

# BELT BAG

## EASY CRAFT



### YOU WILL NEED

- 1 x piece of (waxed) cotton canvas, 26cm x 45cm
- 1 x piece of matching fabric for the belt tab, 9cm x 20cm
- 1 x rectangle of fabric, 26cm x 38cm, for inside pockets (optional)
- 1 x 3cm wide webbing to make your own belt (optional), plus click-lock or buckle (measure your waist and add 20cm for attachments, also to allow for adjustments, e.g. to wear cross-body style)
- 1 x zip the same wide as your fabric (e.g. a 23cm zip, which will be 26cm long inc. its fabric ends)
- Pinking scissors (zig-zag), pins, sewing machine (optional) and thread

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Neaten all sides of your fabric with pinking scissors to prevent fraying.
2. Line up one length of the zip to the top edge of one end of your fabric (right sides of fabric and zip together) and sew close to the edge. Turn your work over, so that the right side is facing, fold your fabric up so that the top edge sits in the centre of the zip (or next to the zip, if you want the zip to show), then sew the zip and fabric in place with a parallel line close to the zip.
3. It is easier at this stage to sew the tab onto the back of your bag:
  - a. Cut your tab and fold a 1cm seam around the outside. Sew the seam across each end only.
  - b. Position the tab centrally longways on the outside of your bag, with the top 3cm down from the centre of the zip. Sew it on close to the edge along the top and bottom of the tab only.
  - c. Note: a longer tab will sit between belt loops at your trouser hip, but you could cut the fabric into 2 shorter tabs and position them with a few cm in between, so that they will sit either side of trouser belt loops. Alternatively, your belt bag can have its own separate belt.
4. If including pockets:
  - a. Fold the piece of fabric in half with right sides together, then fold over 1.5cm at the top of each lengthways, with the folds both facing you. Sew the seams in place.
  - b. Position the top of the pocket 1.5cm below the zip on the inside back of the bag, then sew it to the sides of the bag and along the bottom 1cm in.
5. With right sides together, repeat Step 3 for the other side of the zip, sewing it to the other end of the fabric. Then, with right sides out, fold the fabric up to the zip and sew the fold neatly in place.
6. With right sides together, sew up each side of the bag 1cm from the edge (i.e. on top of the pocket hem). Note: keep the zip open, so that you don't sew the bag closed!
7. With right sides still together, make a gusset (boxed corners), by flattening each side seam (one at a time), so that each bottom corner forms a triangle in front of you pointing downwards (side seam vertical in the centre of the triangle). Sew a line across each corner approx. 2.5cm up from the point, so that it sits just below the pocket piece (do not sew over the pocket), then snip off each corner 1cm below the stitch line.
8. Optional belt: assemble your webbing and click-lock pieces or buckle.
9. Turn the bag right-side-out. Feed onto your belt. Your bag is now ready to use!

*\*Tips: If sewing by hand, you can use the zig-zag points of the pinking shears cuts as a spacing guide. Waxed cotton canvas is also quick-drying and easy to use (e.g. it does not require the seam folds to be ironed before sewing).*

Note: Make a handy pouch of any size in the same way, omitting the belt loop, and with optional pocket(s).

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