

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.)

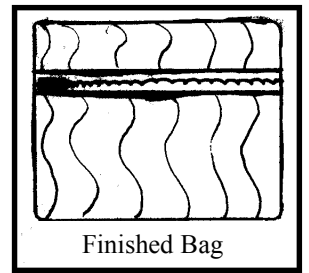
Note: Bags can be made any size. Sizes given for illustration only. Bag should be made to fit available zipper sizes.

Stitching Directions:

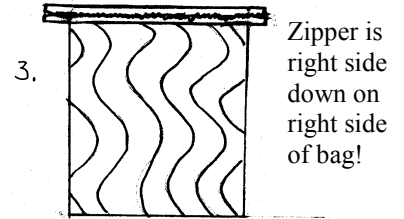
1. Layer the fashion fabric, batting and lining for quilting. I've found that safety pin basting is enough to hold the layers. Practice your free-motion machine quilting. Do loops or stars or hearts or whatever. Or keep it simple with your walking foot and some channel quilting or do some double needle 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:

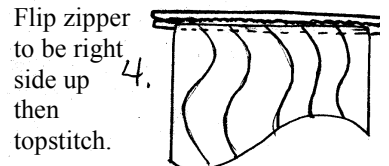
RSO Right Side Out RST Right Sides Together
WSO Wrong Side Out WST Wrong Side Together.



Finished Bag

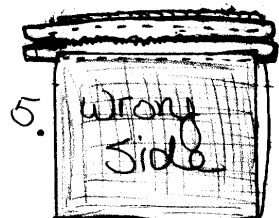


Zipper is right side down on right side of bag!

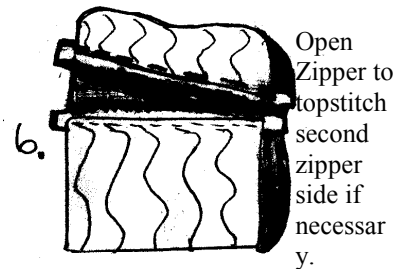


Flip zipper to be right side up then topstitch.

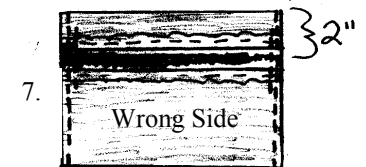
Raw Edge of Bag



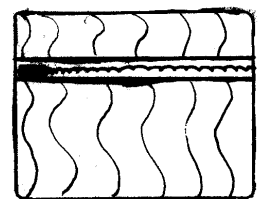
Bag is now folded with right sides together to stitch other edge of zip to other edge of bag.



Open Zipper to topstitch second zipper side if necessary.



Zipper **MUST** be opened before stitching side seams.



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