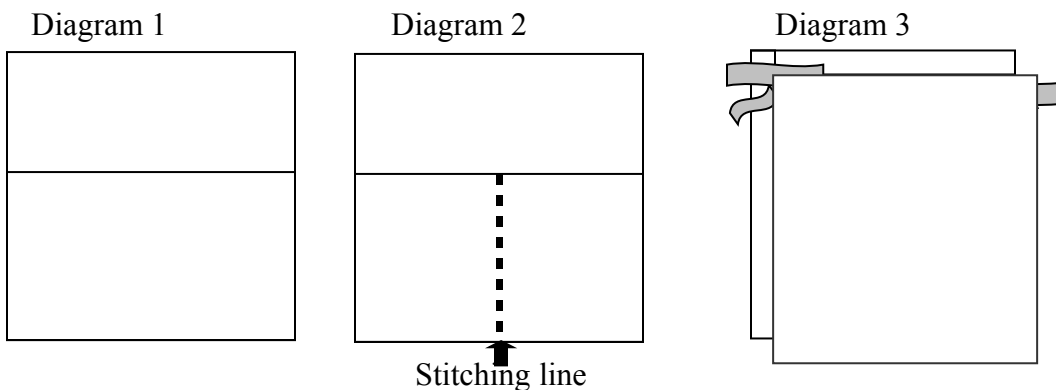
Quilts for Kids has teamed up with The Wheelchair Foundation (www.wheelchairfoundation.org) in order to provide wheelchair bags for donation with their chairs. There are times when fabrics that are donated to Quilts for Kids aren't appropriate for use in a quilt - but many of the heavier fabrics are perfect for bags. Please note... the bags can be donated locally to area hospitals, hospices, schools and senior homes also! Here's what you need to make one.

2 – 15” squares of medium-heavy weight fabric for outside of bag
1 or 2 pieces of 15” x 7” (or 8”) rectangles of medium-heavy weight fabric for pockets
2 – 25”-27” length of strapping, heavy cord, or trim for straps OR make a cord 1” wide of fabric... see optional directions below

- 1) Hem the top of each of the 15” squares and the pocket pieces. Small hem is all that is needed.
- 2) Place one pocket wrong side to the wrong side of the 15”square. Lining up the bottoms and sides of the bag with the bottom edges of the pocket... Diagram 1
- 3) Stitch up the middle of the pocket... Diagram 2 Repeat steps 2 and 3 if there is a second pocket.
- 4) Put the right sides together of the bags. About 1” from the top insert the straps into the seam line (most of the strap will be inside the seam for now once turned, the straps will be on the outside). Sew around sides and bottom. Diagram 3. Turn the bag right side out and you are done!

Optional straps.

Cut 2 pieces of fabric 2 ½ inches wide and 27” long. Fold fabric in half wrong side out and stitch up the raw edge with a ¼” seam allowance. Turn the strap right side out and press. A fabric turner is useful for turning it right side out! You may topstitch along each side of the strap for more stability.



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