

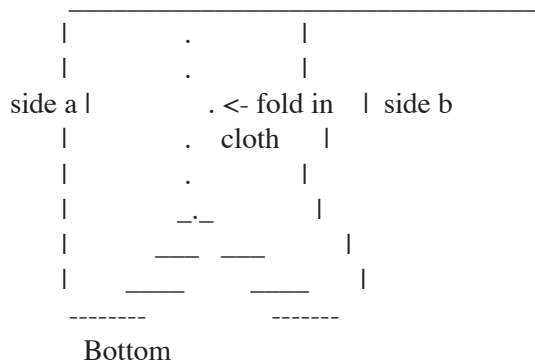
2nd Albany County Militia SNAP SACK INSTRUCTIONS

Here are the instructions on how to make a snap sack.

- A). Use a heavy canvas type of cloth (or heavy linen or hemp). The strap on my snap sack is (finished) 2" wide and 34" long. The strap was made by taking a 5" wide piece of material 34" long and folding it in half lengthwise and sewing together (1/2" seam allowance). The length of your strap may vary.
- B). Turn inside out so right side (outside) is out and press so seam is in middle of strap. It takes a bit of time to turn the strap inside out..
- C). Then sew down length of strap near seam in middle and on each side between seam and edges. Size the length of your strap to fit you. Of course you could always buy several feet of linen or hemp strap and avoid these steps.
- D). Next cut the cloth for the sack part (see pattern):



Top - where sack opens



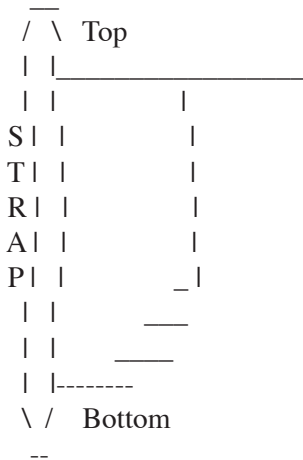
- E). Begin by folding the Top edge down 1" and sew and press.
- F). Next fold at dashed mark, matching Side A and Side B together. Make sure that the right (outside) sides are together. The 1" folded edge from step "E" should be facing out now.
- G). Next sew Side A to Side B, using a 5/8" seam allowance. Do not sew bottom edge yet.



H). Now, leaving the bag with the right sides together, place one end of the strap inside the bag with the rest of the strap sticking out the top. Place it parallel and against the seam you just sewed (Sides A & B) on the inside with one edge at the bottom of the bag. Sew the bottom edge and add extra stitches where the strap is connected.

I). Next turn the sack inside out so the right side is out.

J). Sew the other end of the strap to the top edge, on the inside of the bag. See example:



OK, so it is a bit crude. I hope that you understand what I'm getting at as I can't easily explain in words how it should be connected.

K). Next, if you do not have brass grommets and a grommet crimper, you should buy or borrow one. Of course, you do not have to use grommets, but it will make the lacing holes stronger. You can find them at craft and fabric stores (and probably at K-Mart and Wal-Mart).

L). Next, place the grommets. Look at the pattern for placement. When done, it will look better if you sew around the grommets using a button hole stitch as it will hide the non-period brass grommets. If you choose to not use brass grommets, then carefully cut small holes where directed by the pattern and sew then using a button stitch.

M). Weave the lace thru the holes and tie ends together. You are done. The lace can be a leather thong or hemp chord.

N). If you have any questions, please e-mail me. I hope that the instructions are clear. ngth of strap near seam in middle and on each side between seam and edges. Size the length of your strap to fit you. Of course you could always buy several feet of linen or hemp strap and avoid these steps.

