

Cindy's 12 Days of Gifts

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Day Four: Hot Tools Bag

Materials:

- (2) 9" x 21/22" Outer Fabrics
- (2) 9" x 21/22" Lining Fabrics
- (1) 9" x 21/22" Batting or Insul-Bright
- (1) 3.5" x 7" Handle Fabric
- (2) 3" x 3" Zipper Tabs
- (1) 24" zipper

Instructions:

1. Quilt outer fabrics to batting. If using fusible fleece you will just need to fuse and if you are using insul-bright, I recommend spray basting to help hold in place.
2. Place one outside piece, right side up and place zipper right side down align the long raw edges. Place one lining piece right side down on top, again aligning the long side. Stitch in place.
3. Open fabrics so that they fall away from the zipper. Press well and top stitch along the seam.
4. Repeat for other outer fabric, lining and other side of zipper.
5. Create handle. Fold handle in half lengthwise and press. Open and fold each long edge toward the crease, press and fold in half once more. Handle should now be 1.75" x 7". Topstitch along each long side. Set aside.
6. Create your zipper tabs. Fold each square in half, press, open and fold again so that the raw edges meet at the crease. Press again and fold once more. Your tabs should now be 1.5" x 3". Topstitch along the each long side.
7. Fold tabs in half once more and with right sides out and center over the zipper at each end. Extend the tab about 1/2" past the raw edge, this will mean the loop of the tab is pointing towards the center of the zipper.
8. Stitch tabs in place. You may need to open your zipper a couple inches for ease on one side.
9. Once tabs are in place, match like fabrics together. On the outer fabrics, stitch along the entire bottom. On the lining fabrics, stitch along the bottom leaving an opening large enough for your hand to fit through... Trust me!
10. Open zipper half way.

11. Accordion fold so that the bottom seams of the outer fabrics and lining fabrics match to the center of the zipper teeth, sandwiching the zipper. It may be easier to clip the layers together first (outer to zipper, then lining to everything).
12. Stitch along the two short sides. Turn through the opening.
13. After poking out all corners, close opening with a top stitch... or hand stitch closed... WHY????
14. Decide where you would like the handle to be. This could act as a hanger as well so placement is key. I would prefer for the handle to be on the side of the zipper pull as the bag is closed.
15. Once you have decided placement, fold each corner so that it makes a triangle and the seam runs down the center. Make sure the lining is laying flat inside and not bunched up. Measure and mark a line 2" from the point, going across the "triangle corner".
16. Place handle right side up with one short end extending about 1/2" past line towards the point. Stitch across the line, securing the one end of handle in place.
17. Repeat for the other side of handle and remaining corner on that side.
18. Repeat the fold, marking and stitching over mark on the other two corners. No handle will be place here.
19. Trim corner CLOSE to stitches. Also remove any excess of the handle outside the stitching. You will definitely want to stitch very close...
20. Turn bag wrong side out. Fold at each corner seam and stitch about 1/2" seam along the fold. This will trap all raw edges. Be careful that the handle doesn't get caught in the seam.
21. Turn back right side out and you're done!