



Sheet Bag Kit #103505

Assembly Instructions

Use sheet bags to organize and keep sheets or other items that need to drain dry up and out of the way. A white Phifertex mesh front pocket allows the pocket to breathe and an elastic band along the top edge keeps items secure. Attractive and durable Sunbrella fabric is used as a backing. YKK adhesive-backed SNAD fasteners are used to attach the sheet bag to the boat.

Finished bag size is 21-1/4" W x 16-7/8" H. Sailrite Sheet Bag Kits have enough materials to make 4 sheet bags. Bags can be made smaller or divided into compartments to suit your needs.

Instructions

1. Pattern 4, 21" x 18" rectangles on the yard of Sunbrella, then using a hotknife or sharp pair of scissors, cut the pieces out for the back of the sheet bag. (Figure 1). A hotknife will help to seal the edges but is not necessary since the edges will be finished with binding tape.

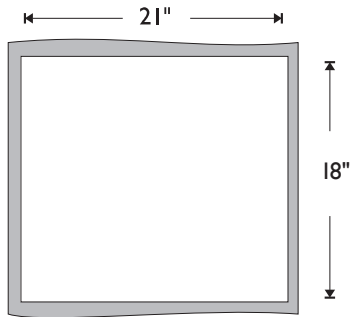


Figure 1

2. As per above, pattern, then cut out 4 trapezoid shapes from the Phifertex mesh measuring 24" across the top, 21" across the bottom, and 18" in height (Figure 2). These will become the front pieces of the pocket.

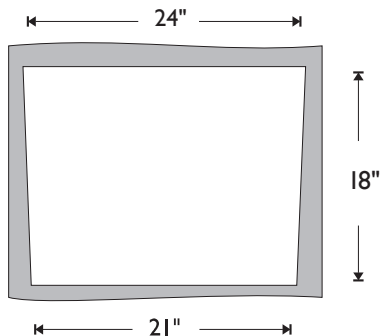


Figure 2

3. Create a 3/8" hem along the top of the Sunbrella (back piece). If you would like only one row of stitches at the top of the bag, then crease the edge with a solid object and do not sew until the next hem is created (Figure 3). If two rows of stitches is preferred, then sew the 3/8" hem in place with the largest straight stitch possible on the sewing machine (Figure 4). Now fold again to make a 3/4" hem along the top and sew down (Figure 5).

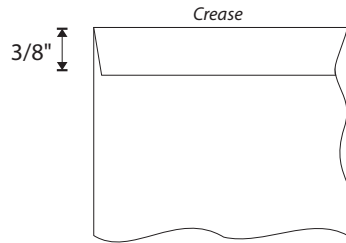


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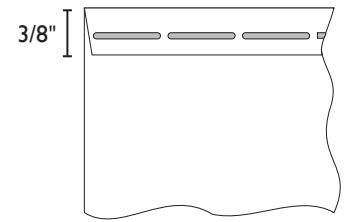


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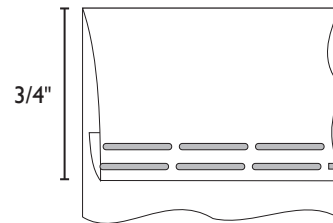


Figure 5

One or two rows of stitches may be present depending on preference

4. Similarly, take the Phifertex mesh (front piece) and fold a 3/8" hem along the top 24" edge. Sew in place with a long straight stitch (Figure 4). Fold over again to make a 1-3/4" hem and sew in place (Figure 6). This hem is purposely wide to provide a sleeve for the elastic.

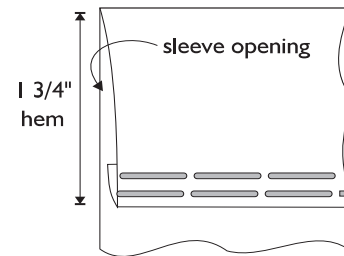


Figure 6

5. Cut a 24" long piece of elastic. Mark the elastic 14" from one end. Insert the end closest to the mark into one side of the sleeve and pull through until the opposite end (furthest from the mark) is flush with the edge of the sleeve. Center the elastic vertically in the sleeve and sew that end in place using a straight stitch (Figure 7). Reverse the machine at the beginning and end of the stitch to secure.

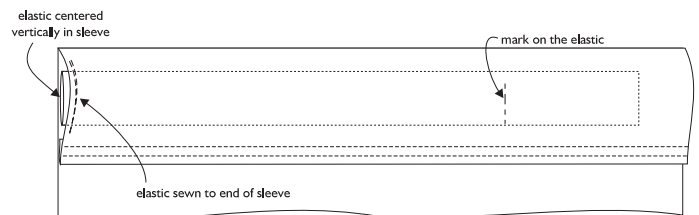


Figure 7

- Pull the loose end of the elastic through the other end of the sleeve and stretch until the mark lines up with the edge of the sleeve. Center the elastic in the sleeve and sew in place, reversing at the beginning and end of the stitch (Figure 8). Cut off the excess elastic.

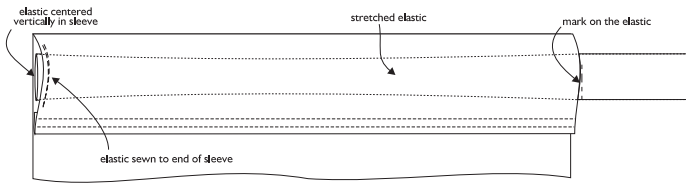


Figure 8

- Lay the Phifertex (front piece) on top of the Sunbrella (back piece) so the bottom and side edges are flush. Sew the two pieces together along the left, right, and bottom edges. Use a long straight stitch and sew roughly 1/8" inside the edge (Figure 9). The elastic will cause the edges to pull away, but make sure to stretch the pieces while sewing to make sure the edges line up exactly. Use a double-sided basting tape (this may show through the Phifertex mesh) or pins to help hold the pieces together prior to sewing.

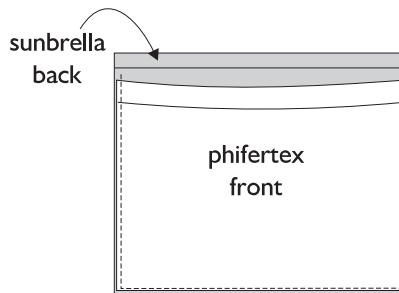


Figure 9

- Round the bottom corners of the bag (Figure 10). Use a pencil or pen to mark the curves and use a sewing machine to stitch 1/8" inside these lines. Cut along the line to remove the excess corner fabric.

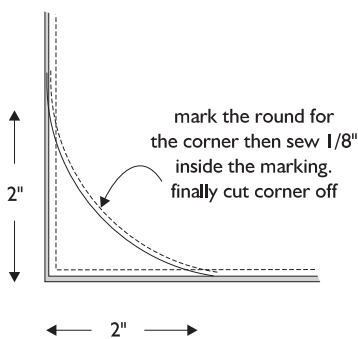


Figure 10

- Sew bias binding tape along the left, right, and bottom edges of the bag to give a finished appearance. Using one continuous length of Sunbrella binding, start at one of the top corners of the bag and tightly fold around the unfinished edges (right, left and bottom). Sew a long straight stitch about 1/4" inside the folded edge of the tape. Make sure the tape is fitted tightly over the edge so all pieces are sewn together. It is easiest to use Sailrite's 1" Swing-Away Straight Binder to get the perfect fit and stitch.

- Install three snap fasteners along the top edge of the Sunbrella with the Snap Fastener Installation Tool (Figure 11). Punch a hole in the cloth where the snap fastener is to be placed. Insert the button part of the fastener through the hole from the front of the bag and nest the rounded dome in the round die of the tool. Place the socket over the barrel of the button and set (flatten the rivet) using the installation tool and a hammer. The socket should be on the back side of the bag. Repeat Step 10 until all 3 snaps are installed in the top left, right and center positions.

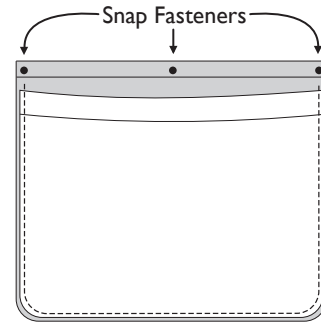


Figure 11

- Attach an adhesive-backed SNAD to the back side of each snap fastener. Find a good location for the sheet bag and thoroughly clean the surface with rubbing alcohol. Let air dry before applying fastener. Unpeel the backing on the left and right corner SNADs, extend the corners apart from each other, and carefully roll the adhesive into place. Press firmly for several minutes working all the way around the edges and in the center to secure. Then carefully unpeel and press the center SNAD in place. Remove the sheet bag from the SNADS so they can form a secure bond. Wait two hours before mounting bag.

- Repeat steps 1-11 for remaining 3 bags.



Finished Bags