



STITCHERS' ANGEL SEWING BAG

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Cutting:

Cut out the following pieces for your bag:

5 x 7 inch for the stitchery

2 strips 4 x 5 inch, 2 strips 14 x 3 inch and 1 piece 14 x 10 inch in fabric for the main bag

2 pieces 14 x 10 inch fabric for the inner bag and 2 strips 2 ½ x 9 inch for cord casing

2 pieces 14 x 10 batting

You also need 5 small buttons for flowers and two 36 inches cords to pull the bag together.

I have used ¼ inch seam allowance.



Stitchery:

Use a pigma pen to trace the stitchery pattern. Centre the design and trace onto the fabric you have chosen to stitch on. This can be done by either using a light box or tape the pattern and fabric to a window. I always use a very thin batting or iron-on Pellon behind my stitchery to hide the threads. Or just place another piece of cotton fabric behind the stitchery. I have used DMC embroidery thread in different colours. Just take a look in your thread scrap bag and use the colours that match the fabric you have chosen for your bag

Take time to smell
the flowers



Front and back of the bag:

Take your two strips of 4 x 5 inch main fabric and sew it to the stitchery on top and bottom of the stitchery. Then sew the two strips of 3 x 14 inch to the left and right side of the block. Make sure it now measures 14 x 10 inches.

Place this on top of your batting. Quilt as desired. If you don't dare to do any fancy free motion quilting, just quilt some slightly bowed lines. This will be the front of your bag. I often use another "old/ugly" fabric behind the batting to make it easier to quilt.



Do the same with your 14 x 10 inch piece of main fabric. This will be the back of your bag.

Cord casing:

Take your two 2 ½ x 9 inch strips for making the casing. Fold the short ends and stitch them down.

Fold each piece wrong side against wrong side and stitch with ¼ inch seam allowance on the long side. Iron the casing with the seam in the middle on the backside. You will now have two casings. Place one casing on each front bag piece 1 ½ inch from the top. Stitch it down on the long sides.



Flower buttons:

Now is the time to sew on your buttons to make the flowers on the stitchery.

Sewing the bag together:

Place your two front pieces with right sides together and stitch the bottom, right and left sides together. In the left and right bottom corner you draw a square of 2 x 2 inches. Cut and remove this square.



Open the corners and sew them together as shown at the photo below.



Do the same with the fabric for your inside bag. But remember to leave a 5 inch opening in one of the long sides.

Putting it all together:

Turn the inside bag with the right side out and put it down into the outside bag. Make sure the seam allowance in both sides meets and pin it together. Sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance around the top.



Then flip the bag through the opening in the inner bag, sew the opening together and put the inner bag down into the frontbag. Make sure it looks ok on the top and topstitch along the top edge with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Sew the opening in the inside bag.



Cut two cords 36 inch lengths. Using a safety pin on the end, thread one cord through one side opening in the cord casing. Thread the cord right around the bag and take it out through the same opening. Repeat for the second length of cord, starting and finishing at the opposite opening. Tie the ends of the cords together.



Your bag is now ready to be filled with the other projects presented by the Stitches' Angels designers.

I hope you have enjoyed making this sewing bag. If you are having trouble understanding the pattern, just send me an email and I will try to answer you.

*Happy stitching!
May Britt*