## 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 ¼" away from the seam.



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

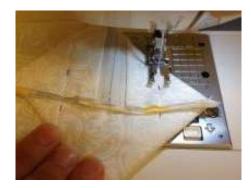


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