

Add a Divider to the Retreat Bag by Emmaline Bags

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Download the Retreat Bag Pattern from Emmaline Bags here:

<http://emmalinebags.blogspot.ca/2015/02/the-retreat-bag-free-sewing-tutorial.html>

Read through all the directions before beginning. (Also, I suggest gluing the rubber ends on the wire frame, even though I read the directions before beginning, I guess I did not read thoroughly enough, and I did not do this...I wish I would have!)

From the lining fabric cut an additional piece that measures 9 1/2" wide x 12" tall. From interfacing cut an additional 9 1/2" x 6" rectangle. Fold the divider rectangle in half (9 1/2" x 6"), wrong sides together, and press. Then fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of half of the divider, from one edge to the fold.



Follow the retreat bag directions through step 4, but stop before completing step 5.

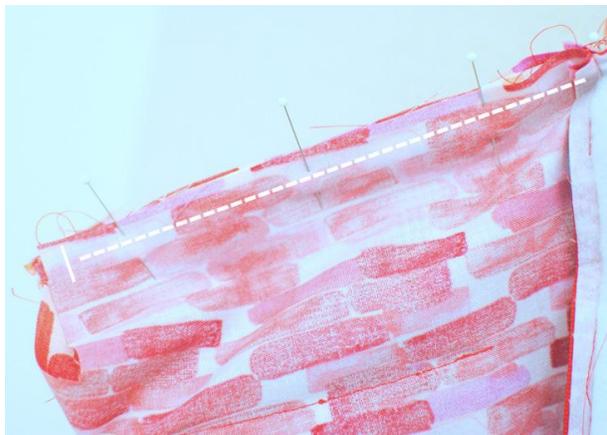
Top stitch the prepared divider at 1/4" and 1/8" from the top fold.



Arrange the lining pieces so they are right sides together as listed in step 5. Then, place the divider along the bottom edge. Begin sewing 1/4" from the edge and sew across the bottom edge, stopping 1/4" from the other end.

Note: while this seam generally has an opening for turning, I found it easier to sew the divider neatly with the seam closed, and then use the seam ripper to open a portion of the seam for turning.

Then, pull the divider to the lining side seam. This will pull the bottom of the bag up as well. Pin in place, then, starting 1/4" from the corner, sew along the side seam, continuing past the zipper and onto the body side seam, as directed in the Retreat Bag Pattern. Repeat for the other side.



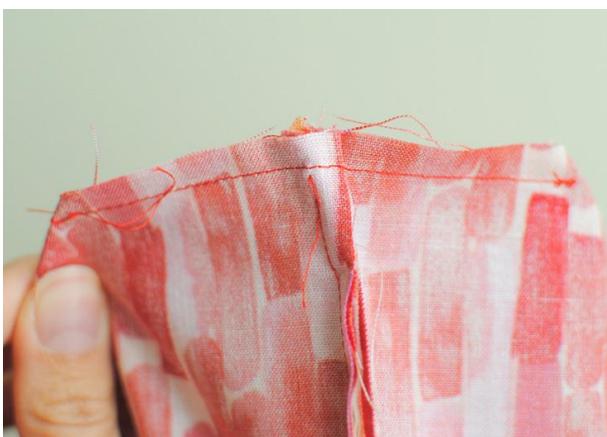
Now the bag should look like this.



Next, fold the corners out, as directed in the Retreat Bag pattern, but press your seams in opposite directions to allow them to nest together. The divider should fold right along with the corners. Then sew with a 1/4" seam.



Your sewn corner should look like this; you can see where the bottom seam sewing stopped right before the corner seam allowance.



Continue finishing the bag as directed in the retreat bag pattern. When you reach Step 6, carefully unpick the center of the bottom lining seam, where the divider is, then turn and sew as directed.

Follow the pattern to sew the frame casing. Sew right up to, but not through, the divider. Instead of using the seam ripper on the lining seam, use your seam ripper to open a few stitches on the outside seam. Slide the wire frame into the casing and sew the opening closed, as directed in the pattern.



When the bag closes, the divider will fold over a little bit. This should keep all your belonging separated in the bag, should it get tipped over.

