

## Walker Bags

The size of a walker bag is flexible; create a size that works with the materials you have.

### Materials needed

Backing of bag (two thicknesses)

Batting for the backing of the bag (can be pieced)

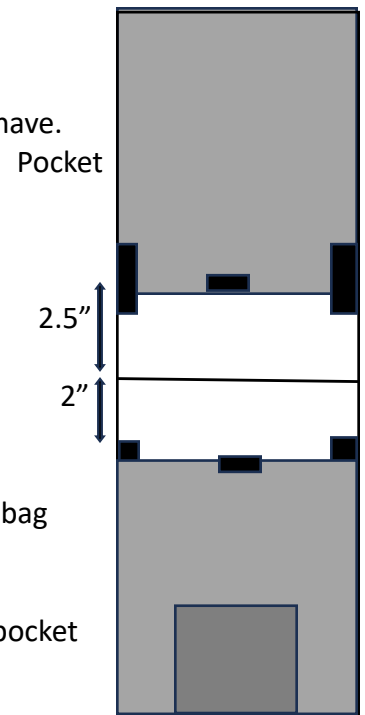
2 Large pockets, each double thickness of material, made the width of the bag

Pellon interfacing or stabilizer for between the layers of the large pocket

1 smaller pocket (optional), double thickness of material

6" of Velcro

Key: Line in the middle is the center of the bag  
Black rectangles are Velcro.  
Gray rectangles are pockets  
Darker gray rectangle: optional small pocket



### Backing of the bag

1. Cut two pieces of fabric, each about 14" to 15" wide and 23" to 33" long. Cut these pieces a little bit bigger than the finished size of the bag because slippage happens, and then you will square up (trim) the backing after it is quilted.
2. Cut batting a little bit bigger than the fabric you cut for the backing. You can join scraps of batting to get the size of batting you are going to use.
3. Place the batting between the 2 pieces of fabric and quilt this any way you'd like.
4. Square up the quilted piece, making sure the fabric covers all the batting. Make the finished size 13" to 14" wide and 22" to 32" long.

### Large Pockets – Make 2

1. Cut 4 pieces of fabric for the pockets, 2 pieces for each pocket. It's nice to have the outside of the pockets be a different fabric than the backing for contrast. The pockets need to be a little wider than the finished width of the backing, as you will soon cut them to be the same finished width as the backing, and long enough to include a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam at the top of the pocket (edge closest to the middle of the bag) and go down to the bottom of the bag
2. Cut 2 pieces of pellon interfacing or stabilizer, the same size as the pockets.
3. For each pocket
  - a. Put right sides of one pocket together, and one piece of Pellon on top.
  - b. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from one edge of the pocket; this will be the top edge of the pocket that will be the width of the bag. Turn and press. The Pellon will be between the two pieces of fabric, and the rights sides of the fabric are on the outside.
  - c. Top stitch  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top edge of the pocket next to the seam.

### Small Pocket (optional)

1. You can make a smaller pocket to go on top of the bigger pocket
  - a. Use a double thickness of material
  - b. Seam at top and sides
  - c. Turn and press
  - d. Top stitch  $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top of the pocket

- e. Center on large pocket, matching bottom edges, stitch on sides of smaller pocket to attach to the large pocket.

#### Final Assembly

1. Center big pockets on the bag, placing top of pocket 2 ½" from center of bag. If you've added the optional little pocket, make sure the placement of the big pocket leaves the little pocket centered on the bag.
2. Trim sides of pockets to be even with bag backing.
3. Pin pockets to bag backing, using a LOT of pins. The pockets will want to slip when serging the sides. Do your best to pin them in place so they will not slip. Put pins in a little ways from the sides so that the pins cannot get caught in serger when stitching.
4. Serge the length of one side of the bag.
5. Serge the length of the other side without turning the bag over. You want the top thread of the serger thread to be on the top on both sides of the bag. Serge down one side and up the other.
6. Trim the ends of the bag, through both the backing and pockets.
7. Serge the ends of the bag.
8. Bury the serger thread ends into the serger stitching threads, and use Fray Lock to make sure the stitching cannot come out.
9. Sew a 2" Velcro strip on the inside of the bag on each side, 2" down from the middle. The stitching of the Velcro will cross the edges of the pocket.
10. Sew a 1" Velcro strip on the middle of the pocket to allow it to close.

