Camera Bag insert

Turn your favorite purse or handbag into a camera bag.

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Materials Needed:

26" of Velcro
1.5 yards of Fabric or Woven Nylon
1/2" foam
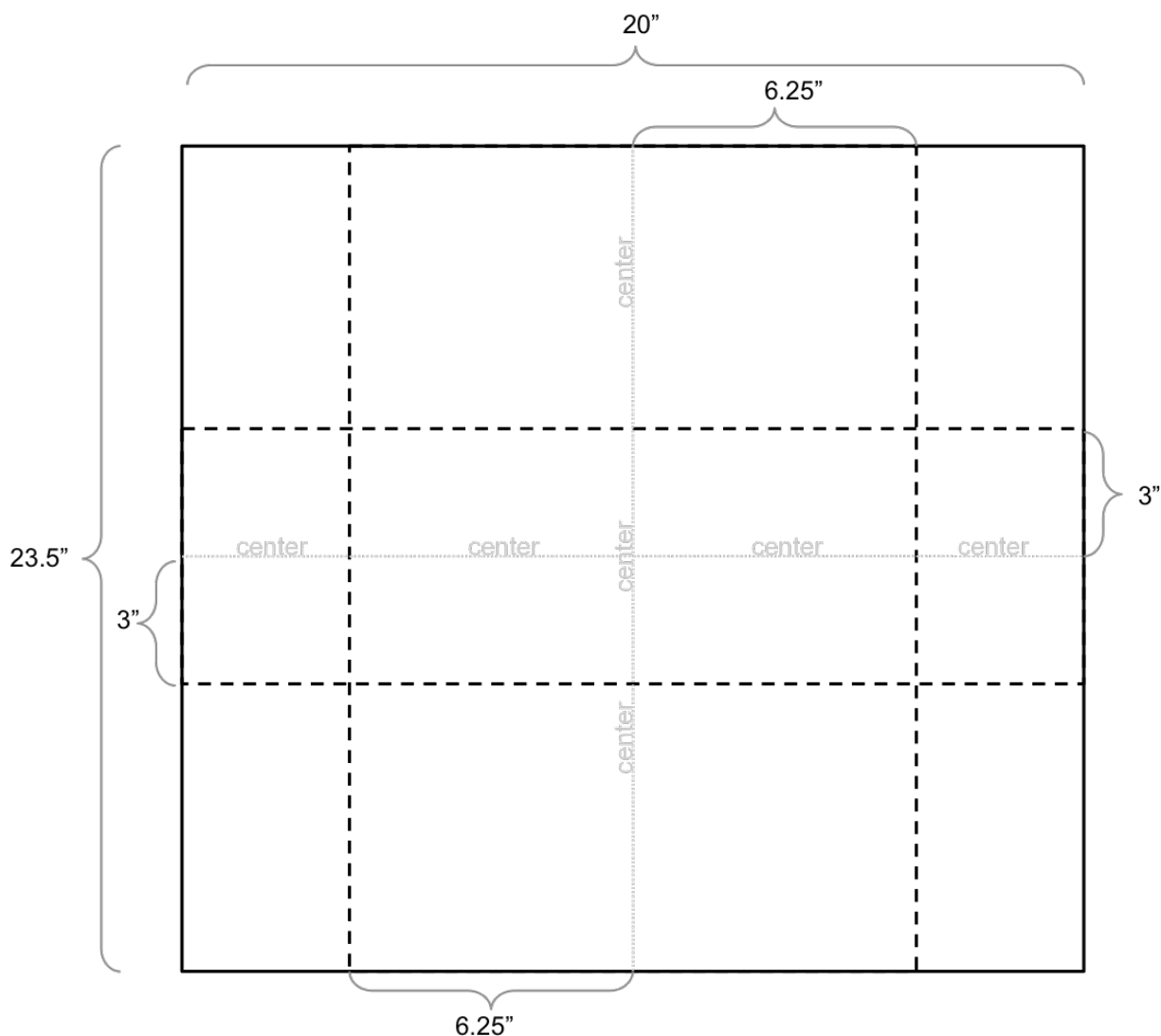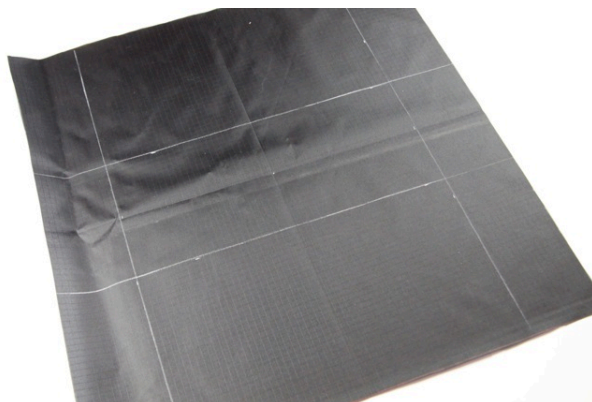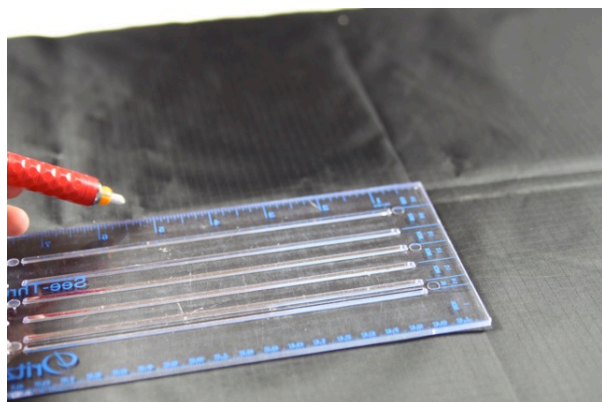Heavy poster board

Making the insert:

Step 1: Cut out two pieces of nylon or fabric 23.5" x 20"

Take each piece, fold in half open back up and fold in half the other direction to find the center.
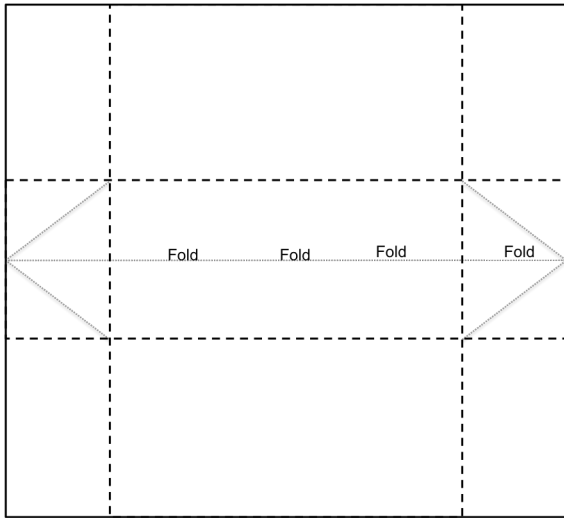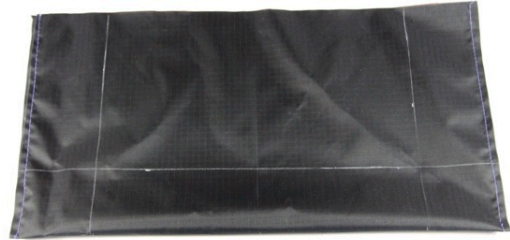
Starting at the center of each piece…..   ….measure out your grid lines as shown in the drawing at the bottom of the page.

20"

6.25"

23.5"

3"

3"

3"

center

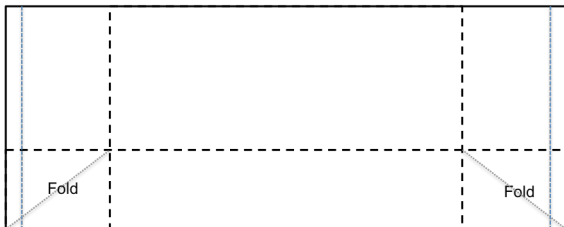center   center   center   center   center

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6.25"

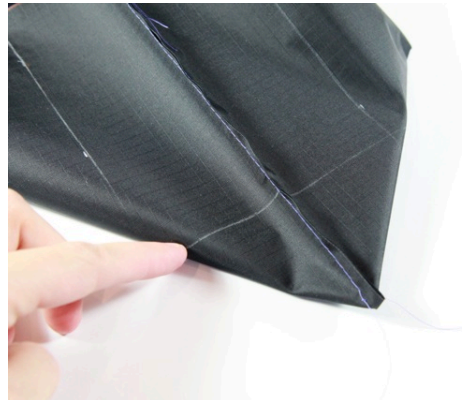**Step 2:** Take one piece of fabric or nylon and fold in half as shown:

Step 3: Sew up each side of the folded piece using a ¼" seam to create a pouch:

Step 4: Open the pouch, crease along the remaining diagonal lines shown below:

You will end up with a triangle shape like this on each end of the pouch.

Step 5: Sew along the bottom of the "triangle."

Repeat for the other side and you will have made a square bottom for the pouch.
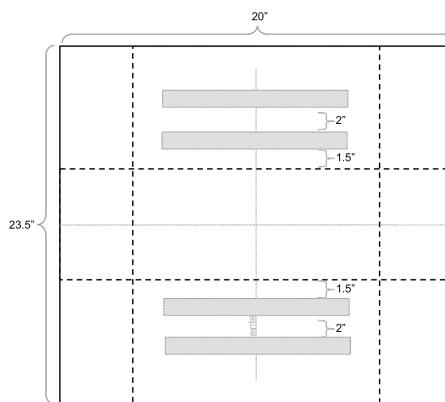
Step 6: Carefully trim the small triangles off each end of the pouch.

Step 7: Take your second piece of nylon or fabric and measure out the location of 4 pieces of 8" velcro (the "loop" or fuzzy side) placement.

Step 8: Sew your 4 Velcro pieces to the right side of the fabric:

Step 9: Fold this piece in half with the Velcro inside and repeat steps 3 through 6:

Step 10: Now you should have two pouches that look like this:

Step 11: Cut out cardboard and foam pieces in the following dimensions:
Bottom:12.25" x 5.75"
2 Long Sides: 12.25" x 6"
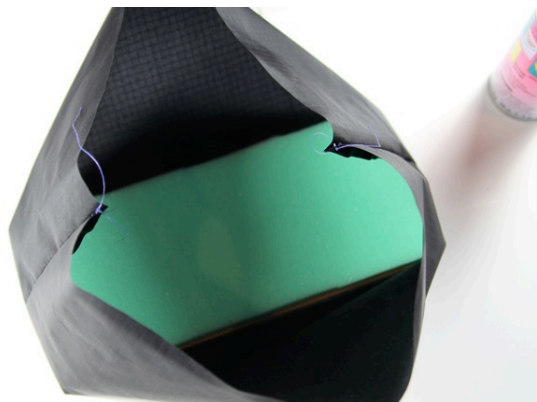2 Short Sides: 5.5" x 6"

Step 12: Turn the pouch with no Velcro right side out so the seams are inside. Spray a light coat of spray adhesive around the inside:

Step 13: Place the "bottom" piece of cardboard into the pouch, followed by a little spray adhesive….

.....and then the bottom piece of foam, followed by a tiny bit more spray adhesive.
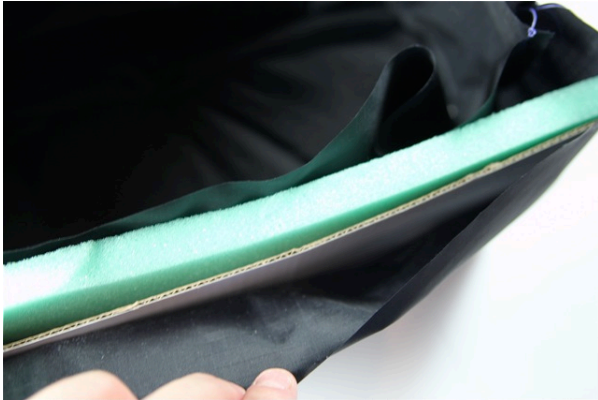
Step 13: Place the pouch with Velcro into the other pouch with the Velcro on the inside.

Carefully pin the bottom of the pouches together in several:

Place the remaining pieces of foam and cardboard into the sides as shown. The foam should be on the inside.

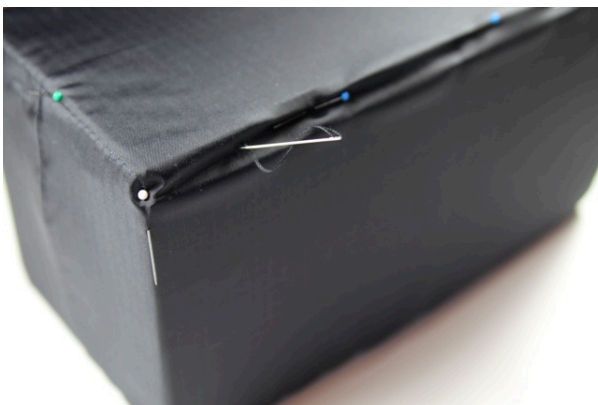Use spray adhesive to keep the pieces in place between the layers.

Carefully fold all your edges down ¼" to 1/2" and pin in place.

Using a needle and thread, use a hidden slip stitch to close the top of insert.

Use a few stitches around the bottom of the insert to keep everything in place.

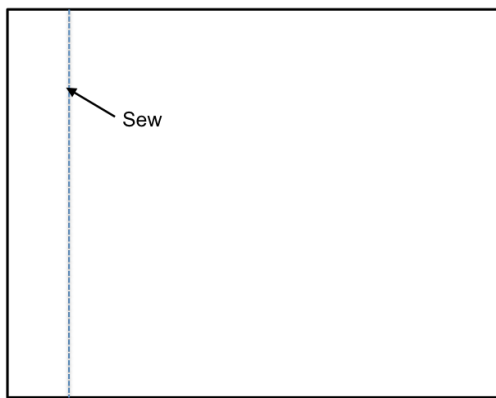Your finished insert! You are almost done…now for the dividers.

Cut two pieces of nylon or fabric 12" x 7.5":

Fold each piece in half and sew along two open edges as shown so that one 6" side is still open.
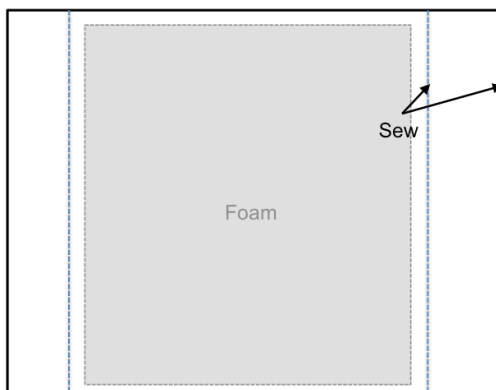
Turn right side out and sew one inch from the edge to create a place for a piece of Velcro to be sewn.

Insert a piece of foam 3.5" x 4.5" into the pouch:

Sew

Sew along side the foam on the outside of the fabric to enclose the foam and tuck in the ends and sew the entire pouch closed:
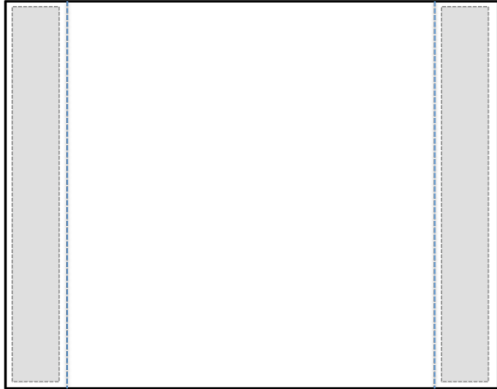
Your dividers should look like this now:

Sew

Foam

Sew a piece of velcro (hook side) onto each side of each divider.

Now you have 2 dividers for your insert that can be moved around to accommodate different sized lenses and cameras!