



GQCCC Patriotic Quilts

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VA Handy Bag

If you have any questions, please contact any of the PQ team above.

For those items you want to keep handy, to be tied to bedrails, wheelchairs or walkers. (Two sizes)

1. Two quilt blocks 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" for bag front and back Two fabric squares same size for lining
2. Two pieces batting same size (or just one for front panel) Four fabric strips 2" wide sewn for ties, about 10-12" long Any size pocket for outside or inside
3. Pin bag front and back to batting and quilt as desired.
4. Pin bag front and back right sides together and sew along the sides and bottom using 1/4" seams, clip corners and turn bag right side out and press.
5. Pin sewn ties to bag front and back 1/4" from side seams, extending 1/2" beyond top edge of bag front and back.
6. Sew on pocket, either inside or on either panel.
7. Pin lining pieces right sides together and sew along sides only. Turn under 1/4" along bottom edges and press toward wrong side. (to be sewn when turned)
8. Place quilted bag inside lining bag right sides together and pin, matching side seams. Sew lining to bag along the top, double stitching the ties to secure well.
9. Pull bag through lining so wrong sides of lining are together. Meet pressed lining edges and sew together, topstitching.
10. Tuck lining inside bag and topstitch 1/4" from the top edge.

For 8"x10" bag use same instructions. (8" long and 10" wide) This size to be used on wheelchairs.