



## **ASG T.A.G. (Teach Another Generation) Bag Project Directions**

### **Preparation:**

1. Cut 4 rectangles @ 18" wide by 17" high (2 pieces will be the body of the bag and 2 will become the pockets) -- See Diagram A
2. Mark openings on both side edges of the wrong side of each bag piece @ 1½" and 2¾" from the top.

**Note:** If using a fabric with a directional design, the marks should be toward the "top" of the design.

### **Optional:**

Stitch the ASG logo onto one bag piece, having the center @ approx. 5" below the top edge and 9" from each side. The logo can be found in various embroidery formats on the ASG website.

3. To create the pockets, fold the two remaining pieces in half; press fold in place.
4. To prepare for sewing the pockets, mark the stitching lines on the outside of each pocket piece as follows (see Diagrams B and C):
  - a. On one piece, mark a vertical line down the center. This will create 2 pockets on one side of the bag.
  - b. On the other piece, mark 2 vertical lines from the bottom edge to the fold @ 6" from each side. This will create 3 pockets on the other side of the bag.

**Note:** If using a fabric with a directional design, the "top" of the design should be toward the fold on the outside of the pocket piece.



### **Supplies:**

- 1 yard sturdy, woven, non-stretch fabric (suggestions: denim, canvas, duck cloth)
- 2½ yards of 1" wide grosgrain or satin ribbon in matching or coordinating color
- Fabric marking tool
- 12" ruler
- Thread to match or complement bag color

## Sewing

Seam allowance @ 5/8"

1. Topstitch the folded edge of each pocket piece.
2. Pin the wrong side of each folded pocket piece to the right side of a bag piece, matching raw edges on the sides and bottom. Baste all 3 sides @ 1/4". Serge or zig-zag the full length of each side and the bottom edge to prevent fraying.
3. To create the pockets, stitch along the lines marked in Preparation Step 4. To strengthen the pockets, sew from the raw edge to the fold, pivot, and sew back to the raw edge on top of the previous stitches.
4. Pin and sew the 2 bag-pocket pieces together along one side, leaving an opening between the marks. Press the seam open and flat. On the outside, edge stitch around the opening to keep the seam allowances from poking through the opening.
5. Repeat Step 3 with the other side.
6. Pin and sew the bottom of the bag, keeping the side seams folded back on the bag pieces.
7. Create the casing: Iron under the top edge 1/4" and again @ 1 1/4". Edgestitch the casing close to the lower fold.
8. Turn the bag right side out. If the fabric layers are thick at the lower corners, fold the seam allowances back on to the bag and pinch them in place as you invert the bag.
9. Cut the ribbon into 2 pieces. Thread one piece through one hole, across the opposite hole and back out the original hole. Cut the ends of the ribbon diagonally and seal with seam sealant. Tie the ends of the ribbon together in a square knot. Repeat with the remaining ribbon, beginning and ending with the opposite hole.

DIAGRAM A

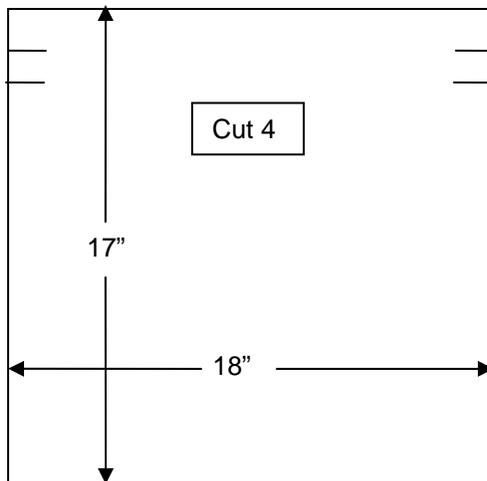


DIAGRAM B

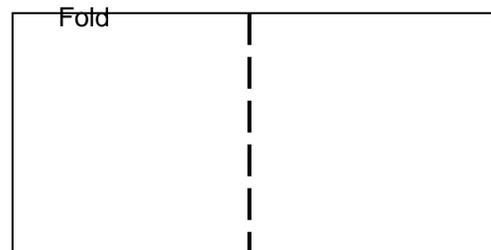


DIAGRAM C

