



Tie a Ribbon



Make it with 10 pretty 2 ½" strips and one yard of fabric.



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Inside this pattern you will find a list of the many awareness ribbon colors and the causes they are associated with.

Measures 9" x 7" without strap.

Intermediate level

Fabric Requirements

Multi Colored Strips for the Bag Base and Straps

8 precut 2 1/2" strips, Bali Pops™ shown

Or

1/8 yard, (.10 m) of 8 assorted colors



Awareness Ribbon
Top Portion of Bag
Inner Pocket
Fusible Fleece

1/4 yard, (.2 m) or 2 precut 2 1/2" strips
2/3 yard, (.6 m)
1/3 yard, (.25 m)
5/8 yard, (.5 m)

Notions: one 9" zipper,
thread to match, sewing
supplies, rotary rulers and
cutters.

1/4 yd (.25 m) Pellon Peltex
70 Ultra Firm Stabilizer for
optional base



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Based on 40" wide fabric.

All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise mentioned.

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Bag measures 9" wide by 7" high not including the strap.

Cutting

Multi Colored Strips

If you are using 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips you will need:

10 strips, two the same color for the ribbon.

Set aside 6 strips for the base of the bag.

From the remaining 4 strips:

Cut one of these strips, the accent strip for the strap, so that it measures 1" x 40".

Trim one of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips so that it is 40" long. This is the back side of the strap.

Two of the strips should be of a similar color for the awareness ribbon bow.

If you are cutting from yardage cut the following from your multi colors:

(6) assorted 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips on the width of the fabric for the base of the bag.

(1) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 40" strip for the strap back.

(1) 1" x 40" strip for the accent color on strap.

(2) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips for awareness ribbon bow.

Top Section of Bag and the Lining

Cut (2) rectangles 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Top of bag.

Cut (2) rectangles 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Bag lining.

Inner Pockets

Cut (2) rectangles 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9".

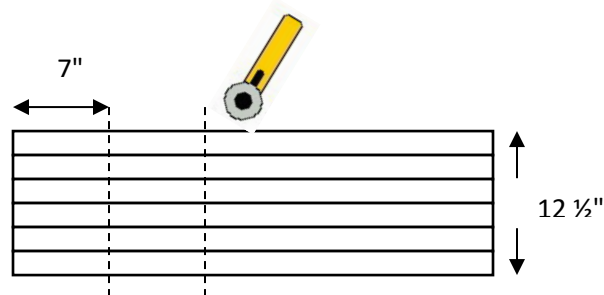
Foam Stabilizer

Cut (2) rectangles 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Bag front and back.

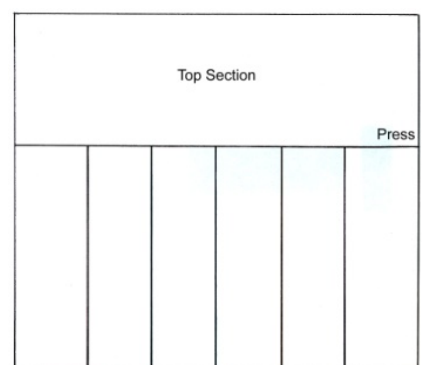
Cut one strip 1" x 40". Strap

Instructions

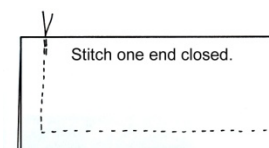
1. **Front and Back of Bag:** Sew (6) of the multi colored 2 ½" strips together and press the seams in one direction. Cut (2) 7" x 12 ½" sections from this unit as shown.



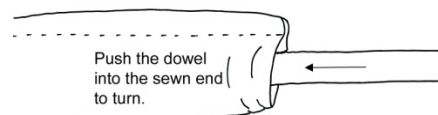
2. Stitch a 7" x 12 ½" unit from Step 1 to a 4 ½" x 12 ½" Top section. Repeat to make 2 exactly the same. The color sequence of the strips is the same left to right on both units. Press towards the top section.



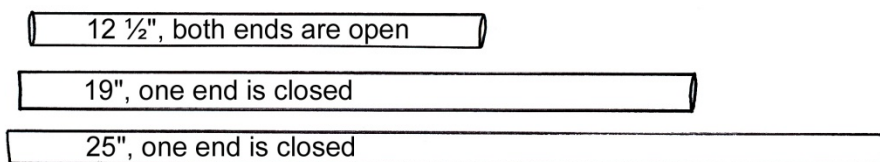
3. **Awareness Ribbon:** Fold a 2 ½" ribbon right sides together and stitch along one short end and the length leaving one short end open. Backstitch at ends and clip the corners. Repeat to make 2.



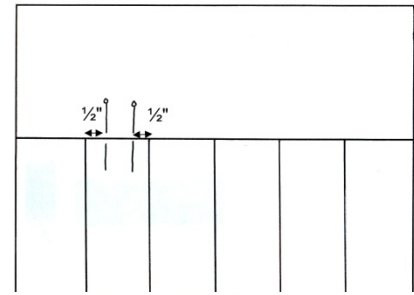
4. Turn right side out using a dowel or the blunt end of a knitting needle. Repeat for the other ribbon. Press flat.



5. Cut the two ribbons into sections 12 ½", 19" and 25" long. **NOTE:** The 12 ½" section has both short ends open. Stitch the 19" and the 25" sections so they have one stitched end closed.



6. **Bag Front:** Place a pin $\frac{1}{2}$ " from both edges of the 2nd strip as shown.

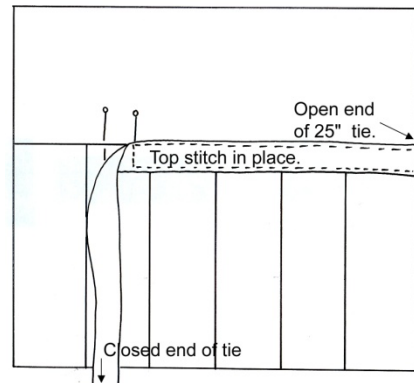


7. Pin the 25" long ribbon to the right side of this unit as shown.

Edge stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge of the ribbon. Pivot at the pin on the right and continue to stitch around the tie leaving the long end free.

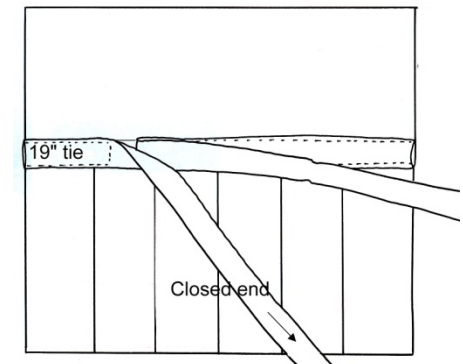
The raw edge of the ribbon is at the side edge of the bag. The closed end of the ribbon hangs down.

Tip: If you pin the ribbon just slightly above the seam line on the bag it will completely hide the seam. I like to have the seam of the ribbon facing down – this just looks better.



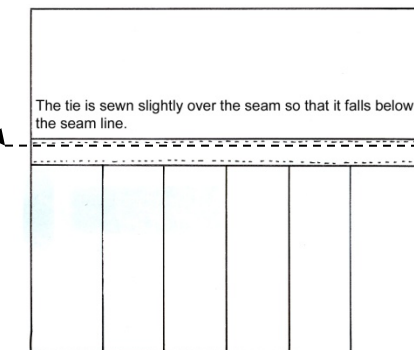
8. Pin the 19" long ribbon to the unit stopping at the pin on the left. Topstitch in place like before leaving the long end free.

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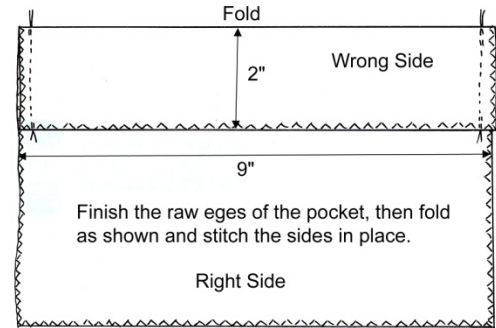
9. **Bag Back:** Topstitch the $12\frac{1}{2}$ " long ribbon section in place on the back side of the bag. Again, hide the seam allowance by placing the ribbon just over the seam line. Test your placement, the ribbon lines will line up if the two bag units are placed side by side.

Seam line of outer bag.

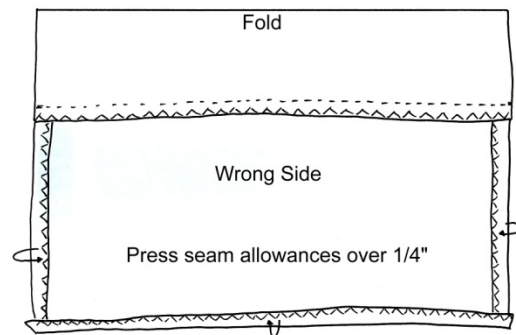


10. **Pocket:** Finish all edges of the 7 ½" x 9" pocket with a zigzag stitch, or serge the edges. Fold 2" down along the top 9" edge of the pocket. Right sides are together. Stitch along the top side edges to create a cuff backstitching at ends. Turn to the right side.

Repeat to make 2.

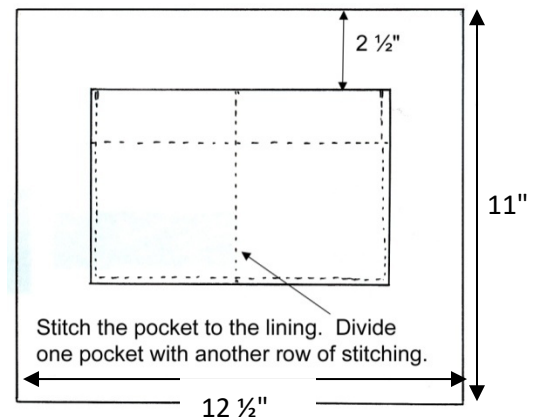


11. Press the cuff flat. Press ¼" over to the wrong side along the sides and bottom of the pockets. Stitch along the lower edge of the cuff. Backstitch at cuff edges.



12. Draw a line with an erasable marking tool 2 ½" from the top of each of the 12 ½" x 11" lining units on the right side. Center the pocket along this line. Pin and sew along the side and bottom edges backstitching at ends. Divide one or both of the pockets with another row of stitching through the center.

Tip: Fold the pocket and lining in half and finger press to find the center.



13. Place 11" x 12 ½" foam stabilizer on your worktable. Place either a back or front unit on top with the right side up. Baste around using a scant ¼" seam. Trim off any excess foam. Repeat for the remaining bag unit.

Pin the long ribbons ends to the center of the bag front to keep them out of the way.

14. Place the bag back right side up on your worktable so that the striped section of the bag is at the bottom. Place a lining section on top so that right sides are together. **Make sure the pocket opening is at the top.** We are going to sew these two pieces together and you don't want the pocket upside down! Align and pin the edges together.

Sew all around the unit using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and leaving an opening of about 5" along the **bottom** edge. Backstitch at beginning and end points. Repeat for the other side of the bag. Do not turn the units to the right side just yet. Press the seam openings back.

15. Use a rotary ruler and removable marker to mark $1\frac{1}{4}$ " squares at the **top corners**. You are drawing on the wrong side of the lining fabric. With small sharp scissors, carefully trim along these lines cutting the corners out of the unit. Repeat for the other side of the bag. See the diagram.

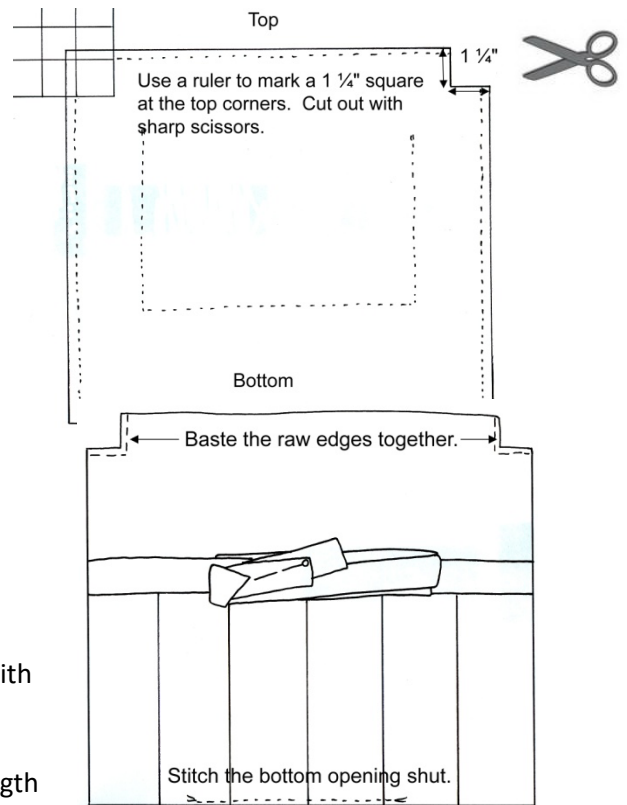
Trim the side seam allowances to $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Trim the bottom corners. Turn both units to the right side.

16. Pin the bottom opening shut. Press the unit flat.

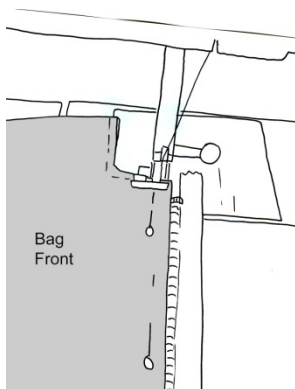
Stitch the bottom opening shut with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam.

Baste the raw edges of the top notched corners together with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

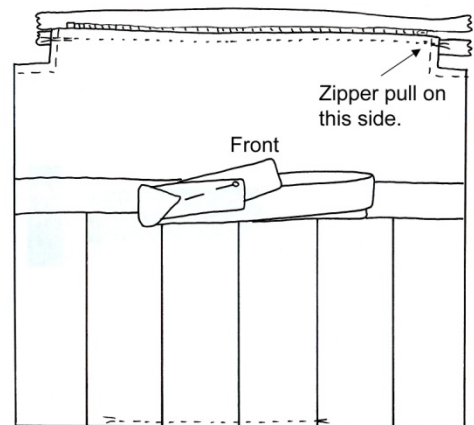
Repeat for the other side of the bag. Change the stitch length back to the regular setting.



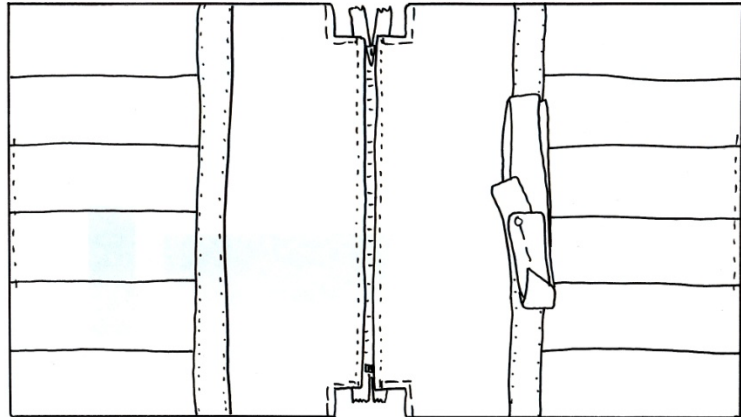
17. Center the ABQ Bag Zipper along the top edge of the front of the bag as shown, pin. The stop and the pull ends extend beyond the side edges. Stitch in place a generous $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the bag edge using your zipper foot. Backstitch at both ends.



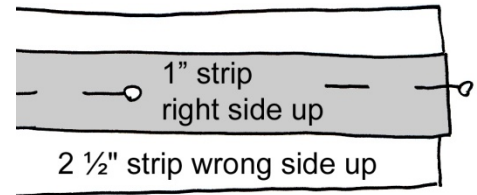
Hint: If you line up your pins as shown in the diagram at left you can pull them out as you sew along the edge of the zipper.



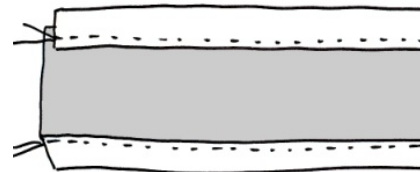
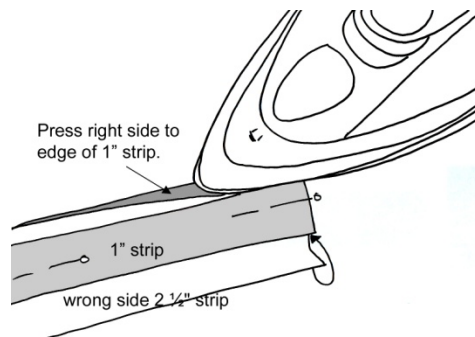
18. Pin the opposite side of the zipper tape to the back of the bag as shown. Stitch the zipper in place like before backstitching at both ends. Replace the zipper foot with your regular sewing foot.



19. **Strap:** Pin the 1" foam strip to the wrong side of the 1" accent strip. Pin the 1" strip to the center of the 2 1/2" strap. Baste in place. The accent strip is right side up, the 2 1/2" strip is wrong side up.

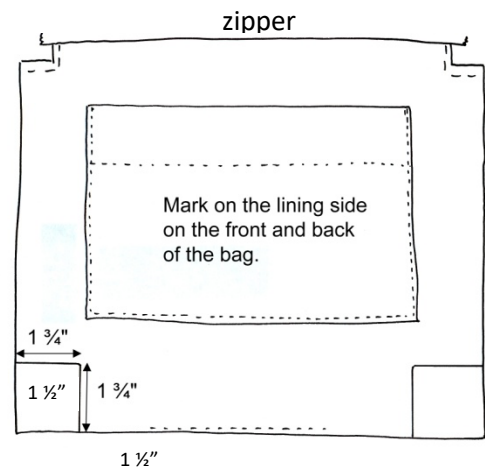


Fold the raw edges of the strap to meet the edges of the accent strip and press. Fold over again so that the back of the strap is over the accent strip hiding the raw edges. Press flat. Edge stitch along both sides. Remove basting and set aside.



20. **Bottom Corners:** Place the bag front and back units on your worktable lining side up. Draw an accurate 1 1/2" square on the lower corners of the front and back of the bag.

Trim out the squares.



21. Pinch a corner together matching the seams and stitch across using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

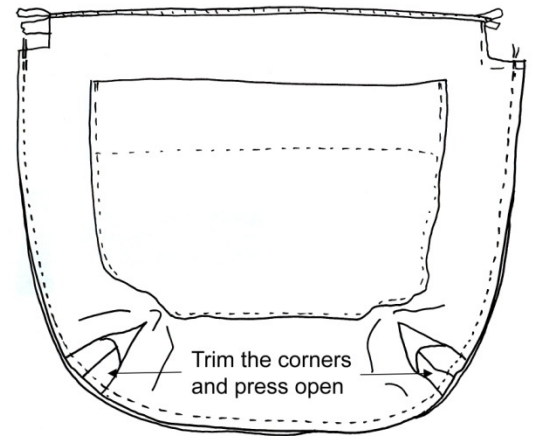
22. Zigzag or serge the raw edges. Repeat for both bottom corners of the bag. Press the seams open on the end of your ironing board. Leave the top notched corners open.

23. Pin the sides and bottom of the bag to each other with right sides together. Be sure to match the ribbon bands along the side seams and the stripes at the bottom of the bag when you pin.

24. Open the zipper by about 5".

Note: the zipper is longer than is shown.

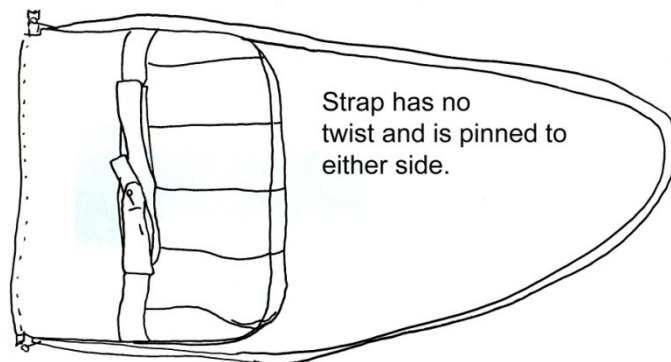
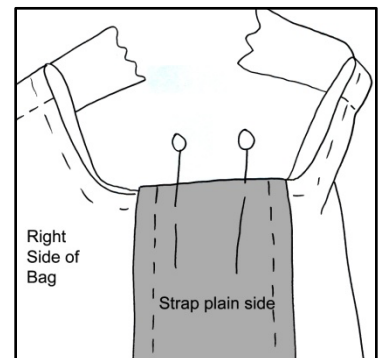
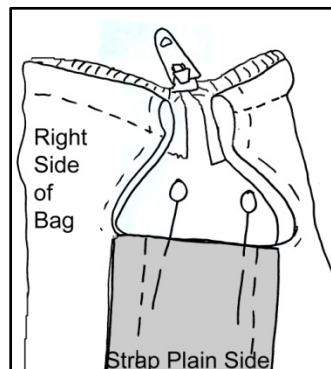
Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the bag bottom and sides backstitching at the ends. You may need to use a jeans needle –this seam is bulky. Loosen your tension and sew slowly if you should have any trouble.

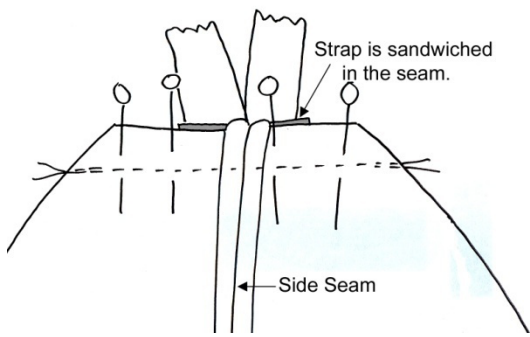


Open the zipper. Turn to the right side.

Press by using a sleeve board or a tailor's ham or with a firm folded towel inserted inside. Use steam.

25. Pin the strap to the right side of the bag as shown at the openings made by the notch. **The 2 colour side faces down.** Pin the strap so that it is centered over the side seams.





26. Open the zipper. Carefully turn the bag so that the lining side is out. Push the strap inside the bag so that it is out of the way. Close the zipper so the pull is in the bag area but leave it slightly open. Pinch a top corner together. Center the side seam to the zipper tape. The strap is sandwiched in the middle.

Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with the zipper side facing up under your sewing machine presser foot. Backstitch at the ends. Trim the zipper tape even to the seam and zigzag or serge to finish. Repeat for the other top corner. Note: You may wish to baste the open ends of the zipper together before stitching.

27. Carefully open the Zipper. Turn the bag right side out and tie the ribbon.

28. Bag Base: Cut a 8" x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of Pellon Peltex. Using scrap fabric from the project, cut (2) 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4" pieces. With right sides together, sew around leaving a 5" opening along one long side. Press the opening back and turn to the right side. Insert the Peltex and pin the opening shut. Hand or machine stitch the opening closed. Insert the base into the bag.

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