**SAGA National Convention Nametag Holder**
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After attending two SAGA national conventions and trying to fit everything in my nametag holder to no avail, I decided to make my own. This nametag holder is easy to make and could be made from any type of fabric. I used upholstery weight fabric for mine and it held up well. I made it wide enough to put a dollar bill in the zipper pocket on the back. The inside small pocket is to hold the raffle basket tickets as I always tend to have a few left in odd places on Sunday morning! The middle section is large enough to hold a cell phone or lipstick. The other outer pocket is useful to hold a room key and meal tickets.

In making nametag holder, I constructed each piece and then made a bias binding to go around them all. I did not worry too much about the exact sizes, because once completed, and before attaching the binding, I squared up all the pieces with my rotary cutter.

**Materials**

- Fat Quarter of fabric (18” by 22”) or 3/8 yard of fabric (or whatever stash is handy)
- A small amount of lining
- One 9 inch zipper
- A 5 inch by 8 inch piece of heavy weight plastic.
- A small amount of fabric for the binding. This does not need to be cut on the bias, as it is only applied to straight edges.

**Directions**

Cut the main fabric to the following sizes (7 ½” is the width of all of the pieces)

- A- 7 ½” by 3 ½”
- B- 7 ½” by 4 ½”
- C- 7 ½” by 6 ¼” (cut 2)
- D- 7 ½” by 10”

Cut from lining fabric
- A - 7 ½” by 2 ½”
- B - 7 ½” by 4 ½” (cut 3).

Cut plastic 7 ¼” by 3 ½”.

Use 1/4 inch seams throughout.

The zipper pocket on the back is made by enclosing the zipper between the lining fabric, and the main fabric. Using the B piece of main and B of lining fabric, sandwich the zipper in between the main fabric and the lining, right sides together. Make sure the pull tab is on the left hand side and is facing the main fabric when sewing together. The zipper will be longer than your fabric, so center it on the fabric. This will allow for you to sew the seam with the pull tab out of the way of the zipper foot. (When attaching the binding you do not hit the zipper stops as they will have been cut off). Flip fabric to the right side and press. Topstitch close to zipper. (See photo 1).

Now attach the C piece of main fabric and the B piece of lining to the other side. Press seam towards the main fabric. Topstitch beside zipper, catching the seam allowance and the main fabric, do not catch the lining fabric. (Photo 2)
Fold main fabric back matching cut edges. This completes the zipper pocket and part of the main inside pocket. (Photo 3)

Sew piece A of main fabric to piece A of lining to make a tube. Turn right side out and press with one seam becoming the bottom seam. You will have main fabric that will turn to the lining side. This will make the ticket pocket.

Fold the D piece of main fabric in half wrong sides together.

Attach the ticket pocket mid way down by sewing on the bottom several times and dividing the pocket in half (makes for easier storage). Trust me... if you are a basket fanatic as I am... this is the most important step. (Photo 4)

Attach the last lining piece B to the remaining main fabric piece C. (This is to hold meal tickets). This could be left off the nametag holder, but I find it easier to have the tickets separate so I do not lose them. (Photo 5)

Layer all of the pieces, zipper pocket facing down, raffle ticket pocket piece next facing down, the meal ticket pocket and then the clear pocket for the name tag. Match up the tops of all the pieces.

Square the bottom and sides up with a rotary cutter.

Baste these pieces together along the cut edges.
Take a 2 inch by 22 inch strip of fabric (I used the main fabric as this was stronger) and make a double fold binding and attach to the cut edges mitering corners. There should be excess at both top ends to fold and make a loop. (Photos 6 & 7)

I used a neck strap from a wallet on holder, but you could use ribbon or make the binding long enough to go around neck or anything you chose.

Below are photos of my name tag from last year and the inside of this years’. Note that this year I used fabric covered in Blue Bonnets!