

## Wheelchair Bag Pattern by Amanda Gronemeyer



### What you will need

*Measurements are in inches and are a suggestion. Adjust accordingly if you change the dimensions.*

- Two  $9 \frac{15}{16} \times 15 \frac{1}{8}$  pieces of fabric for the sides. Preferably, two different colors/patterns that jive.
- One  $19 \frac{1}{2} \times 15 \frac{1}{8}$  piece of fabric to line the inside.
- One  $4 \frac{3}{4} \times 10 \frac{3}{4}$  piece of fabric for a pocket. Preferably, a color/pattern that jives w/ the sides.
- Four straps (can also use substantial ribbon or string). I used  $15 \times 3$  fabric which I sewed into straps that measured  $14 \frac{3}{4} \times 1$ .

*Note: This is probably common knowledge, but speaking as a beginner to a potential beginner, when I start and end the process of sewing together two or more pieces of fabric, I will reinforce my sewing by initially forward stitching a short distance, going reverse on the stitches I have created, and then forward stitching again.*



## Directions

**Straps** (disregard if you are using ribbon or string)

1. Fold sides over (approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) and iron to set folds



2. Fold other side one-third the width of the strip of fabric.



3. Fold over one more time to match the edges. Then iron to set the folds.



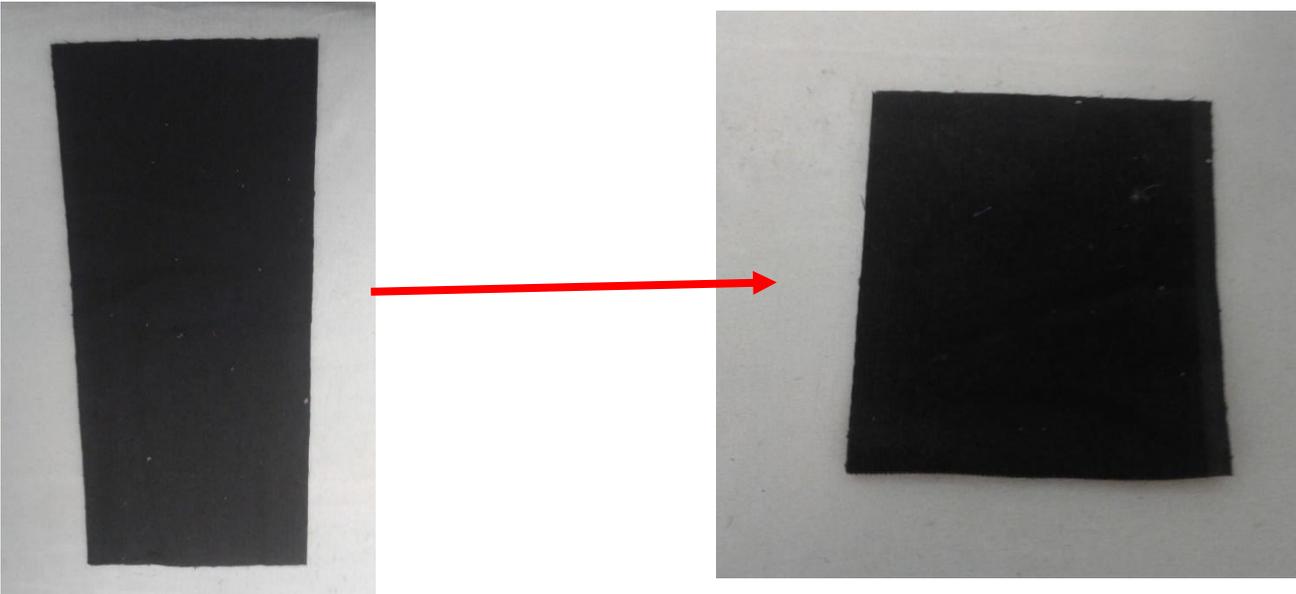
4. Pin and sew around the three sides.



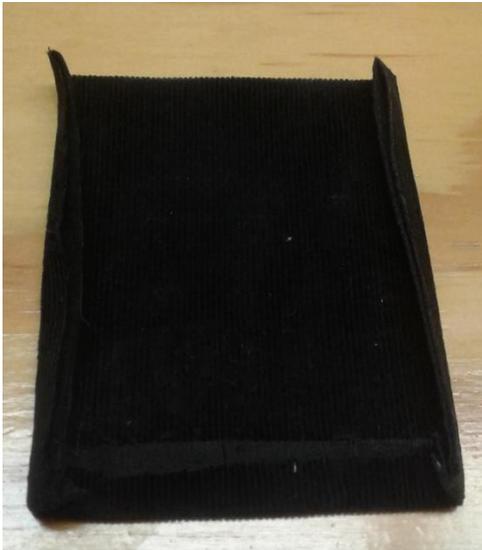
5. Repeat these steps to make the other three straps.

## Pocket

1. Take the fabric for your pocket and fold it in half.



2. Next fold edges around the three open sides and iron to make the edges crisp. You do not need to fold an edge on the side in which the fabric was folded in half.



3. Now you are all set to start on your bag. You will be able to sew your pocket on after you have completed steps 1-8 of the bag.

## Bag

1. Lay the two sides on top of one another with the printed/finished sides on the inside and sew together (approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam).



2. Iron the seam so it is crisp.



3. Take the piece of fabric for your lining and place directly over the top of the two sides you just sewed together. Make sure to put the nonprinted sides facing one another and the printed/finished sides toward the outside.

This side, along with its opposite side, will be the top of your bag when finished.

4. On the corresponding tops of the lining and the sides fold and iron a border about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



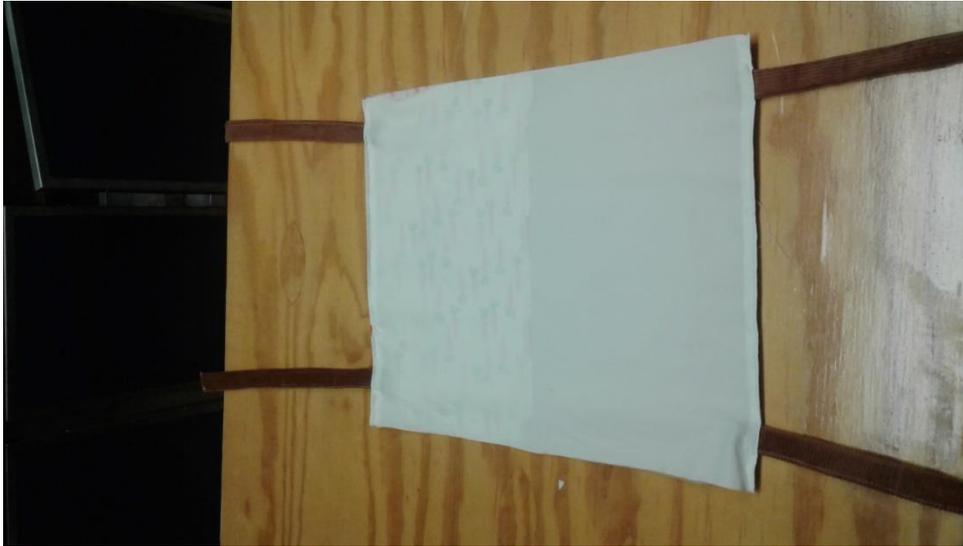
5. When done folding and ironing, place the lining on top of the sides so that the folds are facing together. Remember to make sure that the non-printed sides of your lining and sides are facing one another and that the printed/finished sides are toward the outside.
6. When you have the lining on top of the sides, insert the straps approximately 1" from the edges between the lining and sides, like so. I did one side at a time, as it is less unwieldy when sewing.



7. Pin and then sew together the sides, straps, and lining. Be sure that you are capturing the little folds you made on the lining and sides so that you will have a finished edge on the bag.



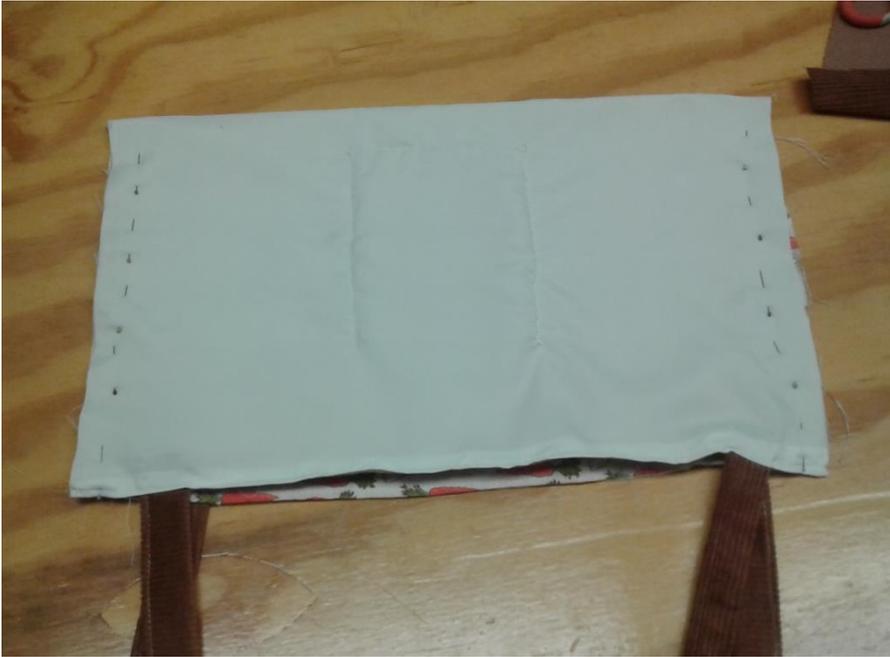
8. Here is what it should look like when you have sewed the tops with the four straps on both sides.



9. Now you are ready to sew your pocket onto the outside of your bag. Which side you sew it on is completely up to you.
10. Take your pocket and pin it to the side of your bag. Make sure that the folded end of the pocket is closest to the straps as this will be the top of your bag and eventual open end of your pocket.



**11. Now you are ready to form your bag. Fold your bag in half, so that the inside lining is on the outside and so that the opposite straps and tops line up with one another. Pin the sides together and sew approximately a ¼" seam.**



**12. Once you have sewn both sides you can turn your bag right side out. Voila, you have made a wheelchair bag!**



**Thank You!**