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Pinkyboo Rescue Bag



The bag is a round self stand sack that also hangs. And is designed as a rescue and vet bag for Pinky and Velvet Joey's

Materials needed

Outer material 32 inch X 12 inch should be medium to heavy material something like corduroy or denim.

The inside material 32 inch X 18 inch should be something soft and warm, something that snuggles, I use the Fleece \$4 Pet Blanket from Kmart as it was cheaper to purchase the fleece material this way.

The round base is 10 inch diameter (I used a dinner plate to draw the circle)

You need 5 of these rounds. Three for the bag itself / outer and inner plus the padding I make the padding round slightly smaller for ease of sewing. Two for the soft cushion that goes inside the bag.

The bottom of the bag

You will need two 10 inch circles plus one 9.5 inch circle of padding material.

Place the 10 inch circles good/print sides facing together, and then place the padding piece 9.5 inch on top of of the circles and sew around, leave an opening then turn the circle **right side out**.

Once turned right side out sew closed, sew around the circle to create form and also sew across the circle this stops any movement of the material. (you can also add some stuffing to the base for extra comfort when the cushion is not in the bag.

The cushion

Cut your snuggle material in the 10 inch circles then place the good sides facing together and sew around, leave an opening then turn the circle **right side out**.

Put a small stitch X in the middle of the circle then stuff the circle with the stuffing of your choice, this X stitch helps form a cup for the joey to sleep in.

The Cushion provides comfort softness and warmth to the joey.

The cushion is also a barrier for any warming you use in the bag, like a heat pack, which can be placed under the cushion to keep the Joey warm.

The bag straps

Requires 1 x 32 inch x 12 inch folded in half lengthwise twice and cut / you will then have 4 pieces to make the handles. Print facing each-other sew two

pieces together sides and one end , then pull through right side out and sew the opening shut.

How to Make The Bag

The other fabric measurement is 32 inches long and 12 inches high.

Once cut fold and sew a small hem on what will be the top of the 32 inches x 12 inches outer length of the bag. Add the bag straps to the outside material and any pockets you want to add , sew them on to the print side outer piece.

The inner fabric is 32 inches long, but is much higher 18 inches high, this adds a depth and a tie-off space to the bag

Because of the nature of the fleece material this piece does not need to be hemmed (A zip can be added to finish the bag if required)

Place the outer and inner fabrics together print sides facing each-other and sew along the bottom and the sides use the edge that is not hemmed as the bottom.

Then turn **right-side- out** (just a note pockets can be added to the outer material for the wheat pack storage etc) do this before you sew it together.

Once turned right side out, sew along the hemmed edge that now rests along the inside material, leave a 6cm space to add the stuffing to the inside of the bag.

Putting the bag together

Take your round bottom and pin or clip the inside FACE to the inside FACE of the bag body, then sew with triple stitch on the print side around the circle this gives the bag form to be self standing.

Once the body of the bag is attached to the bottom circle, sew the sides of the bag together.

Add the stuffing, I used micro fibre from a doona that has good warmth properties. When finished the bag cradles the Pinky making it feel more comfortable and secure inside than it would in a normal joey bag.

If you leave an opening that you can Velcro shut you can adjust the amount of stuffing you add.

And there is your Pinkyboo Rescue Bag. :) I hope you enjoy making them, most wildlife groups would be happy to receive them as gift rescue bags for Pinky's, And its great to have one in your car if you come across a pinky or small joey that needs rescuing.

Larger versions of these bags can be used as rescue/travel bags for the larger wallabies and kangaroos

Double the size of the round base and the bag body measurements to match omit the stuffing use heavy duty material, and add a carry strap or two. I use shade cloth for these bigger travel / rescue bags.