



## REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Laminated cotton  
30" zipper  
5" of 1/4" elastic  
Quilting cotton (1" x 10")  
Thread  
Embellishments as desired

# Garment Bag

Laminates turn this serviceable garment bag into a water resistant beauty. With easy lines and simple construction, this bag goes together in a snap. No topstitching or edgestitching on this pattern means fewer places for moisture to penetrate the laminate. A quick elastic loop at the bottom allows you to hang and carry the bag folded.

*Fabric used here is from Jennifer Paganelli's Happy Land collection.*



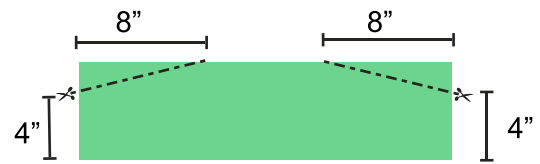
Fabric	Cut Size (Width x Height)	No. Of Pieces	Yardage
Main Body – Laminate	38 1/2" x 31"	1	1 yd.
Bottom Panel – Laminate	20" x 5"	2	1/4 yd.
Top Panel – Laminate	20" x 7 1/2"	2	1/4 yd.
Loop Casing	1" x 10"	1	scrap

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

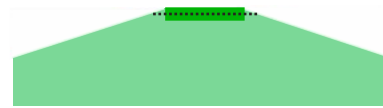
Mark the center of each top panel piece along the bottom edge. Mark the center of each bottom panel piece along the top edge. (This is 10" from the side edge of both top and bottom pieces.) Also mark the center of the body piece at 19 1/4" from side edge at both top and bottom.

**Seam Allowances are 1/2" unless indicated otherwise.**

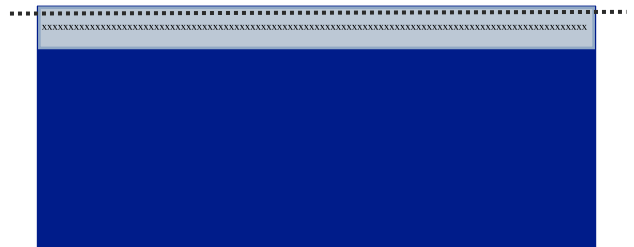
With right sides together, align top panel pieces. Cut as shown in diagram at right.



Turn top edge of each piece under 1/2". Finger press. Stitch to secure folded edge.

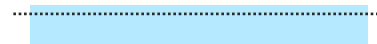


With fabric right side up, place zipper along one short edge of the main body, right side down. Pin carefully. Using the zipper foot, sew zipper to laminate along entire length. Repeat for other short edge.

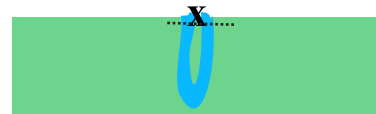


Note: If using a separating zipper, whipstitch approximately 1/2" above bottom edge of zipper to create a stop.

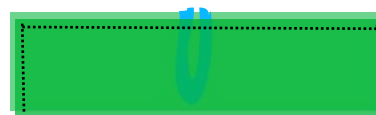
To make elastic loop, fold quilting cotton in half with right sides together. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam securing both ends of seam with backstitching. Turn inside out. Press. Using a safety pin, guide the elastic through the fabric casing and secure both ends with several passes of stitching.



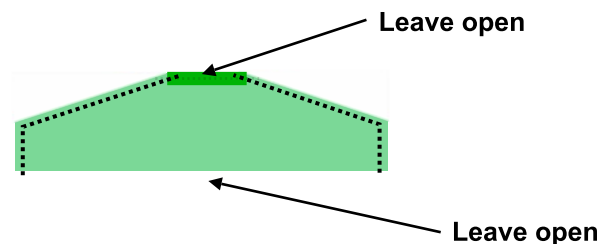
Mark the center bottom of one piece of the bottom panel. Place the elastic loop on this mark with both ends even with raw edge. Secure with stitching.



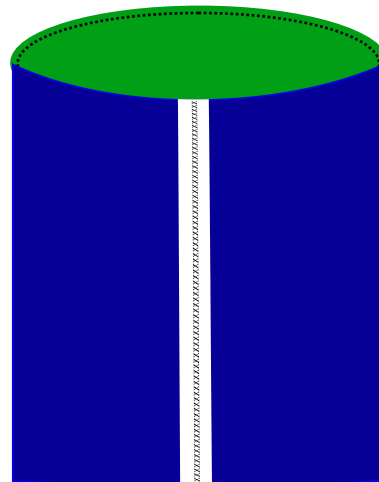
Right sides together, stitch around sides and bottom of bottom panel. Leave the top edge open. Clip the corners and turn inside out.



Place top panels right sides together. Stitch together leaving the very top and bottom edges open. Clip corners and turn inside out.



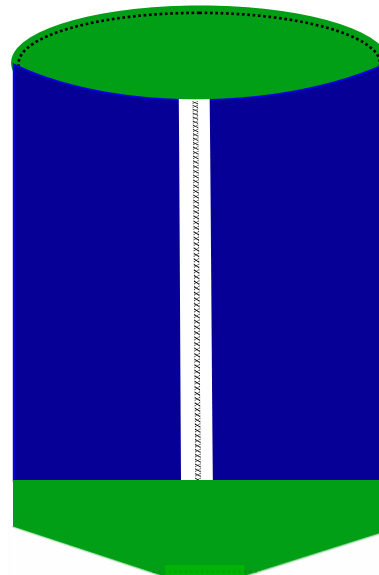
With right sides together and zipper partially closed, pin bottom panel to body. Match up center marks. Sew pieces together using a 5/8" seam allowance. Turn right side out. Finger press seam towards bottom of garment bag.



Repeat this process for the top panel. Finger press the seam towards the top of the garment bag.

Add embellishments as desired at top of zipper. Be sure to stitch embellishing elements into the seam allowance where the multiple layers will decrease the chances of moisture entering the stitching holes.

Insert a hanger through the zipper opening and out the top opening. Your laminate garment bag is now ready to be put to use!



#### **TIPS FOR WORKING WITH LAMINATES:**

- 1) Keep pins in the seam allowance. Holes are permanent.
- 2) Where possible, use binding clips, paper clips or even bobby pins to keep two pieces joined together while you stitch. None of these tools will leave holes. And there will be times when you won't have a seam allowance to hide the pins in—topstitching, edgestitching, etc.
- 3) Do NOT iron the laminated side. You will ruin your project, gunk up your iron and be tempted to utter some very unpleasant words. If you must press the right side, use a pressing cloth between the iron plate and the laminate.
- 4) Use your walking foot. This makes all the difference. If you do not have a walking foot, you can put painter's tape on the bottom of your sewing machine foot. Painter's tape will not leave residue on the foot.

#### **FACTS ABOUT LAMINATES:**

- 1) Free Spirit and Rowan laminates are 54" wide. Remember this when figuring yardage and cost of a project. You are getting more square inches of fabric than you would with a regular quilting cotton.
- 2) Because of the coating, laminate edges will not fray.
- 3) Laminate fabrics are water resistant, not waterproof. Do not rely on laminate to provide a waterproof environment.

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