

BABY BEE DIAPER BAG



OR TURN A WORN CHENILLE SPREAD
INTO A BEAUTIFUL BAG AND A MATCHING FRIEND.





YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 1/2 yards 45"-wide denim, twill, or any fun fabric for bag body
(if using contrasting fabrics, you will need 3/4 yard for sides and bottom, and 5/8 yard for pockets)
 - 1 1/2 yards 45"-wide fabric for bag lining (optional)
 - 3/4 yard 45"-wide sturdy nylon fabric for divider and base
 - 1 2/3 yards webbing for straps
 - 1 yard 3/4"-wide Velcro
 - 2 pieces 10 1/2" x 13 1/2" plastic canvas
 - 1 12" separating zipper (optional)
 - 1 large button or snap (optional)
- Basic sewing supplies

CUTTING:**Bag Body**

- Front and Back: cut two 13 1/2" x 15" pieces
- Sides: cut two 13 1/2" x 12" pieces
- Bottom: cut one 12" x 15" piece
- Front and Back Pockets: cut two 7 1/2" x 15" pieces
- Front Pocket: cut one 10 1/2" x 15" piece
- Side Pockets: cut two 7 1/2" x 12" pieces
- Zipper Facing: cut four 3 3/4" x 13 1/2" pieces
- Bottle Pocket: cut one 9 1/2" x 11 1/2" piece

Bag Lining

- Front and Back: cut two 13 1/2" x 15" pieces
- Sides: cut two 13 1/2" x 12" pieces
- Bottom: cut one 12" x 15" piece

Divider and Base

- Base: cut two 12" x 15" pieces
- Divider: cut two 12" x 15" pieces
- Tabs: cut two 3" x 9" and one 3" x 12" piece

Velcro

- Base Bottom: cut four 1" strips
- Base Top: cut one 13" strip
- Divider Tabs: cut two 7" strips and one 11" strip

Straps

- Cut webbing to desired length

ASSEMBLING, STITCHING, AND FINISHING DETAILS:

Seam allowance: 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

*RST = Right Sides Together

*WST = Wrong Sides Together

*Flat-lining is stitching 2 layers of fabric cut to the same shape and grain to use as one piece of fabric. It provides strength and a lining layer without having to make a separate lining.

*To prevent fraying, finish the edges by serging, zigzagging, pinking, binding, or sewing another row of stitching close to the edge.

Divider and Tabs

1. Fold tabs RST lengthwise, stitch 2 short sides together, clip corners and turn right side out.
2. Center and sandwich tabs between divider fabric (shorter ones on side seams and longer one on bottom seam), RST, and stitch the 3 tabbed edges together, clip corners and turn right side out.
3. Stitch Velcro to tabs.
4. Insert plastic canvas inside divider. Fold open edge under and topstitch to close or fold edge under and leave edge open to insert zipper facing.

Base

1. Stitch 1" strips of Velcro to right side of one of the base pieces, approximately 1 1/2" in from the 4 corners.
2. Stitch 13" strip of Velcro to right side of the other base piece, placing it on center line.
3. RST, stitch base together, 2 short sides and 1 long side, clip corners and turn right side out.
4. Insert plastic canvas inside base. Fold open edge under and topstitch to close.

Bag Bottom

1. WST, flat-line bag bottom and bag bottom lining together. Finish edges to prevent fraying.
2. Stitch 1" strips of Velcro through all layers to lining side of bag bottom, approximately 1 1/2" in from the 4 corners. Velcro should correspond to Velcro on base.

Sides

1. WST, flat-line sides together. Do not finish the edges yet.
2. Stitch 7" strips of Velcro to sides (lining side) placing on center line. Velcro should correspond to divider.
3. Fold and press sides and bottom of bottle pocket under 1/2". Fold and press top of bottle pocket under 1/2" twice and topstitch. Fold a tuck into the bottom edge of bottle pocket making the width = 4", baste stitch bottom edge to secure fold. Position bottle pocket to one side of Velcro (lining side), placing its bottom edge 1" up from the side bottom edge and its side edge 1" in from the side edge (width of bottle pocket measures 4"). Stitch pocket to bag through all layers.
4. Fold top edge of side pockets under 1/2" twice and topstitch. Stitch pockets to sides (bag side).
5. Finish edges to prevent fraying.

Back

1. WST, flat-line back together. Do not finish the edges yet.
2. Fold top edge of back pocket under 1/2" twice and topstitch. Stitch pocket to back (bag side). You may choose to stitch a partition seam down the center of the pocket through all layers to create smaller pockets.
3. Finish edges to prevent fraying.

Front

1. WST, flat-line front together. Do not finish the edges yet.
2. Fold top edge of tall front pocket under 1/2" twice and topstitch. Fold top edge of short front pocket under 1/2" twice and topstitch. Place short front pocket on top of tall front pocket and stitch a partition seam down the center of the small pocket through all layers. You may choose to stitch a buttonhole, snap, or Velcro to the center top of tall front pocket.
3. Stitch pocket panel to front (bag side).
4. Stitch button, snap, or Velcro on to front.
5. Finish edges to prevent fraying.

Front, Back, Sides, and Bottom

1. Stitch the sides to the front and back leaving 1/2" free at the bottom. Press seams open.
2. Finish top edge of bag to prevent fraying.
3. Fold and press top edge of bag under 1".
4. Attach straps to bag by placing them under the folded top edge, approximately 2 1/2" in from side seams, one strap to the front and the other strap to the back. Topstitch top edge close to finished edge. Fold straps up and sew close to top edge (1/4" from top edge) at least 3 times to reinforce the straps.
5. Stitch bag back, front, and sides to bottom.

Zipper (optional)

1. Separate zipper and sandwich one side of zipper between 2 pieces of zipper facing, RST and stitch together. Do the same for the other side of zipper. Stitch short ends of zipper facing together, clip corners, turn right side out and press.
2. Sew one zipper facing into the divider by sandwiching it between the layers and topstitching.
3. Fold under open edge of other zipper facing 1/2" and press. Stitch onto top edge of bag front.

Finishing

1. Insert base into bag, matching up Velcro.
2. Insert divider into bag, matching up Velcro.
3. Add ribbons, buttons, trims, etc. to personalize your bag.