

Beginning Sewing - Zipper Bag



Materials

Two Fat Quarters

One 14" Zipper

14"x21" Rectangle of Fusible Batting

5" of Coordinating Ribbon or scrap fabric

Instructions

1. Cut both fat quarters into 14"x21" rectangles. Choose one fabric to be the exterior and the other to be the interior.
2. Iron fusible batting onto the wrong side of the exterior fabric. Set this aside.
3. Open the zipper halfway.
4. Place the zipper right side up along the 14" edge of the interior fabric. The zipper should also be right side facing up. **(Figure 1)**
5. Layer the exterior fabric right side down on top of the interior fabric and zipper.
6. Pin all three layers together.
7. Sew all three layers together using a zipper foot. The left edge of the zipper foot should follow the bump of the zipper. **(Figure 2)**
8. Open the fabric up so that the zipper is exposed.
9. Flip the exterior fabric over so that the right side of the fabric meets the right side of the zipper that is not yet attached.



Figure 1



Figure 2

10. Flip the interior fabric over so that it also meets the unattached zipper. Pin all three layers in place. You should now have two loops of fabric.
11. Sew through all three layers as in Step 7.
12. Turn the whole piece around so that the interior fabric faces out. Turn so the zipper is centered. **(Figure 3)**
13. Unzip zipper halfway as shown and trim any excess or unevenness off the raw edges.
14. Fold the ribbon in half and insert into bag, between the exterior fabrics, and with raw edges towards the outside. **(Figure 4)**
15. Sew through all layers at both short ends.
16. Pull the corners out so that they make a diamond shape. Pin in place. **(Figure 5)**
17. Measure 1.5" from the tip of one of the diamonds and mark a line perpendicular to the existing seam.
18. Stitch along that line. **(Figure 6)**
19. Repeat steps 17 and 18 for the other three corners.
20. Cut off the excess fabric triangles $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam.



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6