

Small & Medium Sail Bag Kit

#103506, #122078 (Small) & #122080, #122079 (Medium)
Sail Bag Finished Sizes: 22"W x 26"L (Small), 22"W x 46"L (Medium)

Sail bags are meant to offer inexpensive protection from chafe and dirt. Bags can be easily assembled from a single piece of 8 oz. oxford-finished nylon fabric, leech line, thread and a barrel lock. Use V-69 polyester thread and a #16 sewing machine needle. These instructions will make a bag with a square bottom and sides that equal approximately 1/4 of the base length of the fabric.

Assembly

1. Cut the fabric to the desired size using a hotknife (soldering gun or wood burning tool) to seal the edges and prevent fraying. If a hotknife is not available, pass a lighter over the raw edges of the cloth to seal them. Cut off small pieces from the top corners of the piece; refer to the drawing for the measurements (**Figure 1**).

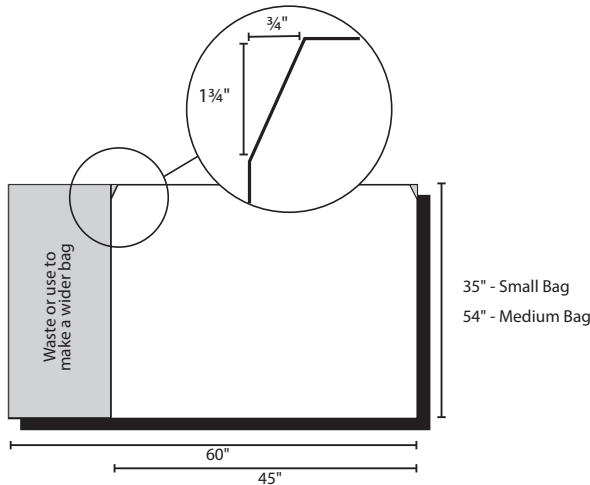


Figure 1

2. Roll over 1/4 inch of fabric at the two cut-off corners. Roll another 1/4 inch and sew these two short hems in place with a row of straight stitches and using a 1/8-inch seam allowance (**Figure 2**). Reverse at the beginning and end to lock the stitches in place.

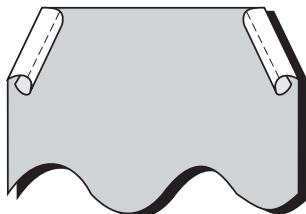


Figure 2

MATERIALS LIST:

ITEM	SMALL	MEDIUM
Nylon 400D Fabric	1 YD	2 YD
Dacron® 1/8" Leech Line	6 FT	6 FT
YKK® Barrel Lock Cord Closure 5/32"	1	1
Hembob V-69 Style A White Polyester UV Thread (12PK)	1	1
Sailrite® Adhesive Backed Logo	1	1
Small & Medium Sail Bag Kit Instructions	1	1

3. Form a 1-1/4-inch hem along the top of the piece (the side bordered by the two short corner hems). Do this by folding over 1/4 inch of material and then fold 1-1/4 inches more so that the inside edge is protected. Place two rows of straight stitches along the doubled portion of the hem, reversing at the beginning and end (**Figure 3**). Use pins to baste the hem in place before sewing if necessary.

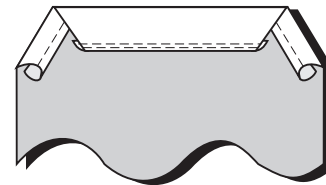


Figure 3

4. Fold the material in half vertically so that the 1-1/4-inch hem is on the outside. Sew the open side shut using a straight stitch 1/2 inch inside the edge. Then reinforce the seam with a row of zigzag stitches placed between the straight stitches and the cut edge of the fabric (**Figure 4**).

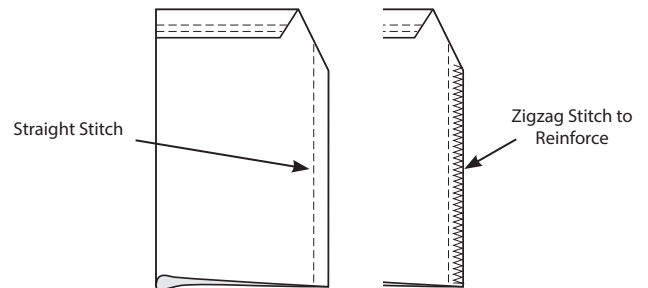


Figure 4

5. Bring the bottom edges together (flush) and run a row of straight stitches across the bottom of the folded material 1/2 inch from the edge (**Figure 5**). Once again, reinforce the seam with a row of zigzag stitches.

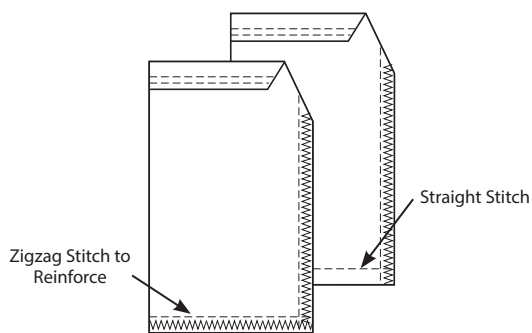


Figure 5

Making a Flat Bottom for the Bag

1. Measure the width of the bag from the center fold to the straight stitch line opposite it. Divide the measured width by 4. Mark an "X" on the bag 1/4 of the width up from the bottom of the bag and 1/4 of the width in from the sides. Use a pin to pierce the bag at each X and mark where it penetrates on the opposite side with another set of X's, making four X's total. Draw a line straight down to the bottom of the bag from each X (Figure 6).

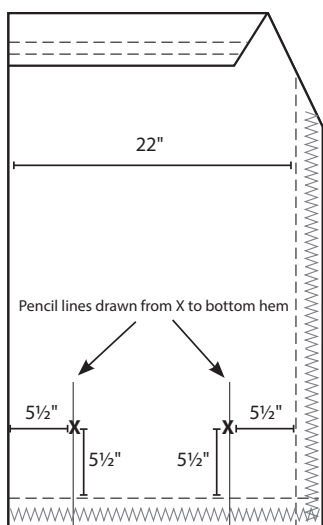


Figure 6

2. Grasp the bag at opposing X's and pull them apart until the lines drawn in the previous step are straight. Crease the edges of the resulting triangle and pin them together. Sew along the lines across the base of each triangle (Figure 7).

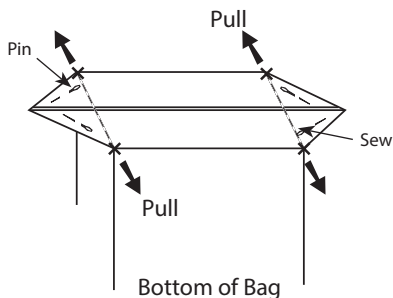


Figure 7

3. The triangles of extra cloth can either be cut away (raw edges rolled and sewn) or they can be used to reinforce the bottom of the bag. If you choose to reinforce the bottom, turn the bag right side out and roll down the sides. Pin the triangular flaps of cloth in place against the bottom of the bag (Figure 8). Run straight stitches along their edges starting in the center and moving to the corners.

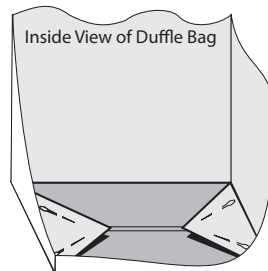
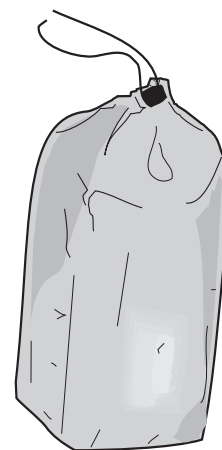


Figure 8

4. With the bag right side out, use a safety pin to fish the drawstring through the top hem. When the drawstring is exposed on both ends, cut the drawstring at the desired length using a hotknife (soldering gun or wood burning tool) to seal the edges and prevent fraying. If a hotknife is not available, pass a lighter over the ends to seal them. Run the ends of the drawstring through the hole in the barrel lock. Tie a knot at each line end.
5. The bag can be labeled using an indelible laundry marking pen. Lay several thicknesses of newspaper inside the bag and place it on a flat surface. Use masking tape as upper and lower guide lines for your lettering. Since sails are often stacked in forward vee berths, label the bottom of each bag as well as its side.



Completed Duffle Bag



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