



Two-Toned Faux Leather/Vinyl Duffel with Clear Vinyl Bag

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Duffel bags are perfect for weekend travel, overnight trips or even storing items in your closet or car. Learn how to make a faux leather duffel bag with multiple exterior pockets, handles, as well as a removable strap and multiple types of hardware including buckles, magnets and rivets. You'll also see how to make a clear vinyl bag trimmed in felt that can be snapped into the lining of the duffel bag.

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Cutting

For the duffle:

From the solid color faux leather/vinyl, cut:

- Two 58" x 2½" strips for the detachable strap
- One 24" x 10" rectangle for the bottom
- Two 24" x 10" rectangles for the upper front and back
- Two upper half pattern pieces for the sides
- Two 8" x 4¼" rectangles for the side pockets
- Four 1" x 3" rectangles for the magnet attachments
- Two 1" x 1½" rectangles for the D-ring attachments
- Four 18" x 2" strips for the main handles
- Four 13" x 2" strips for the front and back handle accents
- One 8" x 9" rectangle for the front pocket
- Two side pocket flap pattern pieces
- One front pocket flap pattern piece
- Four ½" x 7" strips for the side handle accent strips
- Four ½" x 1 ¾" strips for the side handle accent strips

Supplies:

Here are the materials and supplies you'll need to complete this project:

For the duffle

- 1 yard solid color faux leather/vinyl
- ½ yard coordinating color faux leather/vinyl
- 6" x 3 ¼" rectangle of clear vinyl
- 1 ¼ yard cotton fabric for lining
- 24" zipper
- 4 Magnets
- 4 Rings (or rectangular handle hardware)
- 2 D-Rings
- 2 Dog Leash Clasps
- 4 Small Buckles
- 20 Brads (or other similar decoration)
- Walking Foot
- Binder Clips
- Tape

**Optional- additional fabric to line pockets (two 8" x 4 ½" rectangles and one 8" x 9" rectangle)*

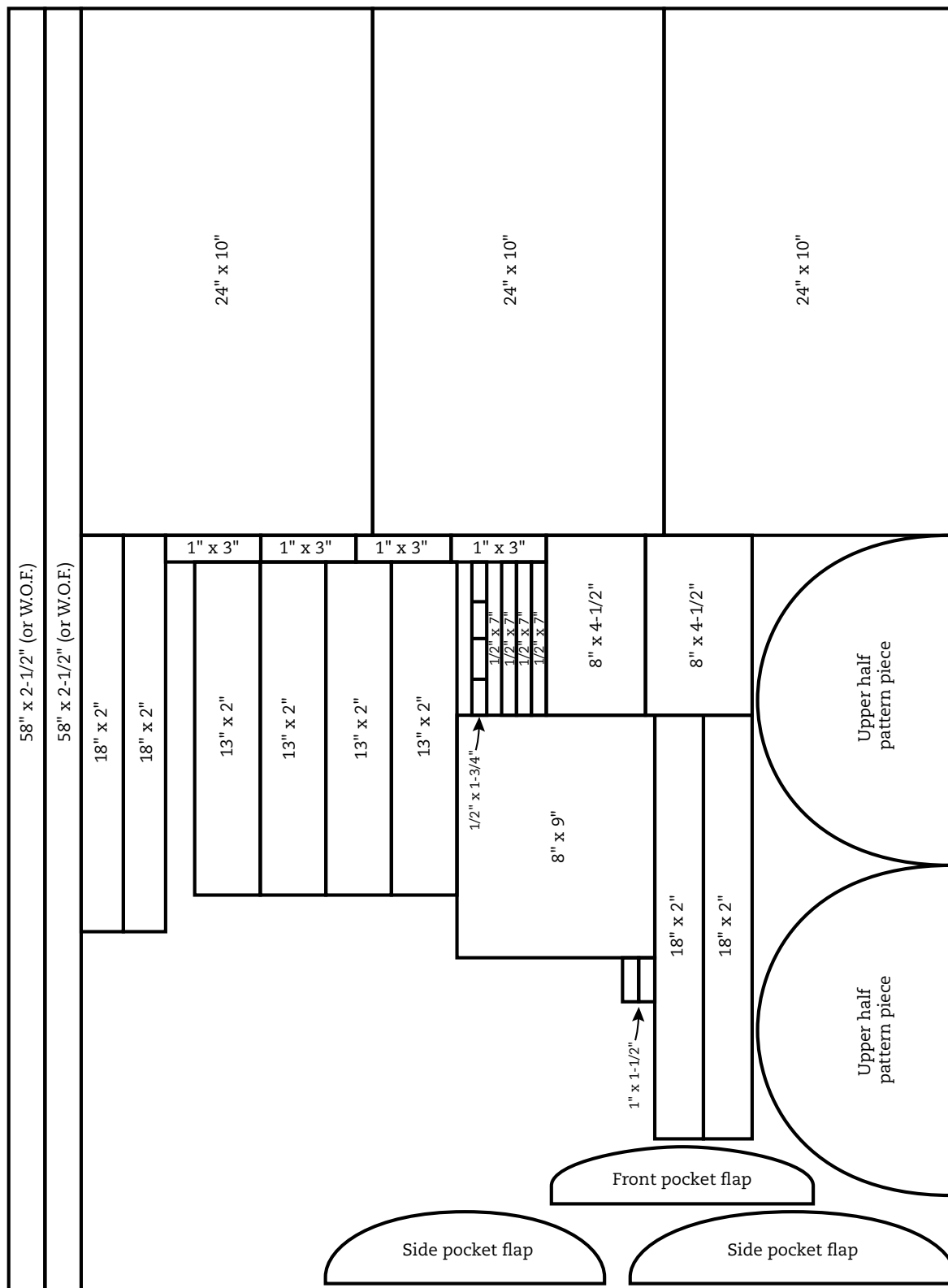
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- ½ yard medium to heavy weight clear vinyl
- 2 approximately 9"x12" sheets of craft felt
- Sew on snaps

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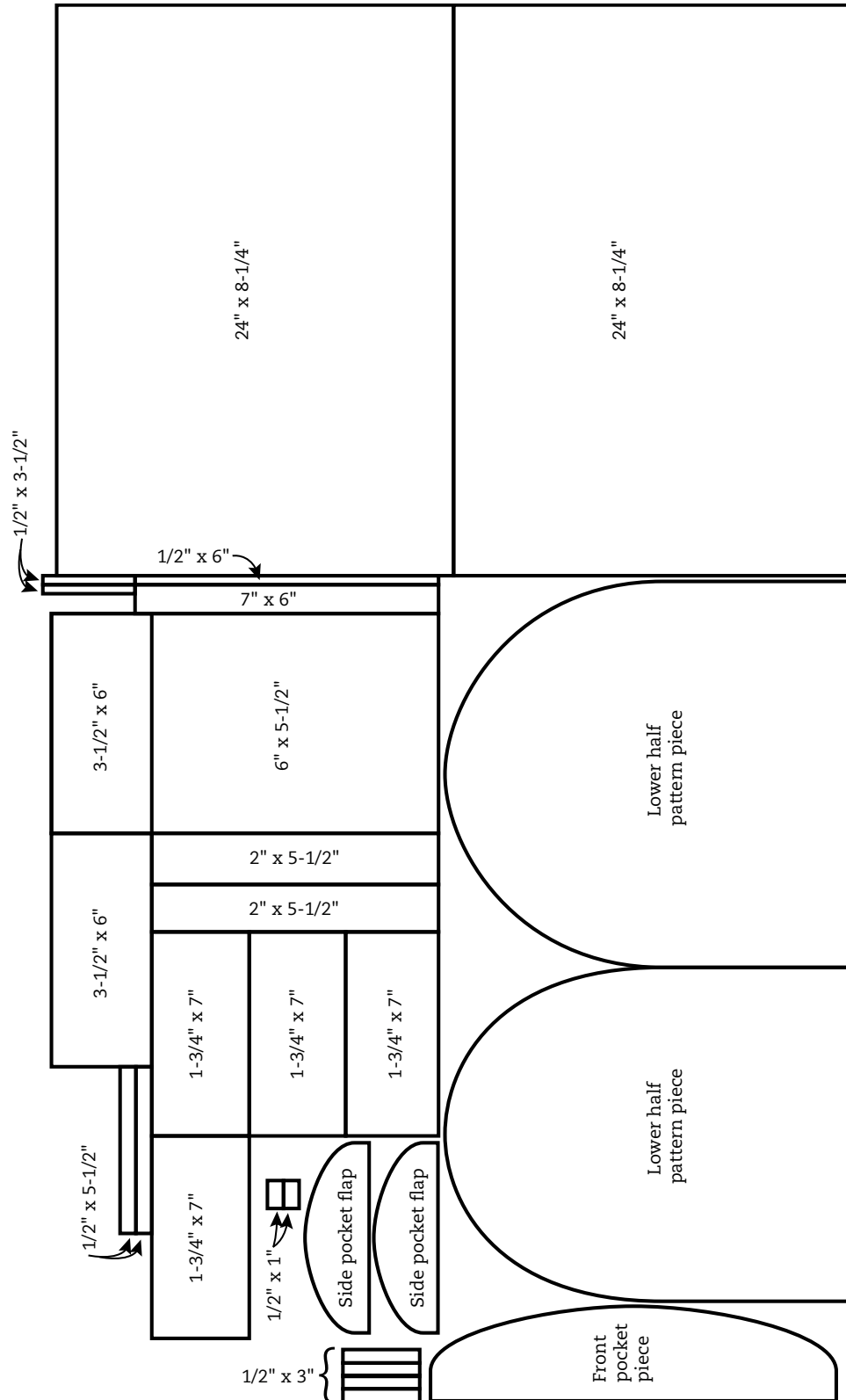
Cutting Diagram for solidcolor vinyl

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Cutting Diagram for coordinating color vinyl
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Cutting (Continued)

From the coordinating color faux leather/vinyl, cut:

- Two 24" x 8 ¼" rectangles for the lower front and back
- Two lower half pattern pieces for the sides
- Two side pocket flap pattern pieces
- One front pocket flap pattern piece
- Four ½" x 3" rectangles for the buckle attachments
- One 1" x 6" rectangle for the ID pocket upper edge
- One ½" x 6" rectangle for the ID pocket lower edge
- Two ½" x 3 ½" rectangles for the ID pocket sides
- One 6" x 5 ½" rectangle for the detachable strap accent pad
- Two 2" x 5 ½" rectangles for the detachable strap accent pieces
- Two 3 ½" x 6 rectangles for the main handle accent pads
- Four 1 ¾" x 7" rectangles for the side handles
- Two ½" x 1" for the side pocket accent strips
- Two ½" x 5 ½" for the front pocket accent strips

From the cotton lining fabric, cut:

- Two 24" x 17 ½" rectangles for the front and back

- Two side pieces
- One 24" x 10" rectangle for the bottom
- Rectangles in dimensions of your choice for lining pockets

For the bag:

From the clear vinyl, cut:

- Two 3" x 9" rectangles for the sides
- One 3" x 12" rectangle for the bottom
- Two 12" x 9" rectangles for the front and back
- One 12" x 6" rectangle for the top flap
- One 5" x 7" rectangle for one pocket
- One 4" x 7" rectangle for one pocket
- One 8 ½" x 7" rectangle for one pocket

From the sheets of craft felt, cut:

- Four 1" x 9 ½" strips
- Five 1" x 12 ½" strips
- Two 1" x 3 ½" strips
- One 1" x 8 ½" strip
- One 1" x 5" strip
- One 1" x 4" strip
- Six ½" x 7 ½" strips
- One ½" x 8 ½" strip
- One ½" x 4" strip
- One ½" x 5" strip

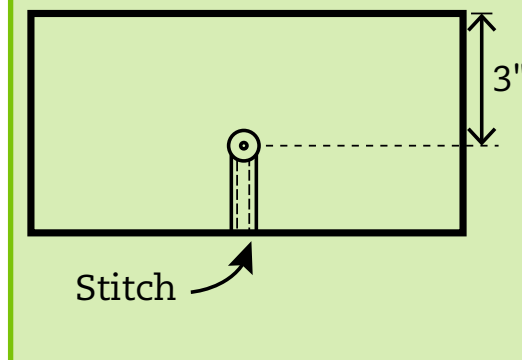
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Assembly- Sides

Use $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

- Position one lower half pattern piece and one upper half pattern piece with right sides together, stitch. Open seam allowance and press with fingertips. Use tape to hold open the seam allowance, and then topstitch approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the seam on both sides; remove the tape.
- Repeat to assemble the remaining lower half pattern piece and upper half pattern piece.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, insert one female magnet side onto the pocket, centered and 3" from the upper edge.
- Position one of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1" side pocket accent pieces centered under the magnet. Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge on both long sides. (Fig. 1)
- Repeat with the remaining side pocket, another female magnet and the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1" side pocket accent piece.
- If desired, layer one side pocket lining fabric rectangle with one side pocket piece with wrong sides together. Stitch together along the upper edge $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge. Repeat with remaining side pocket lining fabric rectangle and remaining side pocket piece.
- Align one solid color side pocket flap pattern piece and one coordinating side pocket flap pattern piece with wrong sides together. Stitch the perimeter of the pieces using a zig-zag stitch.

Figure 1



- Fold one $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" buckle attachment piece in half with wrong sides together and make a small snip at the fold for the buckle. Slip the buckle through the slit and stitch the upper buckle attachment edges together $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge. Repeat with another $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" buckle attachment piece.
- Fold one 1" x 3" magnet attachment piece in half with wrong sides together and mark the center fold. Following the manufacturer's instructions, insert one male magnet onto the magnet flap piece just above the center mark on one side. Re-fold with wrong sides together and stitch along both sides $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge. Repeat with another 1" x 3" magnet attachment piece.
- Layer one buckle attachment piece with one magnet attachment piece with the buckle and magnet opposite each other, aligning the upper edges.
- Place the layered buckle and magnet attachment pieces under the center of the stitched side pocket flap pieces by $\frac{1}{8}$ ", stitch in place.

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Figure 2

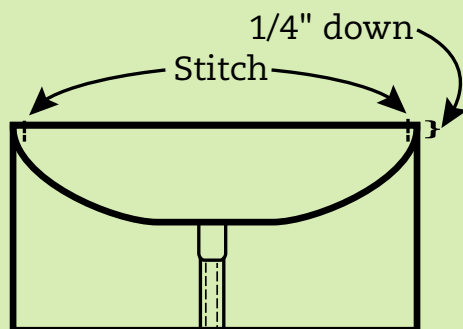


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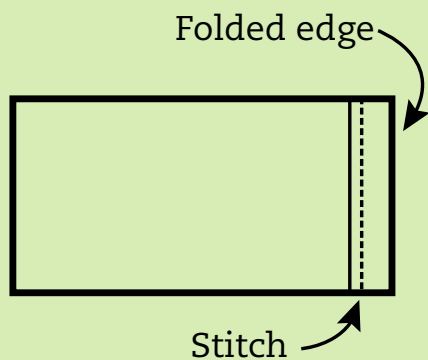
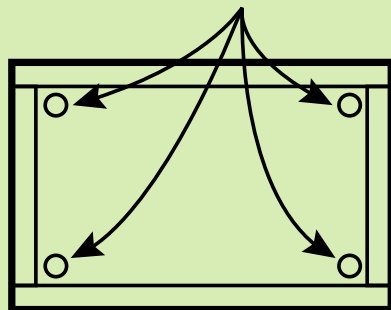


Figure 4

Insert brads here



- Center one side pocket piece onto one stitched side 2" from the lower edge; stitch in place along both sides and lower edge using a zig-zag stitch.
- Position one stitched side pocket flap above the pocket and stitch in place along the straight edge $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge.
- Fold the pocket flap down over the pocket and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " down from the folded edge on each side to keep the pocket flap down. (Fig. 2)
- Repeat to assemble and attach pocket to other side.
- Position two $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" side handle rectangles with wrong sides together. Fold one $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{3}{4}$ " side handle accent strips in half with wrong sides together. Insert the layered side handle rectangles into the fold and secure with binder clips. Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge. (Fig. 3)
- Repeat to attach another $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{3}{4}$ " side handle accent strip to the opposite side, and then repeat again to attach one $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" side handle accent strip to the top and bottom.
- Repeat above two steps to create another side handle.
- Position the handle onto one stitched side $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the upper edge and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from the sides (measuring from the upper corners of the side handles). Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge on both short sides. NOTE: the handle will not lay flat.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, insert or attach four brads to the side handle- one in each corner. (Fig. 4)
- Repeat to attach remaining side handle and brads to other side.
- Fold one $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1" rectangle in half with wrong sides together. NOTE: If your D-ring is a different size the dimensions of this rectangle may need to be change.
- Slip the folded rectangle through the D- ring and then position the raw edges $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the upper edge. Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the raw edges.

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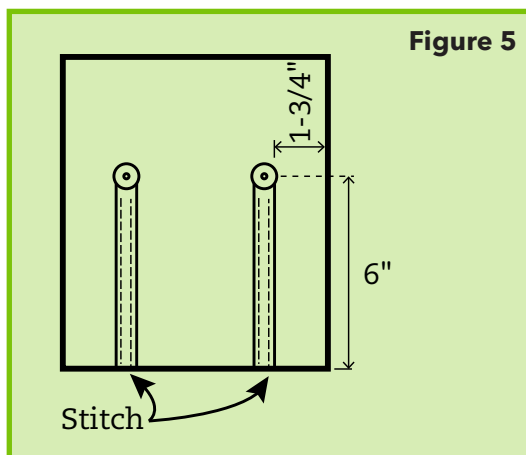


Figure 5

Assembly- Front and Back

Use 1/2" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

- Position one lower front rectangle and one upper front rectangle with right sides together, stitch. Open seam allowance and press with fingertips. Use tape to hold open the seam allowance, and then topstitch approximately 1/8" from the seam on both sides; remove the tape.
- Repeat with the remaining lower back rectangle and upper back rectangle.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, insert two female magnet sides onto the front pocket, 6" from the lower edge and 1 3/4" from either side.
- Position one of the 1/2" x 5 1/2" front pocket accent pieces centered under each magnet, stitch in place 1/8" from either side. (Fig. 5)
- If desired, layer one front pocket lining fabric rectangle with one front pocket piece with wrong sides together. Stitch together along the upper edge 1/8" from the edge.
- Align one solid color front pocket flap

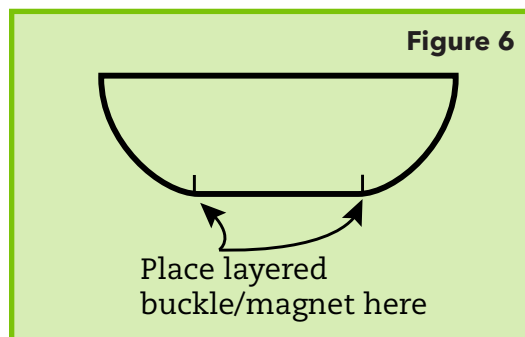


Figure 6

pattern piece and one coordinating front pocket flap pattern piece with wrong sides together. Stitch the perimeter of the pieces using a zig-zag stitch.

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- Layer one buckle attachment piece with one magnet attachment piece with the buckle and magnet opposite each other, aligning the upper edges.
- Place one layered buckle and magnet attachment piece under the edge of the stitched front pocket flap piece by 1/8" at each mark on the pattern piece, stitch in place. (Fig. 6)

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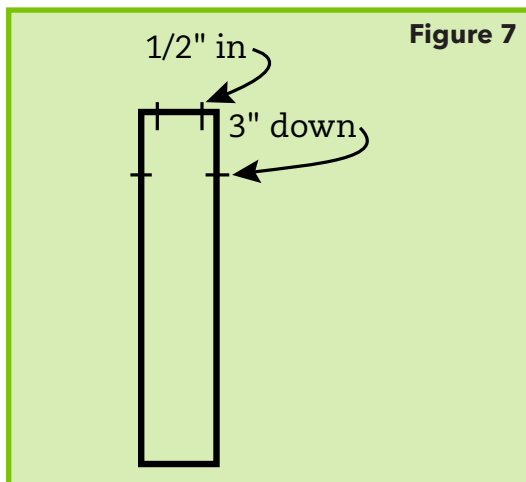


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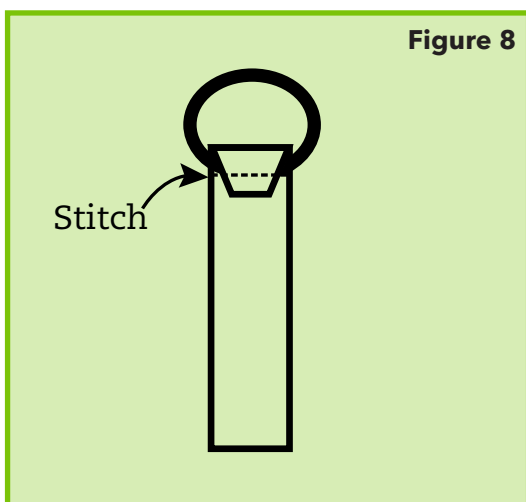


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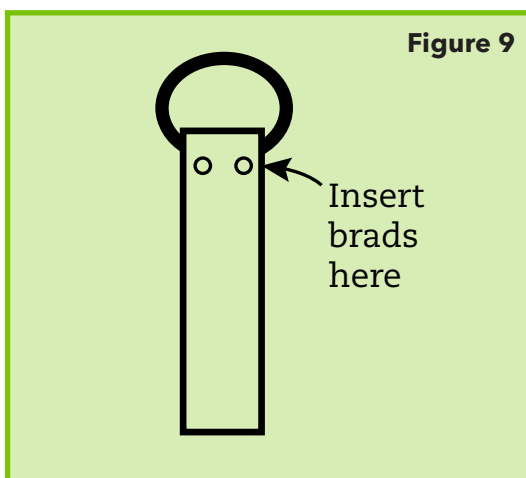


Figure 9

- Position the front pocket piece onto the stitched front 1½" from the lower edge and 8" from the sides; stitch in place along both sides and lower edge using a zig-zag stitch.
- Position the stitched front pocket flap above the pocket and stitch in place along the straight edge ⅛" from the edge.
- Fold the pocket flap down over the pocket and stitch ¼" down from the folded edge on each side to keep the pocket flap down.
- On one short edge of one 2" x 13" handle accent strips, measure and mark ½" in from either edge. Along the same short edge, measure and mark 3" down on each side. (Fig. 7)
- Fold the upper edge of one side of the strip from the ½" mark to the 3" mark; clip in place. Repeat to fold the other side from the ½" mark to the 3" mark and clip in place.
- Insert the folded edge into a metal ring. Fold over 1" and then stitch in place ¼" from the raw edge. (Fig. 8)
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, attach two brads to the upper edges of the of the handle accent strip just below the ring. (Fig. 9)
- Repeat with the three remaining 2" x 13" handle accent strips and remaining metal rings.
- Position one stitched handle accent strip on the stitched bag front 5 ½" from the right side. Stitch in place 1/8" from each edge up both sides of the strip and below the brads.

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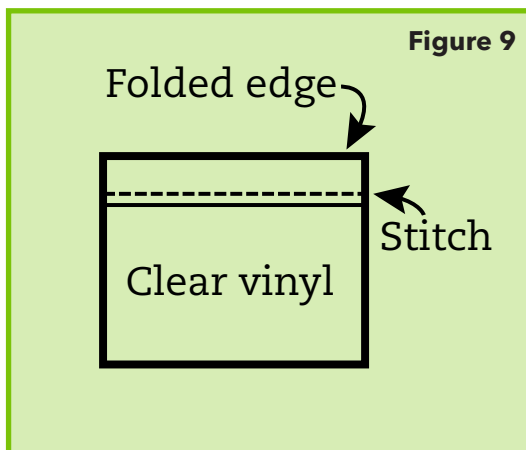


Figure 9

- Position another stitched handle accent strip on the stitched bag front 5 1/2" from the left side. Stitch in place 1/8" from each edge up both sides of the strip and below the brads.
- Repeat to attach two handle accent strips to the stitched bag back.
- Fold the 1" x 6" rectangle of vinyl for the ID tag in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Insert one long edge of the clear vinyl rectangle into the fold. Stitch in place 1/8" from the raw edges. (Fig. 10)
- Center the clear vinyl rectangle onto the bag back 3 1/2" from the upper edge and tape in place.
- Center the 1/2" x 6" rectangle of vinyl for the ID tag over the lower edge of the clear vinyl. Stitch in place 1/8" from both long sides.
- Center one 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle of vinyl for the ID tag over the right edge of the clear vinyl. Stitch in place 1/8" from both long sides.

- Repeat to attach the remaining 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle of vinyl for the ID tag to the left edge of the clear vinyl.
- With right sides together, align one side of the zipper tape with the upper edge of the bag front; stitch in place close to the zipper teeth.
- Repeat to attach the other side of the zipper to the bag back.

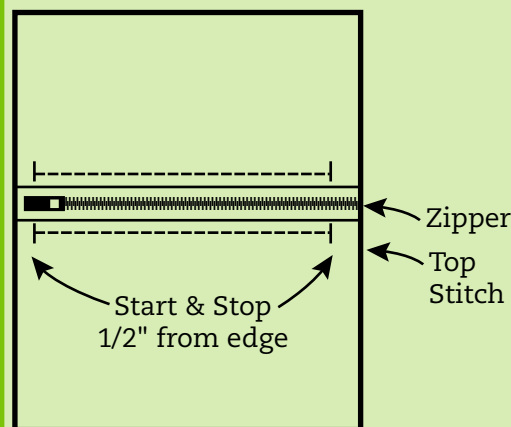
Assembly- Lining

Use 1/2" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

- Along one long edge of one 24" x 17 1/2" rectangle, fold under and press 1/2". Repeat with one long edge of the remaining 24" x 17 1/2" rectangle.
- If adding lining pockets, place two lining pocket rectangles right sides together. Stitch the perimeter leaving a 3"-4" opening along one side for turning. Clip the corners and then turn right side out and press.
- Position the pocket where desired on the right side of the lining piece, ensuring the pocket turning opening is along either the side or lower edge. Stitch in place 1/8" from the edge along the sides and lower edge.
- Repeat to construct and attach additional pockets if desired.
- Align one pressed rectangle with the bag back with wrong sides together, aligning the pressed edge near the zipper tape just over the seam allowance; tape in place.

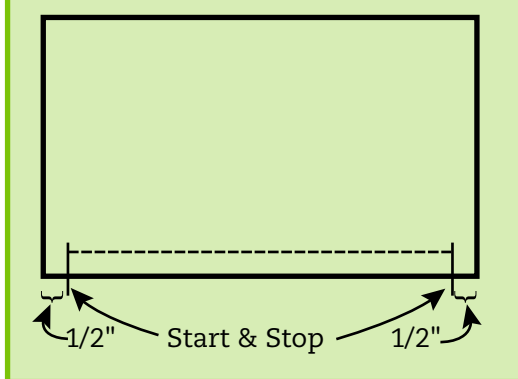
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Figure 11



- Repeat to attach the remaining long edge of the lining bottom to the lower edge of the lining back, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge leaving a 9"-10" opening along the seam. This will be used to turn the bag right side out once it is constructed.
- With right sides together, align one bag side with the side of the bag bottom. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edges.
- With right sides together, align the bag side with the front and back. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edges.

Figure 12



- Topstitch the seam allowance created when the zipper tape was attached to the bag back $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the seam beginning and ending $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge. (Fig. 11) This will secure the lining fabric to the bag.
- Repeat to attach the remaining pressed rectangle to the bag front.
- With right sides together, align the 24" x 10" rectangle for the bottom with the lower edge of the lining front. Stitch in place beginning and ending the stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge. (Fig. 12)

Assembly- Remaining Bag Construction

Keep bag unzipped at least half of the way during the remainder of the construction.

- With right sides together, align one long edge of the 24" x 10" bag bottom rectangle with the lower edge of the bag front. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each edge.
- With right sides together, align the remaining long edge of the 24" x 10" bag bottom rectangle with the lower edge of the bag back. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each edge.
- With right sides together, align the lower edge of one side with the short edge of the bag bottom. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each edge.

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Figure 13

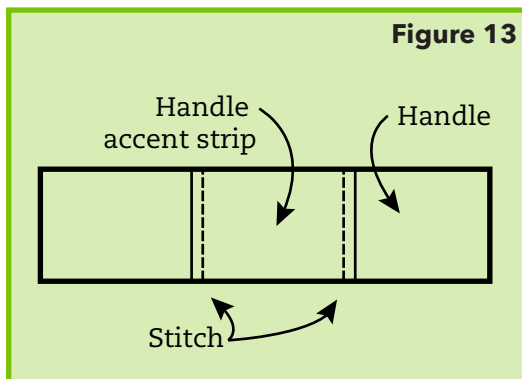
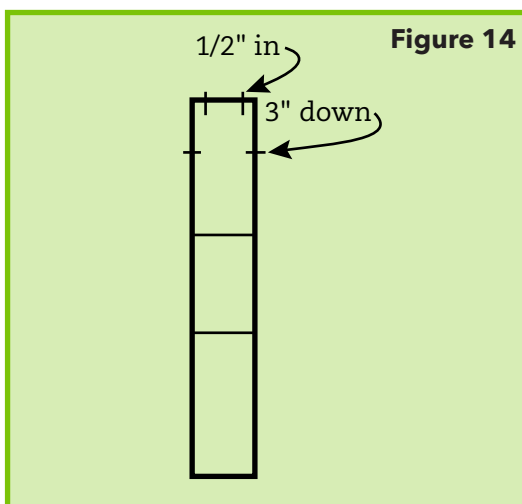


Figure 14



Assembly- Bag Handles and Removable Strap

- Fold one 3½" x 6" handle accent pad rectangle with right sides together. Stitch along the long edge using a ¼" seam allowance, then turn right side out and press.
 - Repeat with the remaining 3½" x 6" handle accent pad.
 - Align two 2" x 18" handle rectangles with wrong sides together. Stitch along both long edges ⅛" from the edge.
 - Slide the stitched handle into the stitched handle accent strip. Center the accent strip on the handle and then stitch in place ⅛" from the edge of the handle accent. (Fig. 13)
 - On one short end of the stitched handle, measure and mark ½" in from either edge. Along the same short edge, measure and mark 3" down on each side. (Fig.14)
 - Fold the upper edge of one side of the stitched handle from the ½" mark to the 3" mark, clip in place. Repeat to fold the other side from the ½" mark to the 3" mark and clip in place.
 - Insert one of the folded edges into the ring attached to the bag front, fold over 1" and then stitch ¼" from the raw edge.
 - Repeat to attach the other side of the handle to the other ring on the bag front.
 - Repeat the same process to construct and attach a handle to the bag back.
 - Align the 58" x 2½" strips with wrong sides together. Stitch together ⅛" from the edge along both long sides.
- With right sides together, align the side with the front and back. Stitch in place, beginning and ending stitching ½" from the edges.
 - Repeat to attach the remaining side.
 - Turn the bag right side out. Ensure that all corners are pressed out and then hand stitch the opening in the lining closed.
 - Along the bag front and bottom seam, topstitch ⅛" from the edge.
 - Along the bag back and bottom seam, topstitch ⅛" from the edge.
 - Along both bag sides and bottom seams, topstitch ⅛" from the edge.

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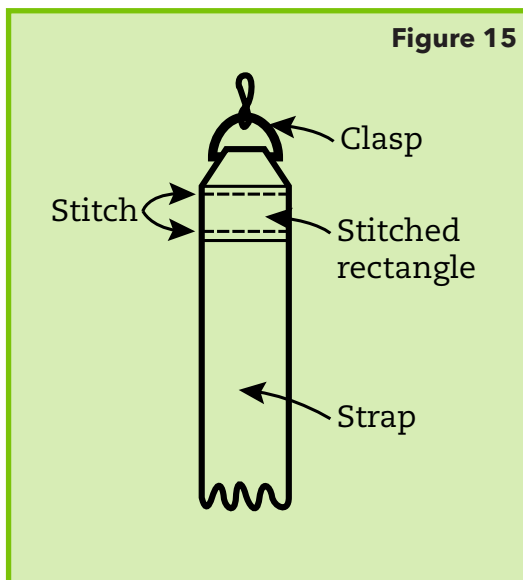


Figure 15

- Fold the 6" x 5½" rectangle in half with right sides together. Stitch together along the long edge using a ¼" seam allowance. Turn right side out.
- Insert the stitched strap into the rectangle and center the rectangle on the strap. Stitch in place ⅛" from each edge.
- On one short end of the strap, measure and mark ½" in from either edge. Along the same short edge, measure and mark 3" down on each side.
- Fold the upper edge of one side of the strip from the ½" mark to the 3" mark; clip in place. Repeat to fold the other side from the ½" mark to the 3" mark and clip in place.
- Insert the folded edge into a dog leash clasp. Fold over 1" and then stitch in place ¼" from the raw edge.
- Fold the 2" x 5½" rectangle in half with right sides together. Stitch using a ¼" seam allowance. Turn right side out.

- Slip one end of the strap into the stitched rectangle by approximately 3" or until the sides of the rectangle align with the sides of the strap. Stitch in place ⅛" from both raw edges of the rectangle. (Fig. 15)
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, attach a brad in the lower corners of the rectangle.
- Repeat to assemble and attach remaining 2" x 5½" rectangle to the opposite end of the strap.

Assembly- Clear Vinyl Bag

- Fold the 1" x 8½" felt strip in half with wrong sides together. Insert one edge of the 8½" x 7" pocket into the felt until the edge aligns with the fold; clip in place. Stitch in place ⅛" from the raw edge.
- Repeat with the 1" x 5" and 1" x 4" felt strips and attach them to one edge of the 5" x 7" and 4" x 7" pockets.
- On one 12" x 9" rectangle, center the 8½" x 7" pocket with the felt at the upper edge; tape in place. Center the ½" x 8½" strip of felt over the lower edge of the pocket. Stitch in place ⅛" from the edge along both long edges.
- Center one of the ½" x 7 ½" strips over the right side of the pocket. Stitch in place ⅛" from the edge along both long edges, trim off any excess.
- Repeat to attach another ½" x 7 ½" strip to the left side of the pocket.
- On the remaining 12" x 9" rectangle, center the 5" x 7" pocket and the 4" x 7" pocket with the felt at the upper edge; tape in place.

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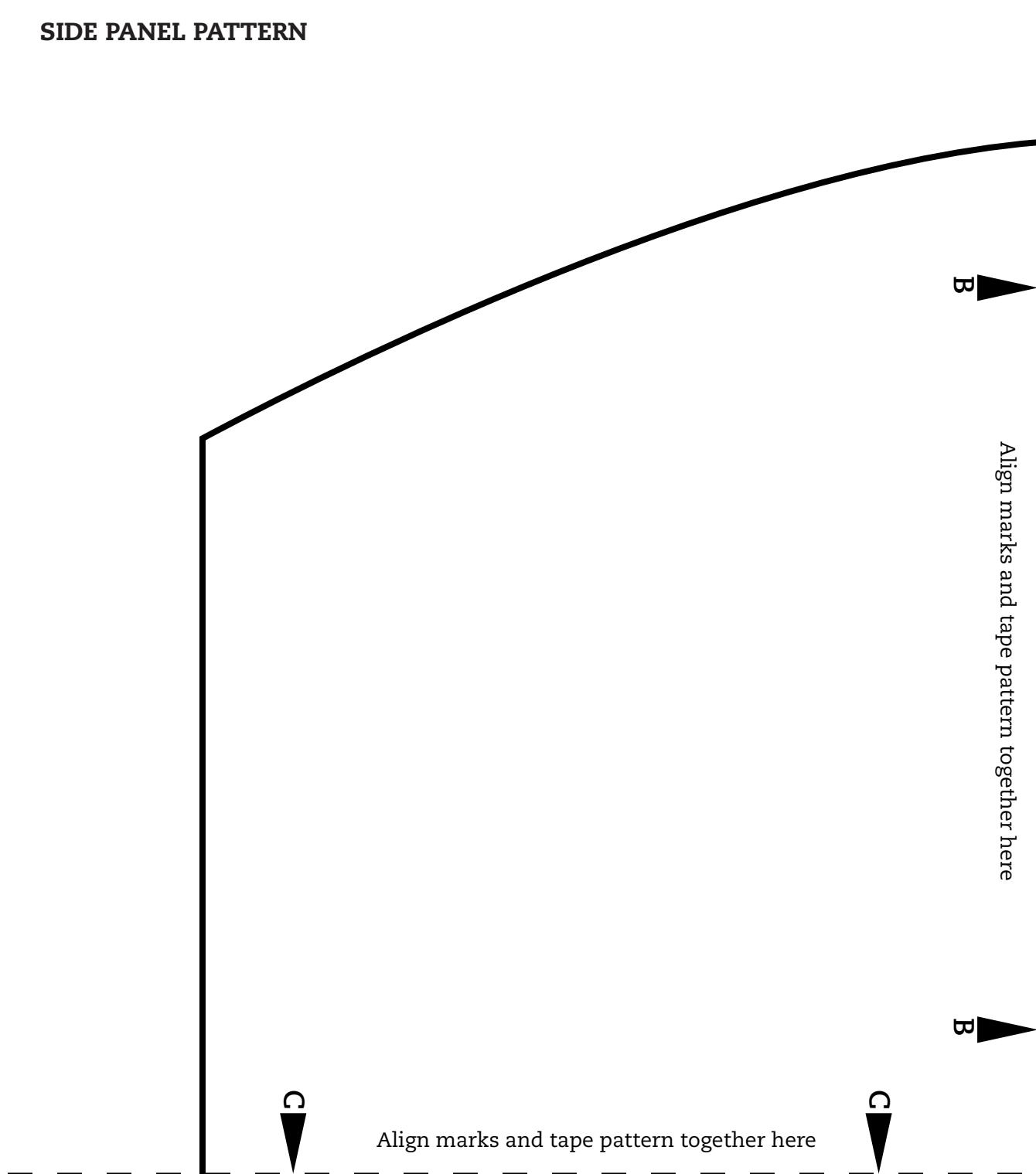
- With wrong sides together, align the bottom with the front and stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.
- With wrong sides together, align the back and sides. Stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.
- With wrong sides together, align the bottom and sides. Stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.
- Fold one 1" x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in half with wrong sides together. Insert the unstitched edge of the upper flap into the fold. Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the raw edges of the felt.
- Fold one 1" x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in half with wrong sides together. Insert the seam allowance between the back and the upper flap into the fold. Stitch in place $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the raw edge of the felt.
- Repeat the same process to attach one 1" strip over the edge of every seam.
- Repeat the above steps to attach a $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the lower edges and sides of the two pockets.
- With wrong sides together, align one 12" x 9" rectangle (front) with one 3" x 9" side rectangle. Stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.
- Repeat to attach the remaining 3" x 8" side rectangle to the other side of the front.
- With wrong sides together, align the 12" x 6" upper flap with the remaining 12" x 9" rectangle (back). Stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.
- With wrong sides together, align the 3" x 12" bottom rectangle with the lower edge of the back. Stitch, beginning and ending stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from either end.

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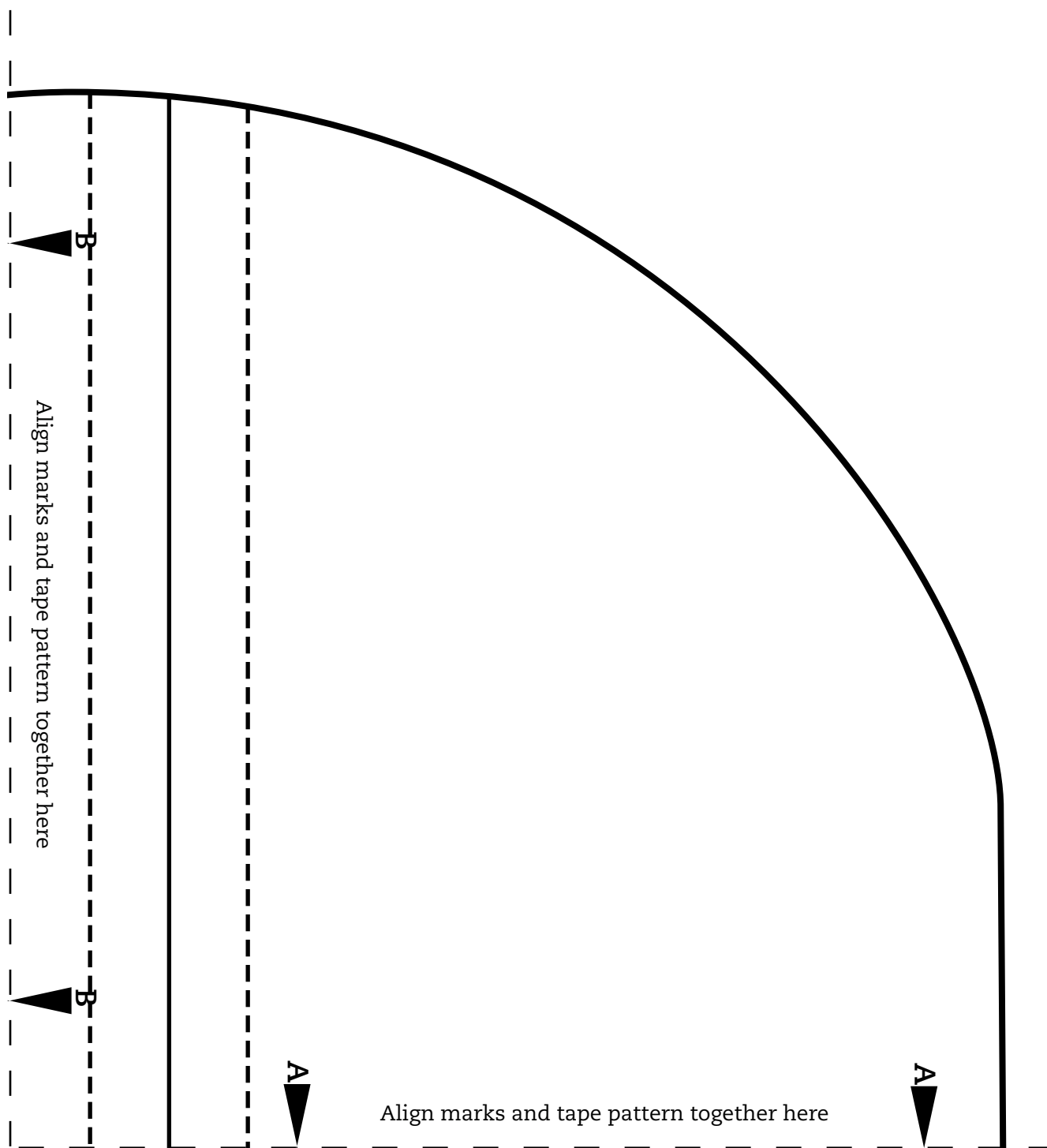
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SIDE PANEL PATTERN



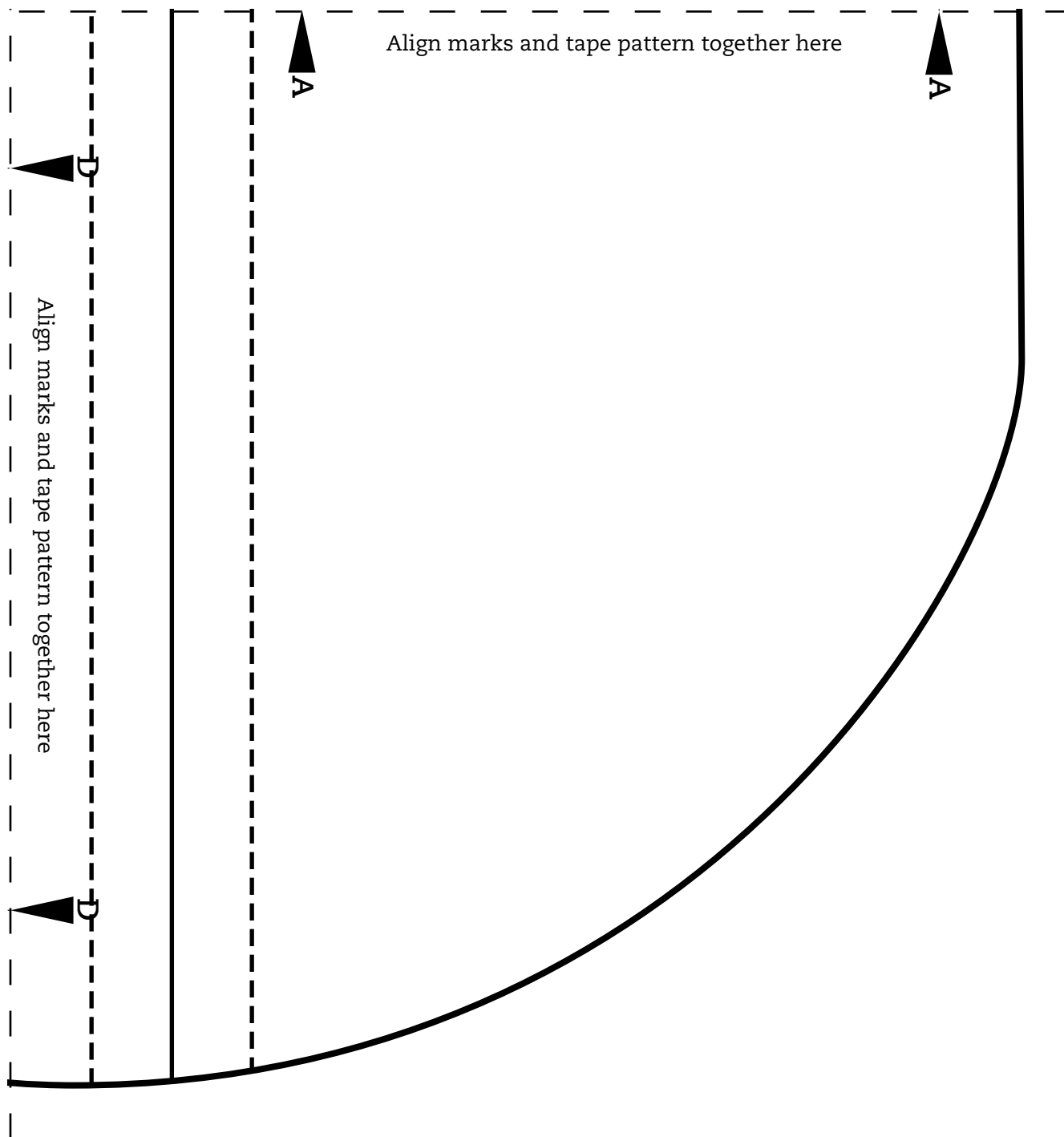
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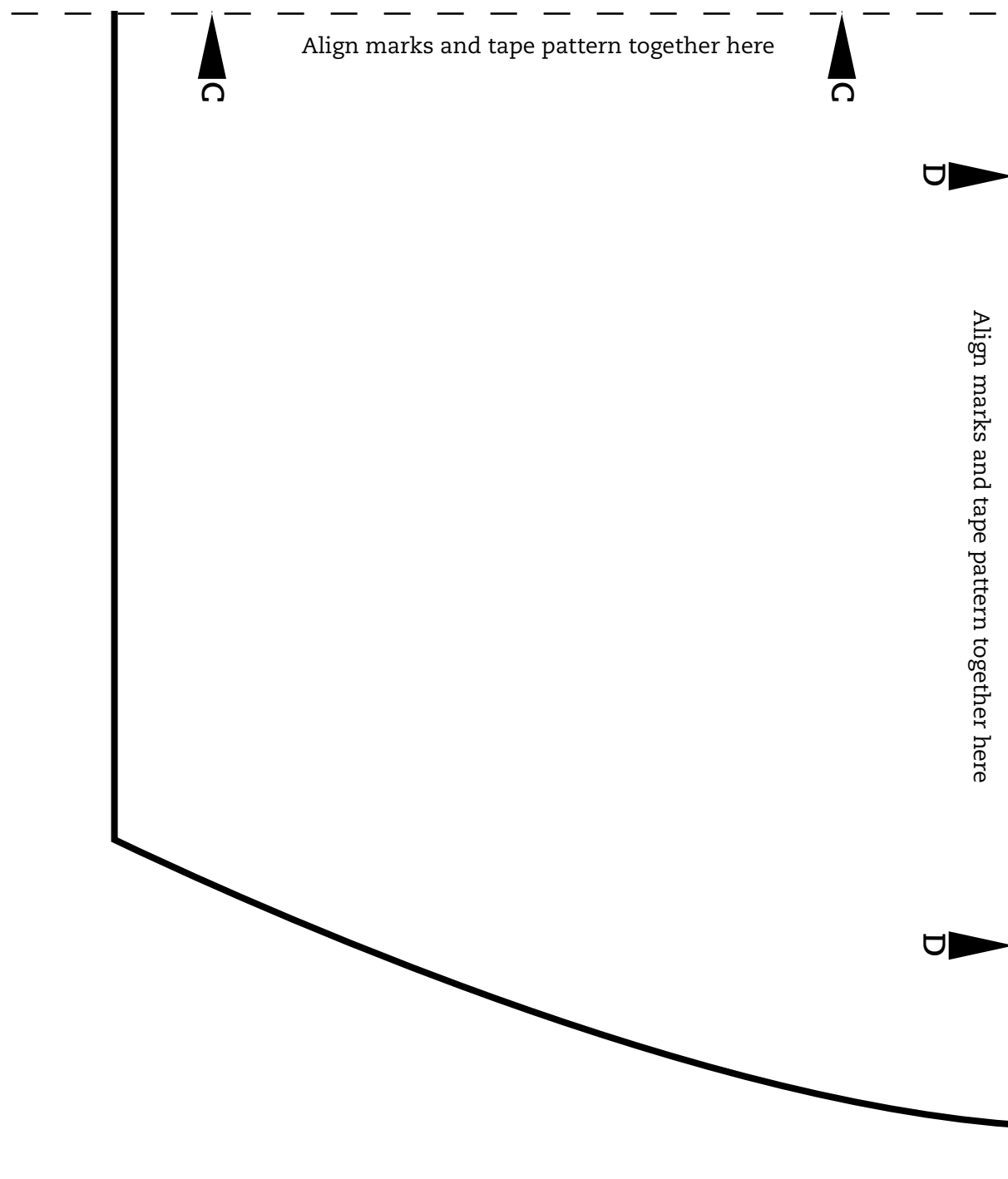
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**POCKET FLAP
PATTERN**

Front pocket flap

Side pocket flap

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