



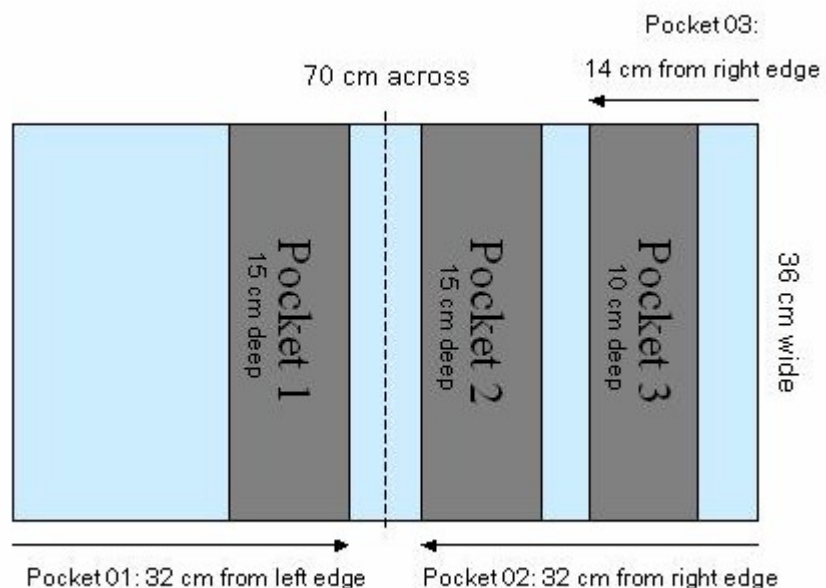
Step Two – Join bag front and back

- Cut bag back fabric to 36 x 36 cm (14 ¼ x 14 ¼ inches) – I used a pre-quilted fabric for the backing
- Cut batting and lining fabric to 36 x 70 cm (14¼ x 27 ¾ inches) each
- Sew bag front to bag back fabric along bottom edge, using 6 mm (¼ inch) seam allowance
- I then used embroidery adhesive spray to fix the batting to the back of the joined bag front and back piece.
- You can quilt through the layers if you like

Step Three – Make the inside pockets

- Take your lining fabric and find the half way mark. Use a dissolvable embroidery pen or pins to mark the position.
- It's now decision time about the number of pockets and other interior features. Have a look at the items you normally take with you to sewing classes to work out your own storage requirements.
- For pockets 1 and 2, I cut two pieces of fabric measuring 30 x 36 cm (11 ¾ x 14 ¼ inches), folded in half with wrong sides together to 15 x 36 cm (just under 6 x 14 ¼ inches).
- Pocket 3 is not as deep. I cut one piece of fabric measuring 20 x 36 cm (8 x 14 ¼ inches), folded in half to 10 x 36 cm (4 x 14 ¼ inches).
- **Picture 2** below gives an indication of where I placed the three pockets on the lining fabric.
- Once the pockets are attached, make your pocket divisions for storing your stuff.
- Pocket 1 has no divisions, pocket 2 has four (2 x 10 cm wide and 2 x 8 cm wide or 2 x 4 inches and 2 x 3 1/8 inches) and pocket 3 has 6 divisions, each 6 cm wide (just under 2 ½ inches).

Picture 2





Step Four – Attach lining to bag front and insert zippers

- Place the assembled lining piece on top of the bag front, right sides together.
- Stitch lining to the bag front on top and bottom edges, using a 6mm (¼ inch) seam allowance. The long sides are left open for your zips.
- Place each zip face down approx 1/2 inch from the top edge and the midpoint of the bag. The separating end should be at the bottom (see **Picture 3**)
- Edge stitch each zipper to the bag front, using your zipper foot



Picture 3



Picture 4

- Fold the zips over. Your seam allowances should be facing the inside of the bag.
- Now fold in the sides of the lining piece as shown in **Picture 4**. The zips should be sticking out of each side edge of the bag.
- Stitch the lining sides to the zips for a neat finish.



Step Five: Finishing off

I used store bought bamboo handles for my bag. In this instance I cut four short pieces of webbing, folded them in half and stitched them to the inside top edges of the bag to make the handle loops. I also stitched a button to each tab for decorative purposes.





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