

# DREAM BAGS

Finished size: 8 x 18 x 4

## MATERIALS:

Fabric: 24"x 28"

Lining: 24" x 28"

Batting: 24"x 28"

22-24" Zipper, separating preferred

74" Webbing

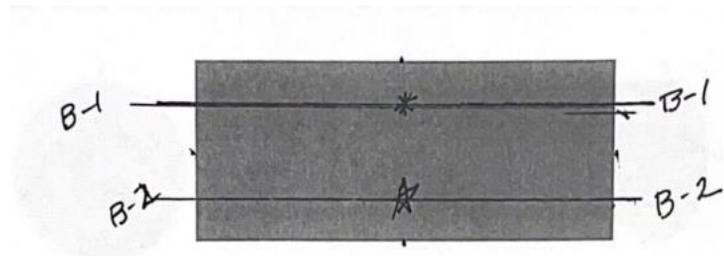
Thread

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Press both fabrics flat. If using fusible fleece or other fusible stabilizer, fuse to the back of the outside fabric.
2. Layer fabrics as follows:
  - a. Outside fabric right side down
  - b. Batting (if using fusible, no need to add extra batting here.)
  - c. Inside/lining fabric right side up
3. Pin layers together on one long side and one short side.
4. **Quilt** as desired or utilize rows of straight stitching, beginning in the middle and stitching in parallel rows, stitch first one side and then repeat stitching on the opposite side to reduce puckering.
5. Trim to 22" x 26" and finish all edges with zig zag or serger.



6. Apply **handles** to the bag similar to the duffel bag pattern. Unroll **webbing**. Find center and mark with a pin. Fold the fabric rectangle in half lengthwise and press to leave a line to use for handle placement. Measure 4" on both sides of center and draw two lines on the rectangle of the bag,



7. Place one cut end of webbing on B-1 at center bottom and pin in place.
8. Place the center of webbing on B-2 at center bottom and pin in place. Loop the remaining cut end of webbing to form a large oval and pin in place next to B-1. Zigzag stitch over webbing ends.

Stitch both handles in place by stitching along one outside edge of the webbing, forming an X withing a square **about 4" from the edge**, then stich along the outside edge on the remaining side to complete the rectangle/ Repeat for the second handle.

**10. ZIPPER:** The zipper is applied to the two short sides of the quilted rectangle.

- a. Open the zipper all the way to the end.
- b. Place the zipper face down on the outside of the quilted fabric, aligning the ends of the zipper tape with the edges of the fabric.
- c. Align the outside edge of the tape with the finished edge of the quilted piece.
- d. Pin the zipper in place and stitch in the middle of the zipper tape, a zipper foot is helpful here but not necessary. You can move your needle position to keep the presser foot off the zipper teeth.



- e. Repeat with zipper on remaining short side, aligning edges of fabric.
- f. Fold zipper to inside of bag and topstitch on each outside edge of zipper, sewing down the zipper tape edge on the inside of the bag as you go.



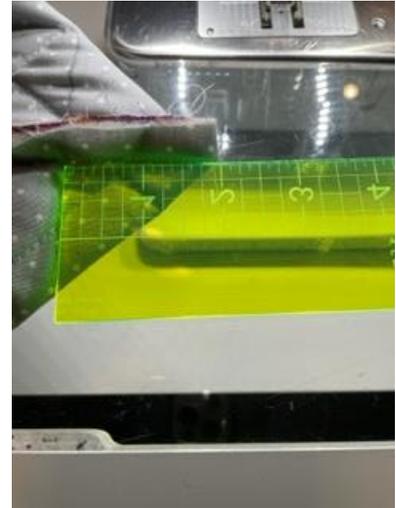
## 11. Boxing the ends of THE BAG:

a. Turn bag wrong side out, leaving the zipper open about half-way. Flatten the bag with zipper aligned in the middle and pin the ends.

b. Stitch both ends with 1/2" seam. **Finish seam with a zigzag.** Pinch each corner to make a triangle, matching seam to center of side of bag.

Measure 2" from the point of the triangle, mark and draw a line perpendicular to the seam. Line should be about 4" from side to side. Sew along the line, and trim off triangle.

c. Finish seam with a zig zag or serger.



## Finishing

Check seams and zig zag any unfinished edges.

Turn bag inside out and push out corners.

