

Project Warm Embrace Dream Bag

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Fabric and Supplies

Main bag: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard (27" x WOF)

Cuff: $\frac{1}{4}$ yd (9" x WOF)

Casing: 1 – 3" x WOF

Make the bag

Need a tutorial? Steps 1-7 follow the "burrito" method of making a pillowcase. Tutorials are available online from Craftsy, or just go to YouTube and search "burrito pillowcase". Then continue with step 8 to create your Dream Bag. You can also find tutorials on how to thread the cord through the casing.

1. Lay fabrics on top of each other with all the folds on one side. Trim the open edges so that all the fabrics are the same width.
2. Fold the short ends of the casing fabric under 1" and stitch in place.
3. Fold the casing in half lengthwise and press.
4. Open the cuff fabric and place it face up on a flat surface.
5. Lay the folded casing on the cuff, centering the casing and aligning the raw edges.
6. Place the main fabric face down on top of the cuff and casing. The casing is now trapped between the cuff and the main bag fabric. Pin or baste along the top edge making sure to catch all 4 layers of fabric.
7. Beginning at the bottom of the main fabric, roll the fabric up to the top until the bottom edge of the cuff shows.
8. Fold the bottom edge of the cuff up over the main fabric, encasing the main fabric roll. Pin the top edges. Be sure that all 5 edges are aligned and pinned together. The wrong side of the cuff will be on the outside with the casing and main fabric rolled up in between.
9. Sew along the top edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
10. Reach in and pull the main fabric out one end of the cuff, turning the fabrics right side out as you pull. Press.



11. Fold the bag in half, wrong sides together. Sew the open edges using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Trim seam to about $\frac{1}{8}$ "
12. Turn the bag wrong side out and press. Be sure to poke out the corners so they are nice and square.
13. Sew the same two edges again, using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam to enclose the first seam. Turn the bag right side out and press.

Drawstring

Through a generous donation we are able to provide parachute cord for all Dream Bags. If you purchased a kit that included a drawstring you may thread the string through the casing and close with the toggle lock. Otherwise, simply turn in your completed Dream Bags and we'll do the rest.

Project Warm Embrace is a statewide partnership between the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) partners and community quilters. It benefits foster children in Johnson, Atchison, Douglas, Leavenworth and Wyandotte countries. Dream Bags are given to children being put into foster care and are used to carry possessions they wish to take with them. To learn about the history of Project Warm Embrace visit starlightquilters.com/project_warm_embrace.

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