

# Cathy's Zippered Bag

12" X 14" Finished - Largest Sample

## Supplies:

### Fabric:

- 2 ea. 25" X 15" Pieces  
One of lining, one of fashion fabric
- 1 ea. 26" X 16" Batting (cotton preferred)

### Zipper (Matching or Contrasting)

1 ea. 16" long - I like the Sport type, it is heavier than usual, but any zipper that is longer than the bag is wide will do. I have even used separating zippers when they are on sale. (They won't separate for this bag, tho! We'll cut off that end.)

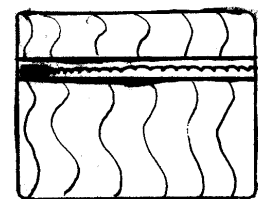
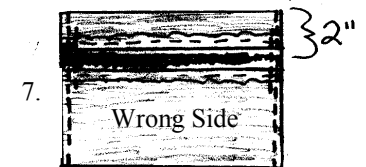
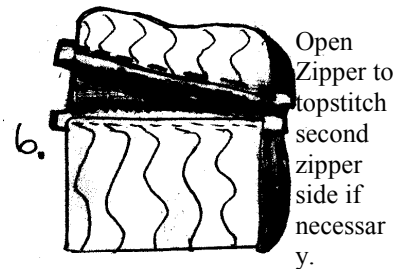
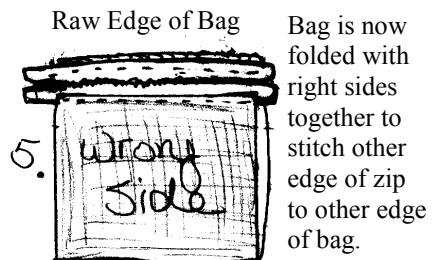
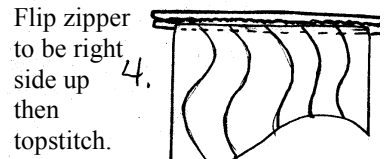
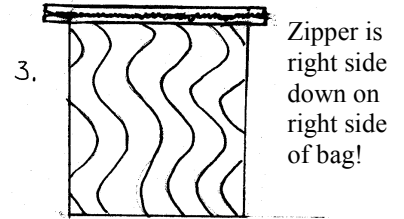
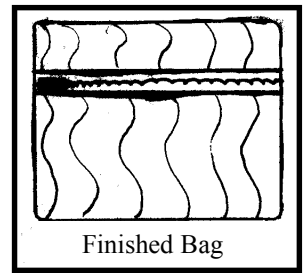
*Note: Bags can be made any size. Sizes given for illustration only. Bag should be made to fit available zipper sizes.*

## Stitching Directions:

1. Layer the fashion fabric, batting and lining for quilting. I've found that safety pin basting is enough to hold the layers. Practice your free-motion machine quilting. Do loops or stars or hearts or whatever. Or keep it simple with your walking foot and some channel quilting or do some double needle stitching. Just quilt those three layers together as desired.
2. Trim to 24 1/2 X 14 1/2 or smaller if necessary.
3. Lay zipper right side down to one short end of quilted piece. With zipper foot on machine, stitch close to, but not touching, the zipper, just on one side of the zipper. (Most zippers have a guide woven into them)
4. Turn zipper so it is right side up and top stitch in place with matching thread.
5. Now fold the bag in half RST. Line up edge of the zipper with the other short raw edge. Stitch zipper. (Open if necessary.)
6. Turn bag RSO. Unzip zipper. Flip zipper back (WST) and topstitch.
7. Leave zipper unzipped. Turn bag WSO again. Fold one short edge about 2" down WST. Use a ruler to check that it is straight. Pin.
8. Fold bottom of bag up so the teeth of the zipper touch. (**Zipper must be unzipped!**) Pin.
9. Put regular foot back on the machine and set needle position so your needle doesn't break!
10. Close zipper about 1/2 way.
11. Stitch side seams slowly, especially at zipper. Stitch slowly back and forth at zipper to reinforce.
12. Clip corners. Trim threads and zipper if necessary. Turn bag RSO and smile.... You're done!

### Note.... Abbreviations used:

*RSO Right Side Out      RST Right Sides Together*  
*WSO Wrong Side Out      WST Wrong Side Together.*



**Note:** Small Bag is cut 22" X 12" with a 14" zipper.

# Cathy's Zippered Bag Addendum

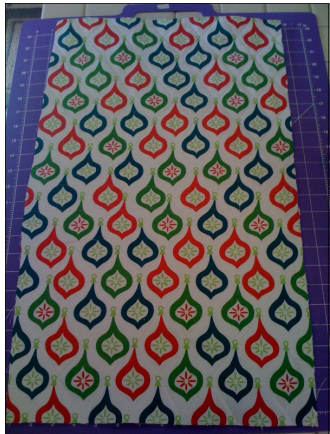
## Cathy's Zippered Tea Towel Bag Purse

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I just made this bag out of a Tea Towel. It was quick and easy and fun! I followed the regular instructions with some additions noted below.

First, I found this great holiday towel at Target. Not too expensive. Then I used a large scrap of green plaid fabric for the lining and dug out a recycled zipper. I also used a cute fob I had bought somewhere and about a yard of strapping. I would have preferred cotton strapping but this synthetic will do just fine.

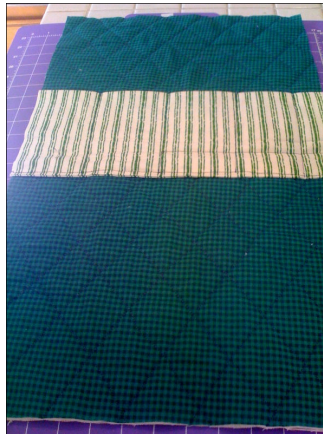
The bag is basically Cathy's Zippered Bag, but I boxed the top and bottom, tucking the ends of the strapping into boxing seam at the top. Oh, I added some inside pockets.



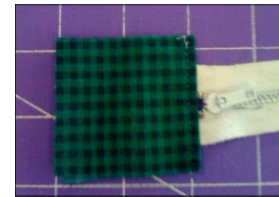
Here is the tea towel. I've quilted it just kinda following the design.



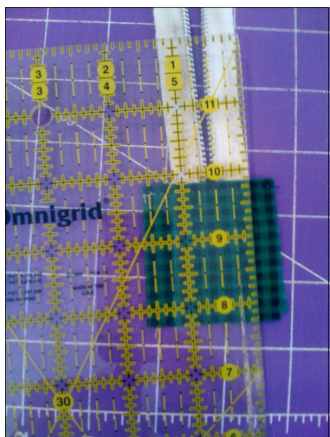
A Close Up



A lined rectangle for pockets on lining side about 7" down. The edges will be caught in the side seams. Add some vertical seams to divide into smaller pockets.



Adding tabs to the zipper brings it to the right length. They are 2" X 4" rectangles, folded, and added to the top and bottom at both ends of the zipper.



Trim off excess. Note that zipper is open.



Position zipper and stitch in place. Make bag according to standard directions



Here's the zipper fob.

Box the top and bottom corners by placing side seams atop center bottom (or top). Stitch across resulting triangle about 1 1/2" in. Be sure to catch the strapping in the top boxing. Avoid twisting the strap.

