

## **Page Protector Tote Bag**

Adapted from an article in the November/December 2005 *Rubber Stamper Magazine*

### **Materials**

- 8 plastic page protectors (I used 8 ½" x 11")
- Sewing machine with wide zigzag stitch
- Stampin' Up! Wide Twill Tape
- Optional: Grosgrain ribbon and Sticky Strip to cover seams

### **Directions**

- 1) Sew 6 page protectors together (side to side) using a wide zigzag stitch on a sewing machine to make the sides and ends. The seams are just overlapped (not like seams you'd make if sewing fabric). Make sure that the openings are all at the top.
- 2) For the bottom, sew two protectors together, end to end so the bottoms are sewed together.
- 3) Cut about 2 inches off the top of each of the bottom protectors. Slide chipboard and/or cardstock (about 8" x8"). The bottom will be in permanently (the panels aren't interchangeable on the bottom).
- 4) Sew the bottom to the sides (the six protectors in #1 above) to form the bag and sew the sides together to close up the bag.  
5. For the handles, I used the wide SU! twill tape. The handles are about 24" long. I sewed the handles to the bag about 4" in from the ends on the inside of the sides (so the inserts hide the sewing of the straps).

The finished inserts will be about 8" x 10 1/2".

I will probably add some grosgrain ribbon to cover the seams (to cover the Staples logo really).

Not sure if this is making sense or not, but hope this helps.

I adapted my bag from the *Rubber Stamper* article that used freezer bags. The instructions in *Rubber Stamper* concentrated much more on making the inserts (the layouts of the inserts, etc.) and gave very little guidance on making the actual bag.

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