

Hipster Cross Body Bag

Materials:

Main Fabric: 26" high x 13" wide
Lining Fabric: 26" high x 14" wide
Strapping: 48" of 2"-wide strapping
Snap or velcro
Thread

Note: If your fabric piece is wide and short, you can cut 2 squares of 13½" high fabric and sew them together at the bottom. Remember to be aware of the grain of the fabric.



Instructions:

1. Fold the main fabric in half with WS out. Sew up the sides. Remember to backtack at the beginning and the end.
2. Fold the lining in half. Sew up the sides, remembering to backtack.
3. Turn the main fabric bag RS out.

4. Place the strapping on top of the bag with the edge of the strapping 2" from the right seam on the side of the bag, and the strap should hang over the open edge of the fabric by 1". Pin (pin only the top layer. Do not catch the bottom layer)



5. Turn the bag over. Now the pinned strap is on the bottom left of the bag. **THIS IS THE TRICKY PART:** You need to **twist** the strap like in the picture so the cross body bag will lie flat on your body.



6. Pin the strap on this side like you did on the other (on the bottom right with the edge of the strapping 2" from the right seam on the side of the bag, and the strap should hang

over the bottom edge of the fabric by 1".) Pin only the top layer. Do not catch the bottom layer

7. At this point, if you want to make 100% sure your strap is twisted correctly, put the bag on your body. Turn the ends of the straps to the inside.



8. Sew the ends of the straps to the bag $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the fabric to hold them.

9. Place the main fabric bag with RS out inside the lining bag with the WS out.



10. Match the side seams on the bag, and pin the main fabric to the lining all the way around the openings.

11. Sew all the way around the top edge with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, **except** leave a 3" wide hole along the top for turning.

12. Turn the bag through the hole in the lining.



13. Push the inside lining of the bag into the main bag.



14. Press along the seam at the top. (For this bag, it was actually easier to press it with the lining on the outside because the main fabric was so thick). **DO NOT ALLOW THE IRON TO TOUCH THE STRAPS! THEY WILL MELT!**



15. Top stitch all the way around the top of the bag very close to the seam. This will close the hole in the top.



16. Sew on a snap or Velcro for closure if desired.

