Duffle Bag

Materials Needed:
- 1 ¼ yard Canvas Fabric w/ Thread to match
- 3 yards 2” strap Webbing w/ Thread to match
- 18” Zipper

1. Place the bag pattern on the fabric and pin in place. Make sure the fabric is folded so that you will have two separate pieces. Cut on the solid line.
2. Place the pocket pattern piece and pin in place. Cut out one or two pockets depending on what you want.

3. Lay the bag pattern pieces right side up flat on the counter. Place the pattern on one of the pieces. Using a tracing wheel, mark the bag handle placement and pocket placement. Press down hard with the tracing wheel to transfer the marking. Repeat on the other piece.

3. Along the bottom of the bag, pin and sew a 5/8” seam. Finish the seam with a serged edge and press bag open.
5. Separately serge each edge of the two pockets (only 1 pocket is required).

6. Fold the top edge of the pocket down ½” to the back side. Stitch the top of the pocket using a ¼” seam allowance. Repeat with the other pocket.

7. Lay the bag RIGHT side up on a flat surface. Lay the pocket RIGHT side down with the top of the pocket facing the bottom of the bag. Line up the bottom of the pocket to the pocket placement line. Stitch along the edge of the serging (¼”).

8. Fold the pocket up so the serged edge of the bottom is hidden by the pocket and the top edge of the pocket is close to the zipper edge. Press. Baste the sides of the pockets in place with a ¼” seam. Repeat with other pocket.

9. Cut 6” off of the webbing for the zipper pull tabs. Then cut the 6” strip into two 3” pieces. Ask your teacher for permission to use the lighter. Melt the cut ends of the webbing using a lighter to prevent fraying. Be sure to burn the cut edge of your webbing strap too. Set these aside for use later.
10. Fold the webbing in half so the ends are overlapping 1". Be sure the webbing doesn't twist. Sew the ends together using a zig-zag stitch (Stitch length = 1, Stitch width 5) Mark the center of the overlapping ends with a pin and mark the center opposite with a pin as well.

11. Fold the strap so the pin matches the centers. Put pins in the ends. (The pins should evenly divide the bag strap into 4 sections.)

12. Fold the webbing together in half between the 6" bag handle markings on both sides of the webbing. Stitch a rectangle between the 6" bag handle markings.

13. Pin the webbing circle to the RIGHT side of the fabric. Center over the webbing placement guides. Position the overlapping, zig-zagged edges and the other center point over the center bottom of the bag. Be sure the webbing does not twist. Stitch using an 1/8" seam allowance, rectangles over each side of the webbing strap. Reinforce with a zig-zag stich (same stitch as step 10) at the top of each handle. Be sure to use the webbing colored thread.

14. Serge the zipper edges.
15. Place the zipper, with zipper teeth down on the RIGHT side of the bag. Pin the zipper to the fabric. Move the needle position to the far left and stitch with the zipper teeth lining up with the presser foot. (Tip: Needle DOWN! Start stitching with zipper open a few inches. Stitch to zipper head. Leave needle down, zip up the zipper head, and resume stitching.)

16. Fold the seam allowance towards the WRONG side of the bag (away from the zipper) and finger press so it lays flat. Move the needle back to the center position and top-stitch using a 1/8" seam allowance. This will stitch the seam allowance to the bag.

17. Lay the bag RIGHT side up. Fold the zipper-free end over so the serging covers the zipper. Match the bag to the zipper edge and repeat steps 15 and 16. Remember to adjust the needle position as you stitch the zipper to the bag. Then adjust it again to top-stitch.

18. Fold the 3" pieces of webbing in half so the melted, cut edges are together. Place the folded tabs at the end of the zipper. The melted edges should line up with the edge of the fabric. Stitch in place using a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat on the other end of the zipper with the second 3" tab.

19. Unzip the zipper about 6". With the bag in-side out (right sides touching), stitch the sides of the bag using a 5/8" seam allowance. Then serge.

20. Working on one corner at a time, fold so that the side seams match up with the zipper and the bottom center. Stitch using a 5/8" seam allowance. Serge finish.