

VSQ Walker and Wheelchair Bag Instructions (Revised)

*These instructions are based on Rhona Hiney's original instructions for OUTREACH. Some minor changes were made and a few additional comments added.

Fabric Requirements

2 pieces 13" x 13" of focus fabric (for the outside of bag)

2 pieces of focus fabric for the straps

5" x 12" each for (walker)

5" x 16" each for (wheelchair)

5" x 18" each for (motorized wheelchair)

2 pieces 13" x 13" of lining fabric

1 piece 8" x 8" of lining fabric for the pocket.

2 Buttons . There are several you tube videos demonstrating how to make buttonholes by machine or hand

Pocket and Lining

1- Fold in $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams on all 4 sides of the pocket and iron

2- Topstitch one side of the square to be the top of the pocket

3- Place the pocket 3" from the top of one piece of the lining fabric, making sure you center it (both the pocket and the lining fabric should be right sides up and the topstitched side of the pocket should be on top).

4- Sew three sides of the centered pocket to the lining-leaving the top open

Preparing the bag and the straps

Lining

With right sides together, sew 3 sides of the lining, leaving the top open. Fold the lining $\frac{1}{2}$ " down so the seam allowance is facing the wrong side of the fabric and press. Put aside.

Focus fabric

With right sides together, sew 3 sides of the focus fabric, leaving the top open. Fold the top of the outside focus fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ " down so the seam allowance is facing the wrong side of the fabric and press. Turn focus fabric right side out

Straps:

Fold the strap strips lengthwise with right sides together. Sew two sides - one long side and one short side. One short side should be unsewn. Turn the straps right sides out so the right sides are showing. Iron, and topstitch approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge.

Finish the bag

1- Place the lining fabric, which is still wrong side out, into the outside bag. The outside bag is right side out. Match the seams. (The wrong side of the lining should be facing the wrong side of the outside bag). Pin in several places, leaving a space open on either side of the pocket (about $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the seam on each side). This is where you will slip the straps between the lining and the outside of the bag.

2 – Slip the unsewn edge of each strap 1.5" down between the lining fabric and outside of the bag. (**be sure the straps are not sewn over the pocket**). Pin the straps in place. Also pin the lining to the outside fabric - keeping the top of the lining and top of the outside fabric even all the way around the top.

3 – Sew a decorative stitch close to the top edge of the outside bag. Be sure to catch the lining and straps to the outside of the bag with your topstitching.

4 - Mark the straps for the 1" buttonhole to start one inch from the edge. Make the buttonholes.

5-Sew the buttons to the outside of to the bag on the same side of the straps so the straps will button on themselves.

Call Maria Eyckmans (914/582-2566) if you have any questions.