

Quilt Carry Bag

What you will need:

26 strips from a jelly roll or from your favorite stash (cut from your stash at 36 1/2")

1 piece 52" x 33" prewashed muslin (liner)

1 piece 52" x 33" thin batting (I use Dream Cotton Select)

2 lengths of parachute cord (available at JoAnn's and Ace Hardware)

3 1/2 yds of 1" wide nylon strapping (or you can make your own straps)

1 pkg of "Sew in" Velcro at least 30" or 1 30" parka separating zipper (available at JoAnn's or online), or magnetic snaps (never found them but I liked the zipper or Velcro closure.

Cutting your strips – Cut at 36 1/2" and center the strips on the base so that you have 1 3/4" overlap on each side. For those that may not be as accurate, use the entire strip and center it on the base. When all strips have been added, trim each side so that there is 1 3/4" of strips beyond the edge of the base (this is used to make the casing for the cord).

Step 1 Layer the batting on top of the muslin. I use spray baste to secure the batting to the base muslin. Run a basting stitch 1/4" from the edge along both the long sides to hold in place.

Step 2 Center the strips on the base so that you have at least 1 3/4" overhanging the edges (top and bottom). Place one strip right side up at one edge and lay a second strip right side down on top of the first strip. Pin strips so they do not shift as this is a quilt as you go you can't go back and redo a seam if you slip). Sew a 1/4" seam allowance down the entire strip edge including the 1 3/4" ends.

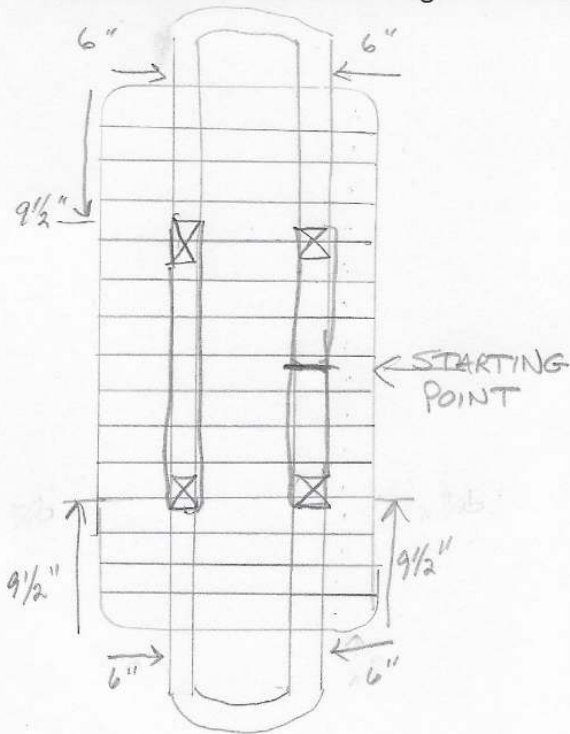
Open the second strip out and finger press open. Sew a third strip down in the same manner. Continue across until you have covered the batting.

Step 3 At both short ends, turn under a hem of 1 1/2", if you are using Velcro for a closure or magnetic snaps this would be the time to sew on the Velcro or attach the snaps. If you are using a parka zipper you make the hem and then sew in the zipper. Be sure to sew your hem down securely with what ever closure method you choose.

Step 4 On both the long sides, turn under the edge 1/4" and then bring over to the basting line and stitch down, forming the casing for the cord.

Step 5 Attach the nylon webbing handle at this point. Lay out the bag and place the handle strip on the bag. Starting in the center 6" in from the side edge lay the strip out and mark a stitching stopping point appr. 9 1/2" from the top edge. Continue to lay out the strip following the diagram below. You will be making a continuous loop on the base.

I reinforce the handles at the edges of the fabric. See diagram.



Step 6 Thread the lengths of cord through the long ends of the bag and make a large knot at the end of each (or you can use cord locks that are available at Ace and other hardware stores.

Your bag is now ready to store or transfer your quilt projects anywhere they need to be taken!

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