



Materials:

Go Green Design(s)

1 1/2 yds. Fabric (Suggest: nylon fabric)

Matching thread

Scissors

Tape measure

Small ruler or seam gauge

Fabric marking pen or pencil

Pins

Paper Bag Size Instructions:

Step 1:

Cut rectangle of fabric 46" long (the lengthwise grain of the fabric) by 20" wide (the crosswise grain of the fabric). This will be the bag.



Step 2:

Cut 2 strips of fabric the length of the fabric, 3" wide by 54" long. These will be the handles (you can make strips longer if you want longer handles).



Step 3:

Place the right sides of the 2 strips together- pin and sew one end together with a 1/4" seam- press seam open.



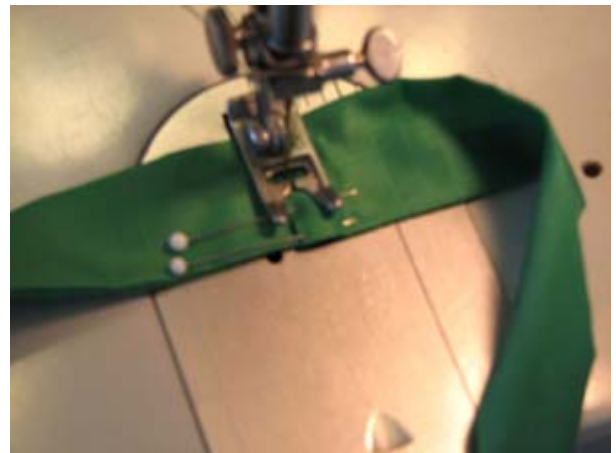
Step 4:

Fold strip in half lengthwise (right sides of fabric together) and sew together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. (You may want to sew a second row of stitching next to the seam, in the seam allowance, for reinforcement).



Step 5:

Turn strip right side out, hand or machine stitch un-sewn end closed and press strip flat.



Step 6:

Turn under $2\frac{1}{2}$ " on each end of the bag piece (the 2 shorter sides of the rectangle piece). Turn under $\frac{1}{2}$ " of each of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " again to form a hem. Machine stitch close to the edge of each hemline beginning $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from each end of the hem.



Step 7:

Press a crease across the width of the bag piece 17" from each hemmed end. This will form the bottom of the bag.



Step 8:

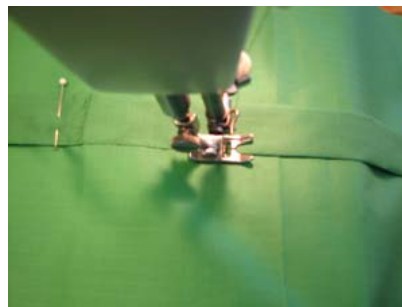
Mark the center of the bottom of the bag. Pin the strip for the handles 5" in from both lengthwise edges of the bag piece. Align the strips seams with the center of the bottom of the bag.



Step 9:

Machine stitch the handle strip to the bag piece by stitching close to both edges of the strip. When you are done now would be a good time to embroider your Go Green Design(s) onto the bag.

On the large bag we used the "Make Peace with Mother Earth" design and embroidered it 6 1/2" down from the top of the bag.



On the small bag we used the "Make it Green Today" design and embroidered it 4 1/2" down from the top of the bag.

Step 10:

Fold bag in half widthwise with wrong side of fabric together. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of bag. Trim bottom corners (suggestion: sew from bottom of bag to top).



Step 11:

Turn bag inside out and sew another $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam on each side of the bag to make a French seam.



Step 12:

Finish the hem at the top of the bag (the two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " openings, see step 6).



Step 13:

To form a flat bottom to the bag, turn the bag inside out and align the center of each side of the bottom of the bag with each of the side seams. Pin 1" from the handle strip stitching. This will form a triangle on each side of the bag bottom. Stitch along the pin line.



Completed Bag



Plastic Bag Size Instructions:

Step 1:

Cut a rectangle for the bag 38" long (the lengthwise grain of fabric) by 20" wide (the crosswise grain of the fabric)



Step 2:

Cut 2 strips of fabric (the lengthwise grain of the fabric) 46" long by 3" wide.



Step 3:

Follow steps 3-13 above for paper bag size to complete this bag.



Storage Bag Instructions:

Step 1:

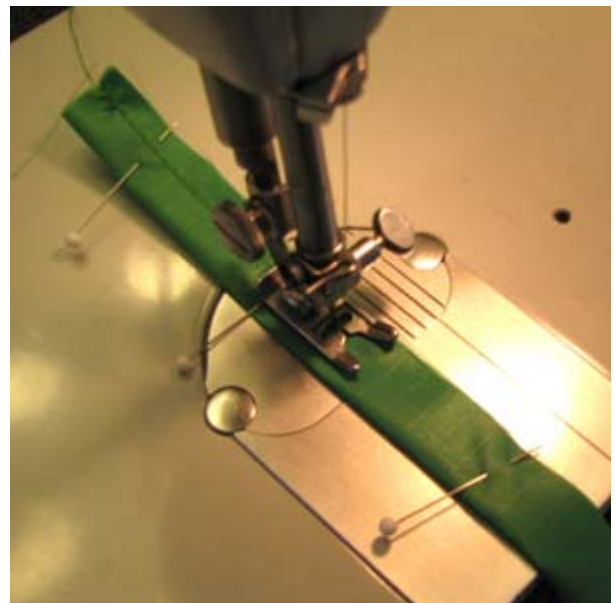
Cut a rectangle of fabric 10" (the lengthwise grain of the fabric) by 8" wide. This will be the storage bag.

Cut a strip of fabric 15" the lengthwise grain of the fabric by 1 1/4" wide. This will be the tie for the storage bag.



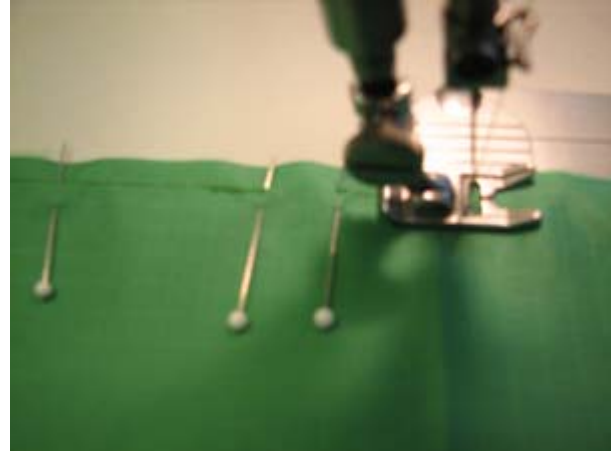
Step 2:

Fold the 15" strip (step 2) in half lengthwise (right sides of fabric together) and sew a 1/4" seam.



Step 3:

Fold bag piece (step 1) in half lengthwise with wrong side of fabric together and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Leave a $\frac{1}{2}$ " opening $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from one end of this line of stitching.



Step 4:

Turn bag piece inside out and sew a $\frac{3}{8}$ " lengthwise seam forming a French seam. Again leave $\frac{1}{2}$ " open as in (step 3).



Step 5:

Turn bag piece right side out. Turn under $\frac{1}{2}$ ", then 2" to form a hem at the end of the bag closest to the $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam opening. Stitch hem close to fold.



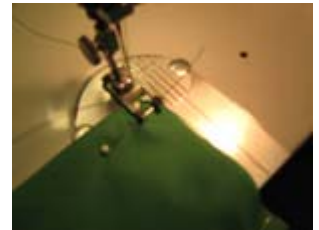
Step 6:

Sew a row of stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the hem stitching and another row of stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the end of the bag. This will form a pocket for the bag tie.



Step 7:

Pin bottom of bag together, wrong sides of bag together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Turn bag inside out and sew a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam forming a French seam.



Step 8:

Slide tie in pocket formed in step 6.
Tie knot at each end of tie.



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