

## SIMPLE ARTFUL STUFF

# Tutorial

## BOXY BAG

Boxy bags are relatively easy to sew. They make great gifts, and are useful for so many things. But I especially love them as gifts for men.

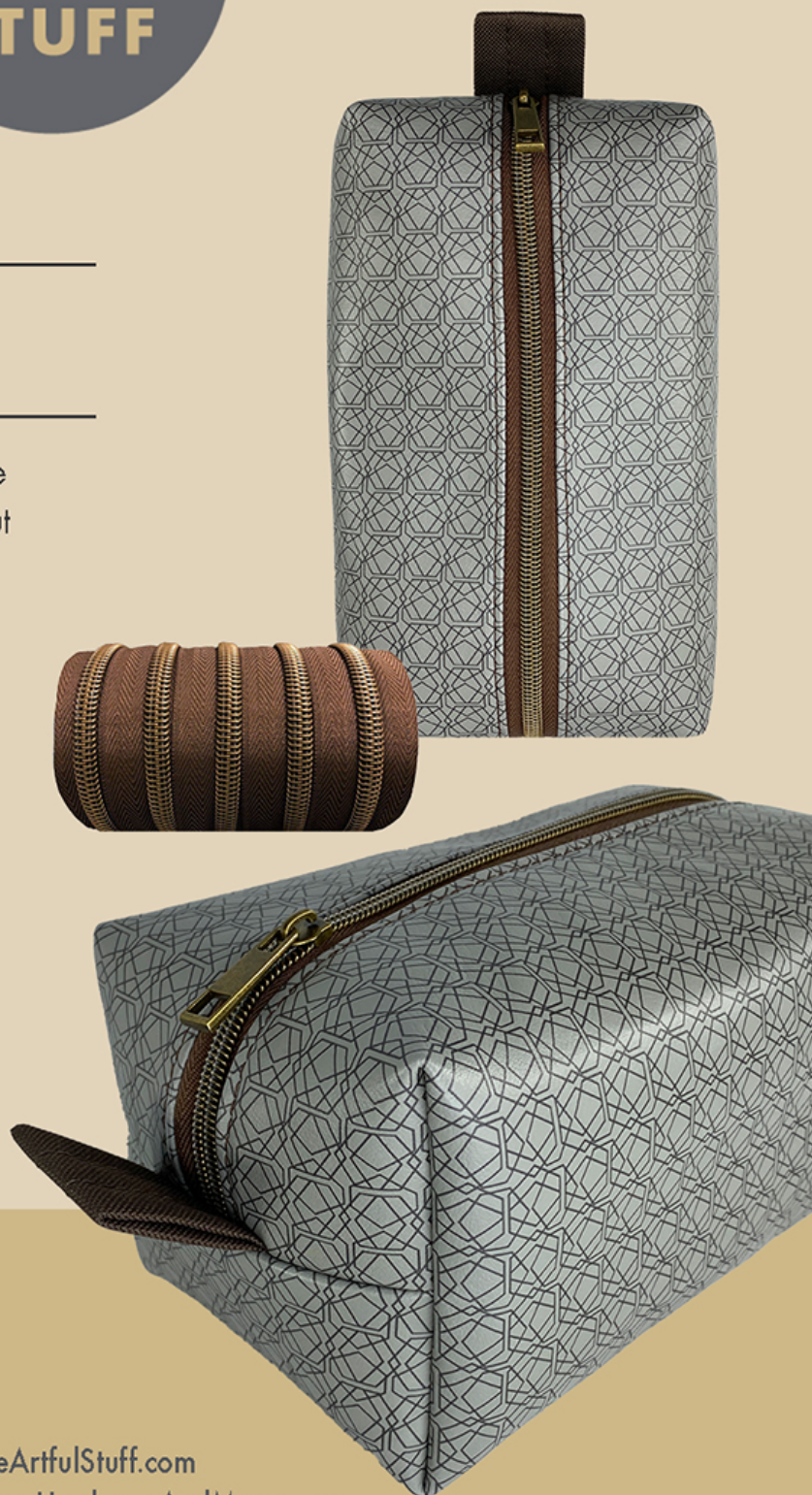
This is not an original design or proprietary pattern. It's just my version with the dimensions I prefer to use.

There are many great tutorials for these bags on YouTube by other talented makers. Consider viewing these as well.



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# ANNE'S BOXY-BAG

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I especially love these bags as gifts for men. But with different choices of fabric, zipper and pull, they can be for anyone.

This "man-bag" on the left uses an upholstery vinyl, with zipper tape and pull by LuxeHardwareAndMore.com. I used Decovil Light interfacing from GotInterfacing.com which was kept out of the seam for a nicely structured finish.

**MATERIALS**  
 EXTERIOR: VINYL [JOANN'S] | DECOVIL LIGHT [GOTINTERFACING.COM]  
 LINING: WATERPROOF CANVAS [FABRICWHOLESALEDIRECT.COM]  
 ZIPPER TAPE: LUXEHARDWAREANDMORE.COM  
 PULL: LUXEHARDWAREANDMORE.COM

**CONSTRUCTION**  
 EXTERIOR: CUT 1 @ 18" x 14"  
 LINING: CUT 2 @ 9.5" x 14"  
 CORNERS: 1 3/4" SQUARE  
 SEAMS: 1/2" | BOX CORNERS 1/4" | CLOSE LINING 3/8"

## CUTTING DIMENSIONS

FABRIC	ANNE'S CHOICE	CUTTING DIMENSIONS
Exterior	Vinyl	Cut 1x @ 18" x 14"
Lining	Waterproof Canvas	Cut 2x @ 9 1/2" x 14"
Pull Tabs	Waterproof Canvas	Cut 2x @ 3 1/4" W x 4.5 Long
Interfacing*	Decovil Light (exterior)	Cut 1x 12.75" W x 17.25" Long
Zipper	#5 Nylon	Cut 1x @ 18" Long
Corner Cut Outs		Uses a 1 3/4" square

### Notes:

- Cutting zipper length long makes it easier to topstitch zipper without needing to remove pull.
- With exterior piece, the zipper gets sew across the 14" length
- DV Light is cut to fit well to fully clear seam/stitching area with some extra room to spare. If it is too close to seam, it makes it more difficult to sew across zipper area.) Once DV is cut, then fuse it to the back of the exterior fabric.
- Handle Tabs will be folded into center lengthwise. Is then stitched lengthwise close to the center on each side so that the open line stays in place. Once tabs are stitched they will be folded in half, so you end up with each being appx 1 1/2" W x by 2.25"
- If you are not using waterproof canvas and instead using a quilting cotton, you may want to first interface it with a woven fusible such as Wovenfuse or Pellon SF101
- CORNER CUTOUPS: These are cut out of all 8 corners (4 exterior and 4 lining, after the sides are sewn. Be sure to measure from the stitch line and not the fabric

## SEAM & MARKING ALLOWANCES

Zipper Sew-On	1/4"
Zipper Top-Stitching	1/8"
Seam Clearance / Each Side*	5/8" on each end
Exterior Seams	1/2"
Lining Seams	1/2"
Box Corners	1/4"
Lining Closure	3/8"

\*Only sew zipper/topstitching to appx 5/8" of each side to allow for clearance later when sewing exterior and lining seams independently.

### DIRECTIONS

#### GETTING STARTED

- Cut all pieces
- Mark all seam allowances with ruler (if you don't have a marked stitch plate)
- Make all centering notches (on all sides of fabric) being sure to keep them small so they do not cut near the stitching areas.
- Fuse your interfacing
- Tip: It a good idea to make the two tabs first so they are ready for insertion

#### STEPS

1. Exterior fabric RSU (right side up)
2. Mark each of the 14" ends 5/8" inward (so you only put tape up to this point and only sew to this point)
3. Place DST (double-sided tape) along 14" edge
4. Zipper is RSD (right side down) with pull to left
5. Place lining on top of zipper so it is right side down
6. Sew on first side of zipper
7. Place DST on other end of 14" exterior
8. Fold Exterior up with RSD on top of other side of zipper (which will be RSU) So you have the RS of fabric on top of RS of zipper)
9. Place DST then lining fabric
10. Sew on second side of zipper
11. Finger press the exterior vinyl down (using fingers and not iron) along zipper (to make topstitching easier)
12. Using iron, carefully press down in place the lining fabric along zipper (if you are using waterproof canvas, be careful not to melt the plastic side)
13. Topstitch along zipper using 1/8" – You will start and stop at the 1/2" side marks and double-stitch two stitches at each end. (If using leather you will use the thread-pull-to-back-method instead)
14. Sew closed the 2 lining pieces at their bottom. Be sure to leave an opening that is 6-inches wide. ( TIP: press the open areas down to make to make it easier to sew the lining closed later.)
15. Flatten out the exterior side and the lining side being sure they are centered where the zipper meets.
16. On the exterior side, insert you tabs on each side, being sure to carefully center them over the zipper. (the folded side goes inside, and the open sides are facing outside the seam. Use some DST to hold them in place.)
17. Lining: Sew each of the two Lining sides closed (being careful around zipper area and pushing any fabric out of the way)
18. Exterior: (a) Sew each of the exterior sides closed, being careful around zipper area and pushing any fabric out of the way. (b) sew a second time from the opposite side. (By double stitching the exterior corner seams you will avoid your stitches being stressed which sometimes makes your stitches show
19. Sew across the zipper (both exterior and lining together) on each side
20. Using a 1 3/4" square otag template (use a file folder or something stiff), trace and then cut out each of your corners (8 in total). Keep in mind the square is placed at the sewn seam and not the raw edge.)
21. Draw a 1/4" line around the cuts on all 8 corners. This will make your sewing easier/straighter
22. TIP: You might want to do a few stitches at the cut ends to reinforce them so they don't rip open when you try to sew up the corners.
23. Trim off any excess/extending zipper tape and/or pull tab fabric.
24. Box and sew each corner. It's good to sew the 4 lining corners. (It can be harder to wrangle than the lining will be). Then sew the exterior corners.
25. Birth the bag
26. Sew the opening in the lining closed using 3/8