

## Quilted Insulated Water Bottle Carrier



**Note:** The height of the carrier fits my 10" tall (24 ounce) water bottle, to fit a shorter bottle, change the 8" + 2 1/2" height measurement as needed. The width should be ok, but change this too if necessary..

### Materials:

Cotton fabric –You will need (2) - coordinating fat quarters to make the carrier, or 1/2 yard of one fabric,(42 or 45" wide) this includes fabric for the lining

Or use leftover scraps from your stash

Cut – One 8" x 12 1/2" rectangle - (I pieced this with 8 – 2" x 8" strips)

One 2" x 12 1/2" rectangle – bottom strip

One 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle - top strip

One 2 1/4" x 18" rectangle - for the strap – this makes a 5/8" wide strap  
you can use 1/2" or 1" wide nylon webbing, or doubled grosgrain ribbon instead.  
Change the length if needed, to suit your style.

One 12 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle - for the lining

Two 4" squares, one from outside fabric, one from lining fabric

One 12 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle plus( 1) 4" square of Insul –Bright, or Thinsulate, or other low loft quilt batting

14" of narrow cording for drawstring at the top

Matching thread

**Directions:** Seam allowance is 1/4".

Cut one 8" x 12 1/2" rectangle (one single fabric, or pieced to that size as desired. Cut one 2" x 12 1/2", and one 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" strip of coordinating fabric. For the strap, cut one 2 1/4" x 18" strip from one of the fabrics (your choice).

To make the strap, fold the strip in half, lengthwise and press, open the pressed strip, and fold each cut edge to the center, fold the strip again along the pressed line, forming the strap, about 5/8" wide x 18" long. Stitch along each long edge of the strap.

Stitch the 2 1/2" strip to the bottom edge of the 8" x 12 1/2" rectangle.

Place one end of the strap 3" in from the side edge (the 9 1/2" long side of the now 9 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle. Let the handle edge overlap the edge about 1/4" Pin or stitch in place close to the top edge. Bring the other end of the strap up and pin or stitch 3" in from the opposite side edge. Make sure the strap is not twisted.

Turn the pieced fabric over and place the Insul Bright or batting against the wrong side of the pieced rectangle, baste around the edge to hold in place, or stitch along the seamlines to quilt it together if you have strip pieced the rectangle..



Stitch the 4 ½" wide strip to the top edge, stitching over the handles within the seam. This top edge will be folded down later to form a drawstring casing. You will need an opening for the drawstring to go through. To find the center, fold the 4 ¼" strip in half, both side to side and top to bottom and mark the spot. Make a ½"- ¾" vertical buttonhole at this center mark.

On the 12 ½" top edge, fold the edge down ¼", and press, or stitch. Or serge the edge. This top strip will be folded down over the lining and stitched in place as a last step.

Fold the entire rectangle in half, meeting the side edges, and stitch the seam top to bottom.

Cut a 4" square from the outside fabric and the Insul Bright (or quilt batting). Place the batting to the wrong side of the fabric square, and stitch an X from corner to corner, this is to hold the pieces together. With scissors, round off the corners to make a 4" circle. Place 4 pins at the bottom edge of the stitched rectangle to divide it in quarters. Match the quilted circle to this edge and stitch together.

Cut the lining piece 9 ½" X 12 ½" . Stitch the shorter edges together, right sides together, to form a tube. Trim the corners of the 4" square to make a circle and stitch to the lining tube.

Place the lining tube inside the finished outer tube, wrong sides together. Fold the top edge down over the lining, and stitch in place, by hand or by machine. At the top folded edge, the buttonhole should be right on the fold. Stitch a casing line about 3/8" from the folded edge. Insert the cording through the buttonhole, around the edge through the casing, and out through the same buttonhole. I knotted the two ends together, and just pull it snug when the water bottle is inside.

\* If you would rather have the carrier height shorter, to leave the top exposed, make the top edge contrast strip narrower, and just make a drawstring casing at the top edge.



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