



Stuffed Animal Sleeping Bag

Technique:	Sewing, Quilting
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	<p>Small: 10" x 10" (25.40cm x 25.40cm)</p> <p>Large: 10" x 12" (25.40cm x 30.48cm)</p> <p>These sizes fit a 6" (15.24cm) and 9" (22.86cm) tall animal.</p> <p><i>Note: The sleeping bags can be made any size, depending on the animal size and shape.</i></p>

Featuring Dual Duty XP®, FreeSpirit Fabric

Delight a child with pretty sleeping bags for their stuffed animals or small dolls. They can tuck all of their little friends into these quilted sleeping bags that even have a sewn in pillow.

Supplies

The featured fabrics are from the FreeSpirit Wings and Things Collection by David Walker: Button Caps, Fairy Garden and Clouds. Make several in different combinations of the prints.

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) cotton print, for mattress
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) cotton print, for cover and pillow
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) cotton print, for binding
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) quilt batting
- Polyester fiberfill
- Quilting guide

Cutting

WOF = Width of Fabric

From the mattress print, cut

- (2) squares, 11" x 11" (27.94cm x 27.94cm) (small);
- (2) rectangles, 11" x 13" (27.94cm x 33.02cm) (large)

From the cover/pillow print, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 4½" x 7" (11.43 x 17.78cm), for pillow
- (2) rectangles, 6" x 12" (15.24cm x 30.48cm) (small);
- 7½" x 13" (19.05cm x 33.02cm) (large), for cover

From the binding fabric, cut:

- (2) strips, 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF)

From the batting, cut:

- (2) squares, 11" x 11" (27.94cm x 27.94cm) (small);
- (2) rectangles, 11" x 13" (27.94cm x 33.02cm) (large), for mattress
- (2) rectangles, 6" x 12" (15.24cm x 30.48cm) (small);
- 7½" x 13" (19.05cm x 33.02cm) (large), for cover

Assembling the Mattress

1. Sandwich the batting between the two mattress fabrics, wrong sides together.
2. Quilt as desired. The featured projects use a decorative stitch for quilting vertically along the mattress pieces. Use a quilting guide, if needed, to space the rows evenly.
3. After quilting, trim the mattress to 10" (25.40cm) square for size small or 10" x 12" (25.40cm x 30.48cm) for size large.

Assembling the Pillow

1. Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise with right sides together. Sew the 3½" (8.89cm) pillow ends together.
2. Turn the pillow right side out and press.
3. Stuff lightly and baste the open edges together.
4. Mark the upper mattress edge center point and the center of the stuffed pillow. Matching those points, baste the pillow in place a scant ¼" (.64cm) from the edge.

Assembling the Cover

1. Sandwich the batting between the two cover fabrics, wrong sides together.
2. Quilt as desired. The featured bags use a decorative stitch for the horizontal quilting.
3. Trim the cover to 5" x 11" (12.70cm x 27.94cm) for size small or 6½" x 12" (16.51cm x 30.48cm) for size large.
4. Press one binding strip in half wrong sides together. Bind the upper edge of the cover rectangle.
5. Turn the binding to the wrong side and hand or machine stitch in place.

Assembling the Sleeping Bag

1. Mark the lower edge center point on both the mattress and the cover sections.
2. Matching the side edges and center point, pin the cover in place with the wrong side against the mattress right side. Note that the cover will not lie flat.
3. About 2¼" (5.72cm) from each side of the center, make a pleat in the cover fabric so that it lies flat against the mattress. Baste in place.



4. Sew the partial binding strip to the WOF binding strip using a diagonal seam. Press the seam open and press the binding in half, wrong sides together.
5. Bind the edges of the sleeping bag, mitering the corners.
6. Turn the binding to the wrong side and hand-stitch in place.
7. Tuck the animal into bed with its head on the pillow and feet under the cover.