

Sew Beautiful Things – Project 1

Drawstring flat circle bag

Materials:

Large piece of paper (newspaper size)

1 metre of 100% cotton or Rip Stop (waterproof) – for a 1 colour bag

½ metre of each fabric – for a 2 colour bag

4.5 metres of cord or ribbon

Sew on Velcro (both hook and loop) 1 ¾"

Equipment:

Pencil

Paper scissors

Drawing pin

Tape measure

Pins/clips

Large safety pin

Ruler

Quilting ruler

Instructions:

(Please remember these notes accompany the video where you are taught in a much greater detail, these are simply working notes)

- 1) Make your pattern (Circle, casing & flap)
- 2) Make markings on your paper patterns
- 3) Cut your fabrics (2 of each pattern piece)
- 4) Press down ½ inch at both ends of both of your casings & top stitch in place
- 5) Fold both casings lengthways and stitch along the very edge of the open side to close the raw edges
- 6) Mark the centre of each casing with a pin
- 7) Quarter your lining circle and pin your casings in place
- 8) Stitch your casings in place on the raw edge of the circle
- 9) Add your velcro to 1 half of your flap
- 10) Place both flap pieces right sides together and stitch around the curved edge, leaving the bottom open to turn
- 11) Clip the curves and turn in the right way
- 12) Press and top stitch at 2/8 of an inch
- 13) Fold over the raw end twice and press before top stitching
- 14) Attach the flap to your bag outer
- 15) Attach your Velcro to the bag outer
- 16) Place both lining and outer together right sides together and pin/clip
- 17) Stitch all the way round leaving a hand width gap in the vicinity of the strap
- 18) Clip the curves and turn in the right way
- 19) Pin the opening closed
- 20) Top stitch round the bag closing the opening as you go
- 21) Cut and thread your cord

TA DA!!!! 1 finished makeup bag

Making your bag bigger

- 1) Create a circle the size that you want your bag to be when it's open flat.
- 2) Work out the diameter of your circle by measuring the circumference of your circle (the distance from one side to the other across the middle).
- 3) Multiply the circumference by 3.142 to get a diameter (distance all the way round)
- 4) Half your diameter figure
- 5) Take the above figure minus $\frac{1}{2}$ " and make a pattern piece that measurement by 3" wide (you can make it half this size and cut on the fold for ease).