

# ***Wool and Cutting Mat Carrier*** ***an Original Pattern by*** ***From My Carolina Home***

Make a quick carrier to transport your wool pressing mat and cutting mat to your next class or retreat. This bag slides onto your rolling luggage handle to hold it securely. Easy to make, with only basic sewing skills needed.



## **Fabric, notions and cutting**

Base focus fabric -

cut one rectangle 34-inches x 22-inches

Lining and accent fabric -

one rectangle 34-inches x 22-inches

two rectangles 3-inches x 14-inches

one rectangle 20-inches x 22-inches

Batting - one piece 34 x 22 inches, plus a bit extra to stuff handles if desired

Velcro for closure - 10 inch strip of hook and loop tape

Begin by sewing the sleeve. Take the accent piece 20x22 inches, and fold in half lengthwise to create a 10x22 inch unit. Sew the long raw edge, leaving the ends open. Turn and press, centering the seam on one side.

Lay the focus fabric on your table right side up. Place the sleeve 5-inches down from one short side. Lay the lining fabric right side down on top. Lay the batting on top. Sew all around the sides, leaving an opening for turning somewhere away from the sleeve. Clip the corners. Turn, making sure the sleeve is on the focus fabric side, pushing the corners out to a nice point. Press. Topstitch all around the edge, closing the opening as you go.

Measure in 6-inches on the sleeve from the long side of the bag, and mark a line on the sleeve. Repeat on the other end of the sleeve. Sew on these lines to create a channel on the sleeve.

Add velcro to the lining side, putting the strips on the shorter ends. Place the velcro just inside your topstitching, centered on the edge.

Make handles next. Take the 3x14 rectangles, and fold in half lengthwise to form 1-1/2 x 14 inch handles. Sew one end, stopping about 1/3 of the way down the long side. Leave an opening, then sew the other end. Clip corners and turn right side out, pushing out corners to nice points. Optional, add some batting inside if desired to make the handles a bit bulkier. Press. Topstitch all the way around, closing the opening as you go.

Place the handles 7-inches from each long edge of the base on the focus fabric side of the base, and about 2-1/2-inches down from the short edge. This will ensure that you clear the velcro. Sew about a one-inch square on the end of the handle, attaching it to the bag. Then, add an 'X' inside the square for extra strength.

Fold the bag in half, matching the handles. Using clips to hold the edges, topstitch the sides together.

All done!! Now your bag will slip over your luggage or rolling crate, keeping it in place as you travel. I will be using mine a lot!!

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