

How to make a 3 dimensional lined joey bag

If you can sew here is how to make the lined hanging joey bags. Joeys are able to hop in and out. Once they are outside, this freedom gives them a lot of security.

You need different sized bags for wallaby and kangaroo joeys. OK here we go:

First make sure your fabric will not shrink once washed.

- For wallabies you need 65cm x 105cm – CUT 2 PIECES, 1 piece is the liner
- For kangaroos you need 75cm x 130 cm – CUT TWO PIECES, 1 piece is the liner

The wallaby bags mimic the mothers body shape and height. The kangaroo bags also mimic the mothers body shape and height. I have just found that wallaby joeys like the shorter bags better and they also don't swing as much for these little animals making them easier to get in and out.

1. Fold the fabric in half. For this bag I have used flannelette as the lining fabric as this is nice and snug for the smaller joeys. Sew 1.5 cms in from the seam down one side with a curve at the end like shown in the picture with the black string.



This picture shows both pieces laying on top of each other with the sides sewn.

2. Fold the outer piece so the seam is on the inside. Slide the inner piece with the seams facing inwards to match the outer piece like shown in the picture below. Make sure the seams are matching at the back. No seams should be facing outwards.



3. Start at one corner and fold the seams towards each other like shown in the picture. Continue right around the bag to meet up with the beginning.



Your bag should now look like this with all the ends neatly turned in and sewn.

4. Fold your bag with the open sides together and sew 4 cms in from the edge and down 8 cms like shown in the picture with the black string



From edge to the beginning of your sewing here is 4 cms

5. Fold your bag front seam to back seam. Fold back the strip of fabric from the small strip you have already sewn in step 4. Sew along the edge like shown in the picture below.



6. This is the finished result. Now match front and back seams like shown in the picture below



7. Sew two rows like shown with the black string. The first row is as close to the edge as you can get and start this row 9 cms in from the edge. The second row start 10 cms in from the edge and double stitch at the opening of the middle seam. The second row is just to stop the curtain rod from rolling.



8. Your curtain rod should be approx 70 cms long with one plastic end on it to assist with threading the curtain rod through the bag.



9. Hang your rod on your stand and voila you have finished your bag.



10. All you now need is to put a lucky joey in there to relax. Offer a plate of yummys and stand in filtered sunlight and you will have very happy joeys.



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