



FREE PATTERN
LAMINATED
PICNIC BLANKET
WITH CARRYING
CASE



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SEWING PATTERN INCLUDES:

Instructions, measurements and a pattern piece to create your own Picnic Blanket with Carrying Case.

Fabrics designed by Amy Butler for Rowan. All prints are from Amy's "Love" Laminated and Home Dec collections.

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Instructions and construction by Nichole Redinger

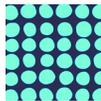
Finished size: Blanket - 52" wide x 60" long

Carrying Case - 18 1/2" tall x 6 1/2" diameter

AMY'S FABRICS USED IN THIS PROJECT

Blanket Top, binding & Carrying Case Lining

hdabs19



sunspots/
midnight

Laminated Back Panel & Carrying Case Exterior

ocab02



trumpet flowers/
emerald



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Step 1.

CUT OUT THE FABRIC PIECES

A. Use your ruler and chalk pencil, and measure and mark the dimensions that follow directly onto the **WRONG** side of a single layer of fabric.

From the Home Dec print:

-Cut 1 Top Panel - 53" wide x 61" long

-Cut 5 strips - 2 1/2" wide x the width of the fabric, enough to make 230" of binding.

From the Laminated print:

-Cut 1 Back Panel - 56" wide x 64" long

From the batting:

-Cut 1 piece - 56" wide x 64" long

Step 2.

MARK THE QUILTING LINES

A. On a large flat surface, lay the Top Panel **RIGHT** side up.

B. On both sides of the panel, measure 6 1/2" down from the top edge and mark. Draw a line connecting the two marks across the width of the panel.

GENERAL NOTES:

~Check out the "Laminated Fabric Tips" on my website before you begin.

~All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise stated. The seam allowance is included in the pattern piece.

~Before you get started, please read through all of the instructions.

~Preshrink your Home Dec fabric by washing, drying and pressing it. **TIP: Make a small diagonal clip in the corners before washing to help prevent fraying and tangling. The laminated fabric does not need preshrunk.**

~The first time a term is mentioned and followed by an asterisk (*) it is defined in the Techniques & Terminology section on my website at amybutlerdesign.com.

LAMINATED PICNIC BLANKET

MATERIALS LIST

-2 1/8 yards of 54" wide coordinating mid-weight Home Dec print for the Top Panel and binding

-1 7/8 yards of 58" wide Laminated fabric for the Back Panel

BATTING / NOTIONS NEEDED

-56" x 64" piece of batting - twin size (I use Nature-fill® Bamboo batting from Fairfield)

-1 large spool of a coordinating all-purpose thread (I use Coats Dual Duty XP®)

TOOLS NEEDED

-Rotary ruler

-Scissors

-Iron and ironing board

-Straight pins

-Safety pins (large size)

-Rotary cutter and mat

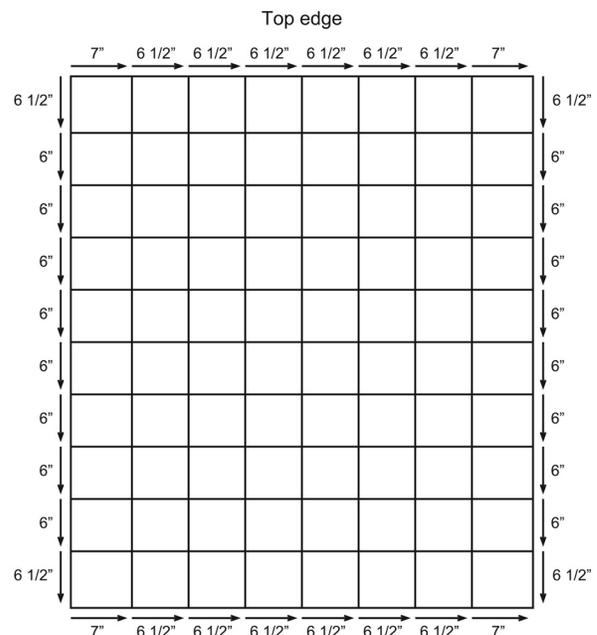
-Chalk pencil

-Binder clips or large paper clips (I use Binding & Hem Clips from Collins®) You can find them in most quilt shops.

-Teflon® coated presser foot for your sewing machine or roller presser foot (Ask at your local sewing center to find one to fit your machine)

-Sewing machine needles: Size 12 or 14 sharp (either size will work)

Diagram showing the quilting lines marked on the **RIGHT** side of the Top Panel



C. Then start at the 6 1/2" line you just drew, and measure and mark 6" down from that line. Match these two marks drawing another line parallel with the first. Continue to draw 7 more quilting lines, each 6" apart and across the width of the panel. This will leave 6 1/2" along the bottom edge. **(See the diagram at the bottom of page 1 for Steps 2C - 2E.)**

D. On the top and bottom of the panel, measure 7" in from the left side edge and mark. Draw a line connecting the two marks down the length of the panel.

E. Then measure and mark 6 1/2" over from the first line (7"). Match these two marks drawing another line parallel with the first. Continue to draw 5 more quilting lines 6 1/2" apart down the length of the panel. This will leave 7" along the right side edge.

Step 3. ASSEMBLE THE BLANKET

A. Place the Laminated Back Panel on a large flat surface with the **WRONG** side up. Smooth out any wrinkles.

B. Then place the batting on top of the panel and smooth out any wrinkles.

C. Center the Top Panel on top of the batting with the **RIGHT** side up, creating a sandwich with the Back Panel, batting and Top Panel. Smooth out any wrinkles.

D. Use your large safety pins and pin the layers together about every 8" along the marked quilting lines. Begin in the center of the Top Panel and work your way to the outside edges.

E. Machine stitch along the quilting lines beginning in the center of the Top Panel and work your way to the outside edges.

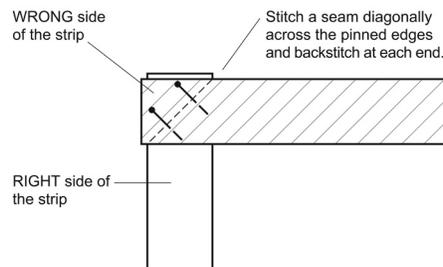
F. When the quilting is complete, use your ruler, rotary cutter and mat and trim the Back Panel and batting even with the Top Panel.

G. Machine baste* very close to the raw edges completely around the Blanket. This will secure the layers together before adding your binding.

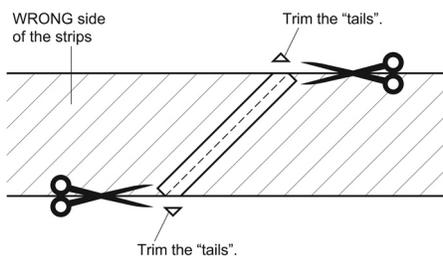
To machine baste, use the longest stitch on your machine, so you can easily remove the basting stitches later if needed. Do not backstitch at either end of your stitching.

Step 4. MAKE AND ATTACH THE BINDING

A. Attach the strips into one long continuous piece by placing the first 2 strips perpendicular to each other with **RIGHT** sides together. Match the edges and pin them in place. Stitch a seam diagonally across the pinned edge and backstitch* at each end.



B. Cut diagonally across the matched corners leaving a 1/4" on the outside of the stitching line to create a seam allowance*. Press the seam open. Then trim any fabric "tails" along the edges. Continue to attach the remaining strips to complete the binding.

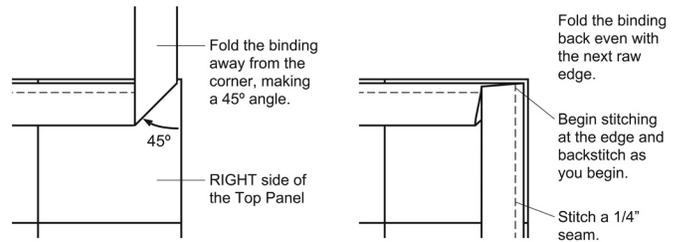


C. Fold the binding in half lengthwise with **WRONG** sides together. Match the long edges and press a crease along the folded edge.

D. Place the **RIGHT** side of the Top Panel facing up. Start at the center along one side edge and match the raw edges of the binding and Blanket, stopping at the first corner. Use binder clips to hold these edges in place.

E. Leave the first 5" of the binding unstitched, then sew a **1/4"** seam, stopping 1/4" from the first corner and backstitch at each end. Remove the binder clips as you approach them. Clip the threads and remove the quilt from your machine.

F. To form a neat mitered corner, fold the binding away from the corner forming a 45° angle. Then fold it back even with the next raw edge and use binder clips to hold it in place. Leave the folded edge of the binding even with the first edge that was sewn.



G. Begin stitching again at the edge of the Blanket and backstitch as you begin. Continue to sew along the edge, stopping 1/4" from the next corner and backstitch again.

H. Repeat Steps 4F and 4G to miter the remaining corners and sew the rest of the binding in place. Stop stitching 10" from where you first began. Backstitch again.

I. Cut the binding so it overlaps the beginning edge by 6". Open the beginning edge and cut it at a 45° angle. Fold this edge 1/2" under toward the **WRONG** side of the binding and press.

J. Insert the end of the binding under the beginning folded edge. Adjust it so it lays flat within the other end tucked inside the fold. Use binder clips to hold it in place and then stitch the rest of the binding in place. Use a dry iron on the low setting and press the binding away from the Top Panel. Make sure not to touch the Laminated side.

K. Turn the Blanket over so the Back Panel is facing up. Flip the binding over the edge from the front to the back. Line up the folded edge of the binding so it just covers the stitching line that attached it to the front. Adjust the mitered corners and use binder clips to hold the edges in place.

L. Use your Teflon® coated presser foot for your sewing machine and machine stitch the binding in place close to the inner folded edge. Backstitch at each end.

Nice job! Your Picnic Blanket is complete. Now on to the Case!

LAMINATED CARRYING CASE

MATERIALS LIST

-1 yard of 58" wide Laminated fabric for the Exterior Carrying Case

-3/4 yard of 44" or 54" wide coordinating mid-weight print for the Lining

PLUS - if using 44" wide Lining fabric:

-2 yards of 20" wide mid-weight sew-in interfacing (I use Pellon® 40)



NOTIONS NEEDED

- 1 spool of a coordinating all-purpose thread (I use Coats Dual Duty XP®)
- 1 pkg of double sided fabric tape (I use 1/4" wide Wash Away™ Wonder Tape® from Dritz®)

TOOLS NEEDED

- Rotary ruler
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Binder clips or large paper clips
- Sewing machine needles: Size 12 or 14 sharp (either size will work)
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Chalk pencil
- Iron and ironing board
- Transparent tape
- Teflon® coated presser foot for your sewing machine or roller presser foot

Step 1.

CUT THE PIECES OUT OF YOUR FABRIC

A. Use your scissors, and cut out the Bottom Panel pattern piece following the marked lines.

B. To cut out the Bottom Panel, first fold a large piece of fabric 4" over with **WRONG** sides together. Then place the pattern piece along the folded edge. Use binder clips and transparent tape to hold the pattern piece in place. Cut it out, open it up to make one full-size panel.

C. Use your ruler and chalk pencil, and measure and mark the dimensions below directly onto the **WRONG** side of a single-layer of the Exterior and Lining fabrics.

Cutting guidelines for the Exterior Laminated fabric:

- Cut 1 Main Panel - 20" wide x 21" long
- Cut 1 Pocket Panel - 20" wide x 12" long
- Cut 1 Strap - 12" wide x 32" long
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel on the fold

Cutting guidelines for the Lining fabric:

- Cut 1 Main Panel - 20" wide x 21" long
- Cut 1 Pocket Panel - 20" wide x 12" long
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel on the fold

If you're using 54" wide Lining fabric please SKIP Steps 1D and all of Step 2. Continue with Step 3.

D. If you're using 44" wide fabric you'll need to interface the Lining panels. Use the panels you've already cut as full-size pattern pieces to cut out the interfacing.

From the interfacing:

- Cut 1 Main Panel
- Cut 1 Pocket Panel
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel

Step 2.

ATTACH THE INTERFACING

A. Place the interfacing onto the **WRONG** side of the Lining Main Panel. Match the edges and pin it in place. Machine baste* a 1/4" seam all the way around the pinned edges.

B. Repeat Step 2A to sew the interfacing onto the Lining Bottom and Pocket Panels.

Step 3.

MAKE AND ATTACH THE POCKET TO THE EXTERIOR MAIN PANEL

NOTE: Replace your regular presser foot on your sewing machine with the Teflon® coated presser foot.

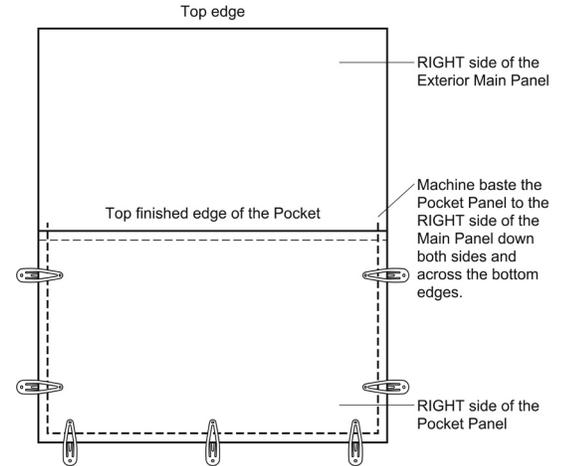
A. Place the Exterior and Lining Pocket Panels **RIGHT** sides together. Match the edges and use binder clips to hold them in place. Stitch a 1/2" seam across the top edge and backstitch* at each end. Remove the binder clips as you approach them.

B. Turn the Pocket **RIGHT** side out and finger press* it flat along the seam. Topstitch* 1/2" from the finished edge and backstitch at each end.

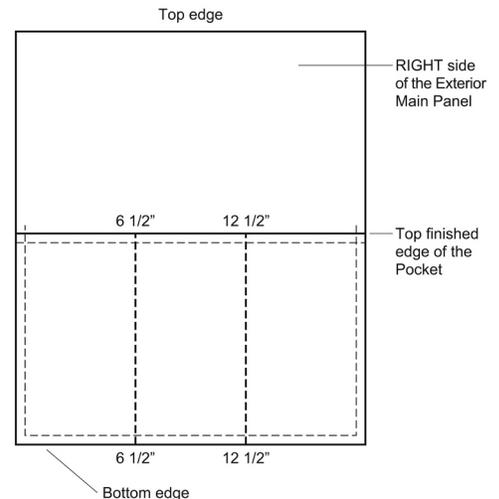
To finger press, press the seam allowances of a seam using your finger or thumbnail to form a crease on the fabric.

C. Then machine baste a 1/4" seam down both sides and across the bottom raw edges of the Pocket to hold the panels together.

D. Next, place the Lining side of the Pocket onto the **RIGHT** side of the Exterior Main Panel. Match the side and bottom edges and use binder clips to hold them in place. Machine baste a 1/4" seam around the matched edges.



E. Starting on the left side of your Pocket, using your ruler and chalk pencil, measure across the top edge and make a mark at 6 1/2" and 12 1/2". Then measure and mark the same increments across the bottom edge. Line up the first top and bottom marks and draw a line connecting them. Then draw a line connecting the second set of marks.



F. Starting at the bottom edge, stitch along each marked line stopping at the top of the Pocket and backstitch at each end.

Please set the Main and Pocket Panels aside for now.

Step 4.

MAKE THE STRAP

A. Fold the Strap in half lengthwise with **WRONG** sides together. Finger press a crease along the folded edge, then open the Strap.

B. Fold each long edge in to meet the center crease and finger press them in place.

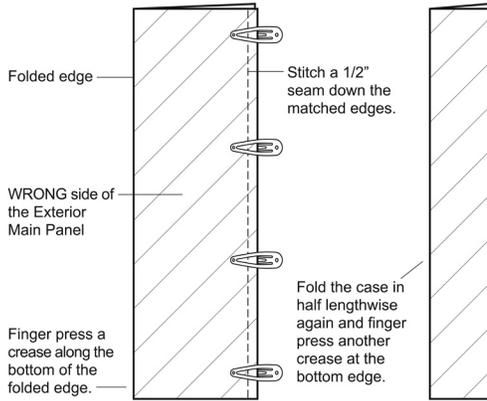
C. Then fold the Strap in half again at the center crease enclosing the raw edges. Use binder clips to hold the edges in place. Edge stitch* down both long edges, and backstitch at each end.

Step 5.

ATTACH THE STRAP AND MAKE THE EXTERIOR CASE

A. Fold the Exterior Main Panel in half lengthwise **RIGHT** sides together and match the side edges. Use binder clips to hold them in place. Stitch a 1/2" seam along the matched edges and backstitch at each end.

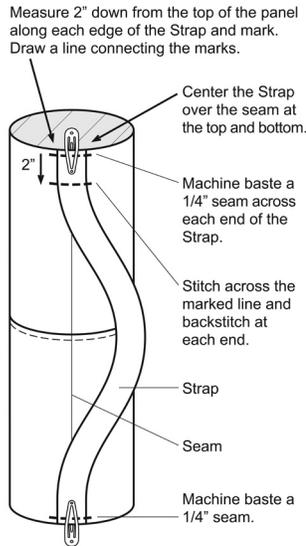
B. Gently finger press a crease along the folded edge at the bottom of the Main Panel. Then fold the panel in half lengthwise again and finger press another crease at the bottom edge. The creases will mark the bottom of the panel into quarters to use as a guide when you attach the Bottom Panel. Then open the panel and finger press the seam allowances* open.



C. Next, turn the Main Panel **RIGHT** side out. Center one end of the Strap over the seam at the top and bottom edges. Make sure not to twist the Strap. Use binder clips to hold them in place. Then machine baste a 1/4" seam across each end of the Strap.

D. Measure 2" down from the top of the panel along each side of the Strap and mark. Draw a line connecting the marks.

E. Then to hold the Strap in place while you stitch across the marked line, place a piece of double-sided fabric tape on the back of the Strap. Center it over the seam and finger press it in place. Stitch across the marked line and backstitch at each end.

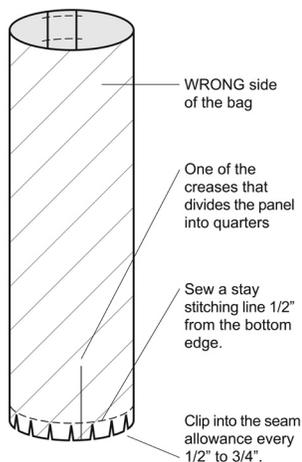


F. Turn the panel **WRONG** side out again. Then sew a stay stitching* line 1/2" from the bottom edge.

A stay stitching line is sewn in the seam allowance to support the fabric while clipping.

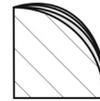
G. Clip* into the seam allowance every 1/2" to 3/4" making sure not to clip your stitching.

*Clipping allows some give in your seam allowance, in order to make the seam lie flat when turned **RIGHT** side out.*

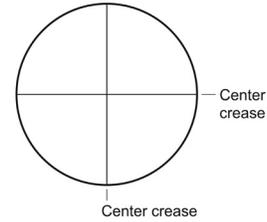


H. Next, divide the Bottom Panel into quarters by folding it in half matching the edges. Then finger press a crease along the folded edge. Fold it again into quarters and finger press another crease. Open the panel.

Fold the Bottom Panel in half.



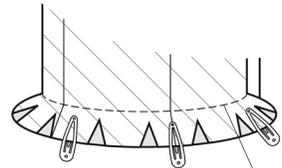
Fold the Panel in half again.



Center crease

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I. Place the Bottom and Main Panels **RIGHT** sides together and match the creases on each panel. Use binder clips to hold them in place. Ease the rest of the bottom edges on the Main Panel around the Bottom Panel. Use binder clips to hold them in place. Stitch a 1/2" seam around the matched edges and backstitch at each end. Finger press the seam allowances toward the Main Panel.



Ease the bottom edges on the Main Panel around the Bottom Panel and use binder clips to hold them in place.

Stitch a 1/2" seam around the matched edges and backstitch at each end.

J. Turn the Exterior Case **RIGHT** side out.

Step 6.

MAKE AND ATTACH THE LINING TO THE EXTERIOR CASE

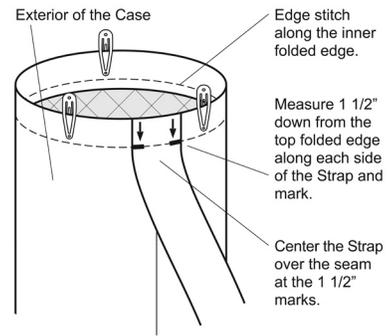
A. Repeat Steps 5A and 5B to sew the Lining Main Panel and mark the bottom edge into quarters. Then repeat Steps 5F through 5I to attach the Lining Bottom and Main Panels together.

B. With the **RIGHT** sides of the Exterior Case facing out and the **WRONG** side of the Lining out, slip the Lining inside the Exterior placing them **WRONG** sides together. Match the top edges and use binder clips to hold them in place. Then machine baste a 1/2" seam around the matched edges.

C. Fold the top edge 1/2" under toward the Lining and finger press along the folded edge. Then fold it under again 1 1/2". Place a piece of the double-sided fabric tape under the inner folded edge to hold it in place.

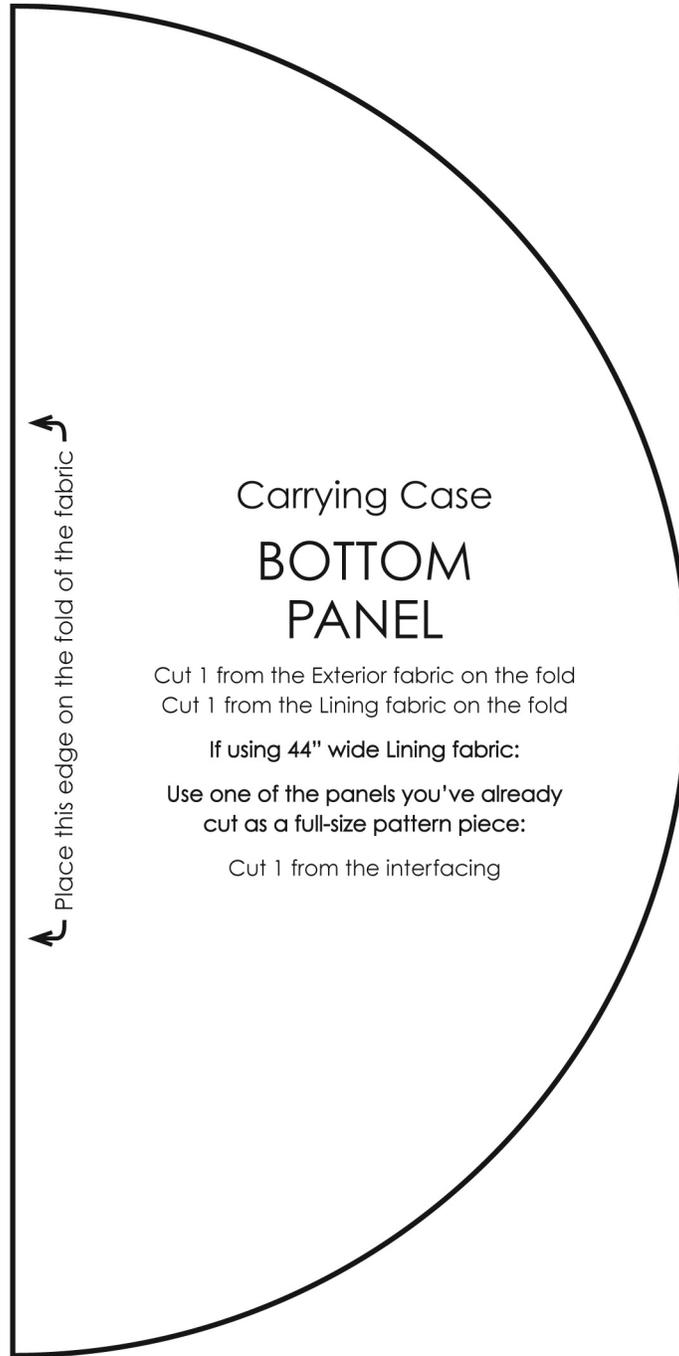
D. Next, measure 1 1/2" down from the top folded edge along each side of the Strap and mark. Draw a line connecting the marks.

E. Then to hold the Strap in place while you finish the top of the case, place a piece of double-sided fabric tape on the back of the Strap. Center it over the seam and finger press it in place.



F. Turn the panel over so the inside of the bag is facing up. Edge stitch completely around the inner folded edge keeping the Strap flat underneath while you sew. Backstitch at each end.

Your Carrying Case is complete! Fold your Blanket into thirds, roll it up tight, put it in your case and you're good to go!



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