

Finished the Candy? Sew the Bag!

Supply List

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Start with candy bags or packages from chips, cookies or other snacks. Add fusible vinyl and a zipper (with or without batting) to create easy and fun to make zipper pouches. While recycling packages from favorite snacks, you will create personalized and unique gifts for both children and adults. In class, you can try making a couple of different styles of bags so you can decide which you like best.

This class requires that you have basic sewing skills.

Fabrics and Other Materials

Candy or snack bags

Bags that work well include heavy candy bags (such as the heavy bags that hold M&Ms or wrapped candy) or bags from snacks such as foil-lined chip bags. Do not choose plastic bags. I suggest bringing at least six bags to class so that you have a variety of sizes and styles to choose from. Before class, wash the bags by hand with dish soap so that they are clean and ready to use.

Fusible vinyl

There are several brands of fusible vinyl. Some are glossy and some have a matte finish. Examples of fusible vinyl products include:

- HeatnBond Iron-On Vinyl
- Pelion Vinyl Fuse 100 (glossy) or Vinyl Fuse Matte 102M
- Lazy Girl Slicker

The exact amount of fusible vinyl that you will need depends upon the size and number of bags you make. I suggest bringing 2 yards to class.

Lining Fabric

The amount of fabric that you will need depends on the size and number of bags you make. I suggest bringing 2 or 3 fat quarter size pieces that coordinate with your candy bags.

Batting

Use 100% cotton or 80/20 cotton/poly batting. Several large scraps (larger than your bags will be when they are cut open) will be fine.

Zippers

Zippers should be polyester (not metal) so they can be cut. I suggest that you bring to class three zippers that coordinate with your candy bags. 14" is a good length for most bags. The zippers show when the bags are complete, so you will want zippers that coordinate or contrast in color with your materials.

Tools and Other Supplies

- Thread: colors to coordinate with your fabrics. Some stitching will show on the outside of the bags.
- Basic sewing supplies (scissors, pins, machine needles, bobbins, seam ripper, safety pins, scissors, tape measure, etc.)
- Scissors that you use to cut paper (not your good fabric scissors)
- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade, cutting mat
- Quilters' rulers: bring several sizes, including short and long rulers. If you have a large square ruler, bring it.
- Pencil
- Point turner, such as a bone folder or other object with a rounded point
- Wonder Clips (optional but very useful!) Small binder clips can also be used.
- Sewing machine in good working order – preferably a machine that will do a zigzag stitch. (The zigzag is optimal but not essential.)
 - Be sure to bring your foot pedal, power cord and bobbins.
 - Be sure that you know how to operate your machine, as the class will focus on making the zipper bags rather than on machine operation.
 - Use a fresh needle (such as a size 80 universal needle). Bring all of the feet that you have. (You will need a regular sewing foot. If you have them, a ¼" foot, a walking foot (or even feed foot), zipper foot, an edgestitch foot or "stitch in the ditch" foot may be useful.)

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