

Oakshott fabrics used to sell quilt carriers, I am fortunate to have one, it is wonderful for carrying medium and large size quilts. Julia says she is happy for me to write instruction for how to make the carrier.

So here goes:



The Oakshott version is made from very strong furnishing fabric, you could manage with curtain weight, quilting fabric won't do. Curtain weight at minimum, the stronger the better.

You can alter the size as you wish but as I think the Oakshott one is perfect I will give you dimensions for an exact copy.

Requirements

Strong fabric	52" x 37"
Strap	2" x 120" or make from a piece of strong fabric 6" x 120"
Cord	80"
4 Magnetic snaps	

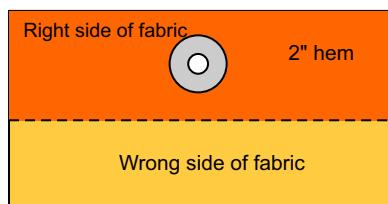


Method

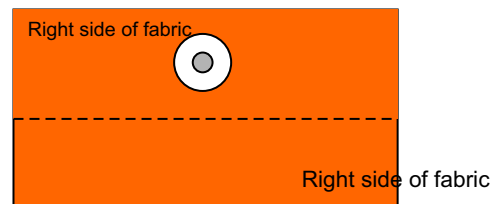
Short side hems and magnetic snaps

- On one short (37") side turn under 4" and press, fold the edge of the fabric to the crease and press again forming a 2" double hem.
- To position the snaps fold the fabric in half lengthwise and mark the halfway point on each short side, then mark $3\frac{1}{4}$ " either side of the centre. Next place marks $6\frac{1}{2}$ " out from each of these. On these 4 marks and 3" in from the edge of the fabric install the positive halves of the snaps. Re-fold the hem, enclosing the inside part of the snaps and sew in place. The snaps should be on the inside of the carrier.

Repeat for the other side but this time install the negative halves of the snaps 5" from the edge of the fabric. These snaps should be on the outside of the carrier.



One side hem should look like this



The other side hem should look like this

Long side hems and cord

- On each long side turn under 2" fold and press, fold the edge of the fabric to the crease and press again forming a double 1" hem. Sew in place leaving the ends open for the cord.
- Thread the cord through the channels, leaving about 6" excess on each end.
- Make a decorative end tab to prevent the cord from disappearing into the channel.

Strap

- Overlap and join the ends of the 120" strap.
- If you are using 6" wide fabric to make your straps, fold and press in half lengthwise and then press a further 1" turn; unfold and join the short ends and then re-fold along length and sew to form a 2" wide strap.
- The strap is sewn on parallel to the long sides 8" from the edge. Measure and mark 9" in from the short sides and then within these marks draw lines 8" from each long side, pin the strap edge along this line and sew as shown on diagram. Position the join in the strap within the part of the handle that is sewn to the bag. In this way you will not have any stress on this seam when there is weight in the carrier.

In some way label your carrier with your name and some details of how to find you, just in case you leave it behind somewhere.



