



Bits and Bobs Bag



Tutorial for the Bits and Bobs Bag

Feet and accessories all over the place?
Cosmetics clogging your dressing table!
Use your baby lock combination machine to create a pretty tidy!
For the **desire 3, Evolution, Ovation or Gloria**

Materials: * ½ metre of each of 2 contrasting fabrics
* 4 matching threads
* Small quantity of single side fusible wadding
* 1.5 metres ribbon or cord for the drawstring

Stitches: * 4 thread overlock
* Chain stitch

Tools: * Rotary Cutter & mat
* Pins
* Tape measure
* Bodkin or safety pin
* 36mm Double Fold Bias Binder



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1. Cut the following pieces in both fabrics:



Main bag: 65 x 22 cms (25 x 8.6 ins)

Pockets: 65 x 12 cms (25 x 4.7 ins)

Base: 20 x 20 cms. (7.8 x 7.8 ins) Then measure 3.5cms (1.4 ins) from the corner and cut across the diagonal to create a curve.

Binding: 3.6 x 80 cms (1.4 ins) Maybe cut an extra piece for practise?

Cut the same shape in the wadding.

Drawstring channel: 2 pieces 33.5 x 15cms (13.2 x 5.9 ins) in just one fabric

2. Set up your machine with the Bias Binder, and Chain Stitch. Cut the binding to a point at the beginning to facilitate feeding into the channel. Bind the top of each pocket piece. (I used a contrast on each) Trim off the excess.





3. Place the bound pocket pieces on top of the main ones and pin. Mark your pockets to suit the purpose of your bag. I made a few of 5 cms and a few of 10 cms, as I intend to use this bag for baby lock accessories.
4. Using the same chain stitch, stitch each of the pockets down. *Hint: Start at the top of the pocket strip, by clearing the stitch finger; raise the foot, turn the balance wheel backwards one turn to release the chain. You can then slide the fabric under the foot easily*



5. With right sides together fold each main piece over into a tube, matching pocket tops. Using a 4 thread overlock, join the seams on each.



6. Fuse or spray glue the wadding to one of the bag bases. With right sides together. Pin the base into the bag sides. Using a 4 thread overlock, and keeping the sides underneath and the base at the top. (Sounds confusing, but then you can see that you're not missing any curves!) stitch the bases into the sides. Repeat for the liner.



7. Overlock the short ends of the drawstring channels. This will give you a crisp edge to fold over and press.

Fold the channel in half and press.



8. Insert one bag into the other, wrong sides together. Pin the drawstring channels to the outside of the bag. Overlock all the way around.

HINT: When you get to the beginning stitches, lock the blade down and overlap the beginning stitches by 1cm or so. This avoids making whiskers as the blade cuts through the stitches.



9. Fold the drawstring channels to the inside and slipstitch down. Insert two lengths of cord into each end and knot.



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