

## GillyMac FoQ 2018 Water Bottle Carrier Class Notes

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This is a simple but very effective pattern for a useful item all children and adults will find a use for. The design is a double layer of fabric with a cord tie and a plastic toggle spring stop. The cord is encased between the layers. The nylon strap is cheap and made safe by the addition of a quick release parachute clasp.



### Requirements for Success

- ✓ Fat Quarter Exterior Fabric – Canvas (or 100% cotton quilting weight fabric with lightweight interfacing applied) – cut one 12" x 9" piece and one 4" diameter circle
- ✓ Fat Quarter Interior Fabric – Waterproof (shower curtain) or 100% cotton quilting weight fabric – cut one 12" x 9" piece and one 4" circle
- ✓ Fat Quarter Wadding – cut one 12" x 9" piece and one 4" diameter circle
- ✓ Applique Decoration ready to apply to exterior (e.g. backed with Steam a Seam Lite 2 or other similar product)
- ✓ 75cm of Bungee Cord (I used 4mm diameter cord)
- ✓ Spring double ended cord toggle
- ✓ *Eyelets (tool & hammer) (I used Prym 5mm diameter eyelets)*
- ✓ 1.5m 1" Nylon Webbing
- ✓ 1" Parachute Clasp
- ✓ Sewing machine, Thread, Scissors Pin or Clips and Spray Adhesive

*Items in italics are optional.*

## Method

1. Attach the applique piece to the exterior 12" x 9" piece and sew around it to fix it permanently in place. The orientation of the applique should be aligned with the 12" side being the horizontal line and the 9" side being the vertical orientation.



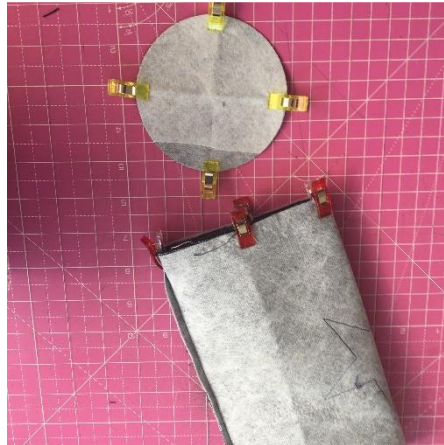
2. Make a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem at the top edge of the exterior fabric. This is one of the 12" sides.



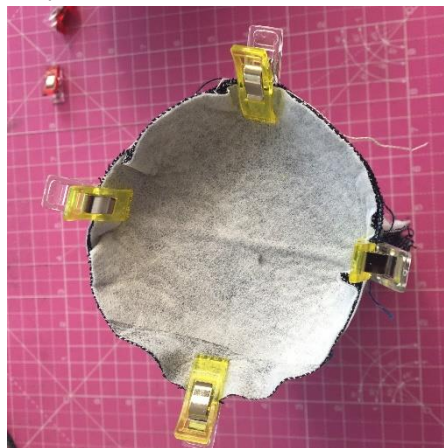
3. With right sides together sew the 9" sides together ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance) to create a tube.



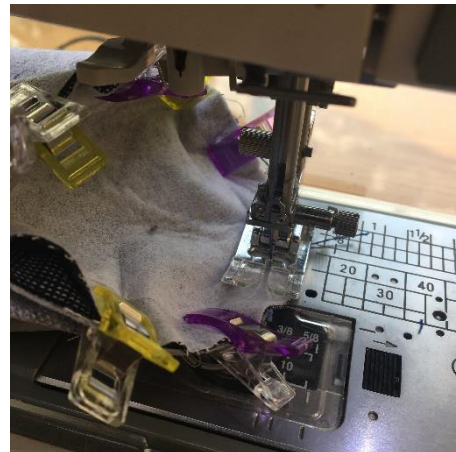
4. Taking the exterior bottom circular piece find the quarter points around the edge and mark them with a clip (or pin). Do the same to the bottom (unhemmed) part of the tube.



5. Now place the circular bottom, edge to edge with the tube, matching up and then clipping (or pinning) them together at these points.



6. Add additional clips or pins to secure the two pieces together and sew using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



7. Once sewn, snip into the seam allowance around the edge, being careful not to snip into the sewing line.



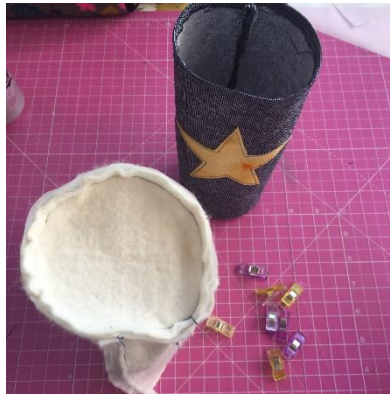
8. Turn the right way out and you have almost completed the outer casing of your water bottle carrier.



9. If using adhesive spray, glue together the wadding to the lining 12"x9" pieces and make a ¼" hem at the top edge by folding the waterproof or cotton lining over the wadding.



10. Repeat steps 5,6, 7 & 8 to make the inner carrier. When making this, remember that the right side is the waterproof lining or cotton.



11. On the exterior piece, mark where the eyelets will be. This should be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " down and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " either side of the central vertical line.



12. If you are not using eyelets, just make hole  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter at each of these markings. If you are using eyelets, make the hole and then apply the eyelets as per the instructions in the eyelet pack.

*TIP : I often get confused at which way round I place the eyelets in the tool. This picture should help you – also the larger/deeper eyelet is the one on the front of the piece.*



13. Next place the inner bag inside the outer bag.



14. Now we will make up the strap. Cut the Nylon strap in half and attach the parachute clip to the middle.



*Note : In the picture you will see that I am just using the parachute clip for safety ( as a quick release mechanism) , however it is possible at this stage to make the strap adjustable.*

15. Decide on the length of strap you want, trim the strap back to this size PLUS 1 ½" on each end. Slide each end of the strap between the outer and inner layers with each side opposite each other. 1 ½" of the strap should be between the layers on each side. Make sure your applique piece is still in the middle of the front.



16. Next, sew a line around the top of the bag which falls just below the eyelets. This will likely be about 1 ¼" down. This is a little tricky but take your time as it is very possible. As you sew around, you will be securing the strap in place.
17. Now thread your bungee cord through the hole or eyelet thread it between the layers and the out of the other eyelet. Secure the ends with the Spring Toggle Stop. Finally knot the free ends.



18. Sew another line around the top of the water bottle carrier. This will trap the cord in the middle and finished the top of the carrier.



19. Your water bottle carrier is now finished. Well Done !!

