

LITTLE FABRIC SHOP

A MODERN FABRIC SHOP FOR JOYFUL SEWING

Zipper Bag Tutorial

Size: H: 6" x W: 9 1/2" x D: 4"



Fabric Used: Bright Eyes Fabric Collection from Anna Maria Horner

FINISHED SIZE: H: 6" x W: 9.5" x D: 4"

DIFFICULTY: Beginner with Zipper Knowledge

SEAM ALLOWANCE: 1/4" throughout pattern

DIMENSIONS: are written height x width throughout instructions.

BACKSTITCH: At beginning and end of all seams to lock stitches in place.

MATERIALS:

One Fat Quarter (H: 22" x W: 18") for Exterior Fabric in Quilters Cotton, Linen, Woven, Canvas or Duck Fabric

One Fat Quarter (H: 22" x W: 18") for Lining Fabric in Quilters Cotton, Linen or Lightweight Woven Fabric

One H: 22" x W: 18" for Fusible Fleece (such as Pellon 987F)

One 9" Zipper

SUPPLIES:

Ruler, Scissors, Rotary Cutter, Mat, Pins, Binding Clips, Zipper Foot or Walking Foot, Chopstick or Pointed Tool

FABRIC SIDES:



Right Side of Fabric



Wrong Side of Fabric

CUTTING:

Exterior Fabric, Lining Fabric & Fusible Fleece

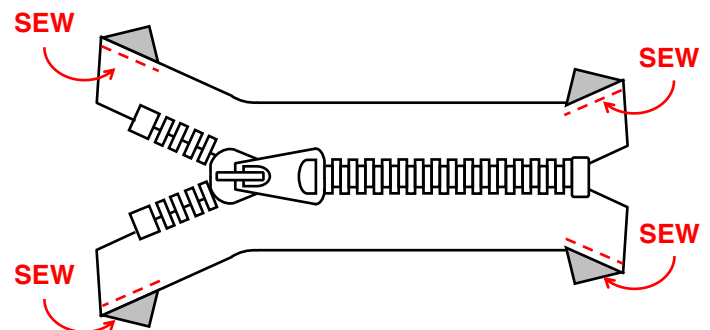
Using Cutting Template on **Page 6**, cut two pieces of each fabric - Exterior, Lining & Fusible Fleece. Make sure to place folded edge of fabric/fleece along red line on the Sewing Zipper Bag Template prior to cutting.

STEP 1:

Iron Fusible Fleece to wrong sides of Exterior Fabric.

STEP 2:

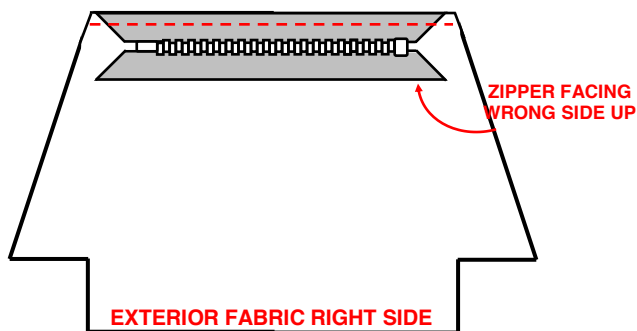
Sew all four zipper tape edges back at a 45° angle with a 1/8" seam allowance.



STEP 3:

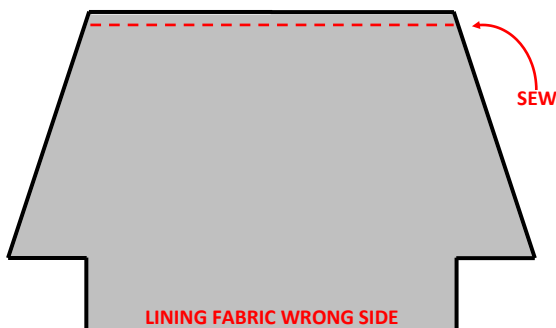
Attach zipper to the exterior of fabric. Place zipper **WRONG SIDE** up along the **RIGHT SIDE** of one of the Exterior Fabrics. Center the zipper along the top edge of the fabric.

Pin to hold in place. With either your zipper foot or walking foot, sew on with a 1/4" seam allowance. You will need to open or close zipper as you sew to allow your presser foot to pass.



Place **WRONG SIDE** facing out lining fabric directly over the **RIGHT SIDE** of exterior fabric and sewn zipper making sure all sides of the lining fabric is lined up with the exterior fabric & sewn zipper.

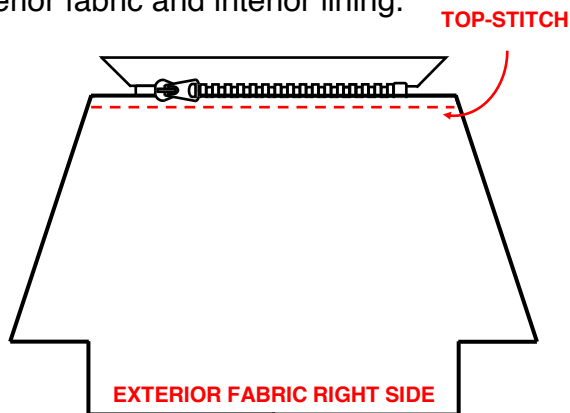
Pin to hold in place. With either your zipper foot or walking foot, sew on with a 1/4" seam allowance. You will need to open or close zipper as you sew to allow your presser foot to pass.



STEP 4:

Fold fabric back so that zipper is outside along top of bag and both exterior and interior fabric are facing outward (**WRONG SIDES** of exterior fabric and interior lining should be touching each other). Press to set seams.

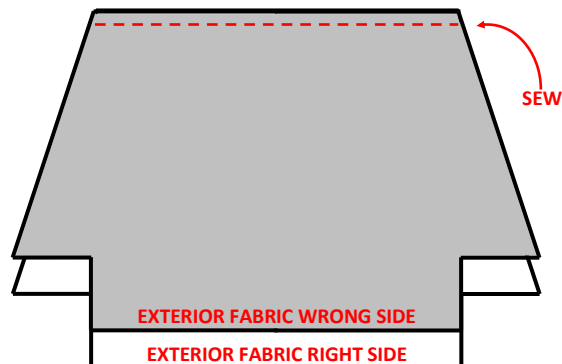
Sew a 1/8" top-stitch seam along top edge of fabric making sure your sewing through both the exterior fabric and interior lining.



STEP 5:

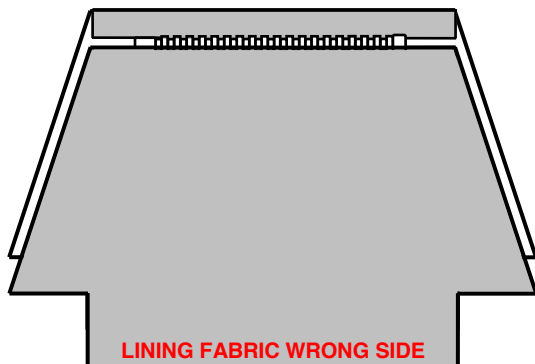
Attach remaining exterior fabric & lining to the other side of zipper tape. With the **Right Side** of sewn exterior fabric up, lay the other exterior panel along unsewn edge of zipper tape (**WRONG SIDE** facing up).

Make sure exterior fabric is centered on zipper tape. With a 1/4" seam allowance, sew along top edge. You will need to open zipper as you sew.



STEP 6:

Flip over project so that the exterior fabric is on the bottom and the WRONG SIDE of lining fabric is facing out.



Place unsewn lining fabric WRONG SIDE out centered on top of zipper tape. Pin to hold in place.

Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance along top edge of zipper tape, lining & exterior fabric.

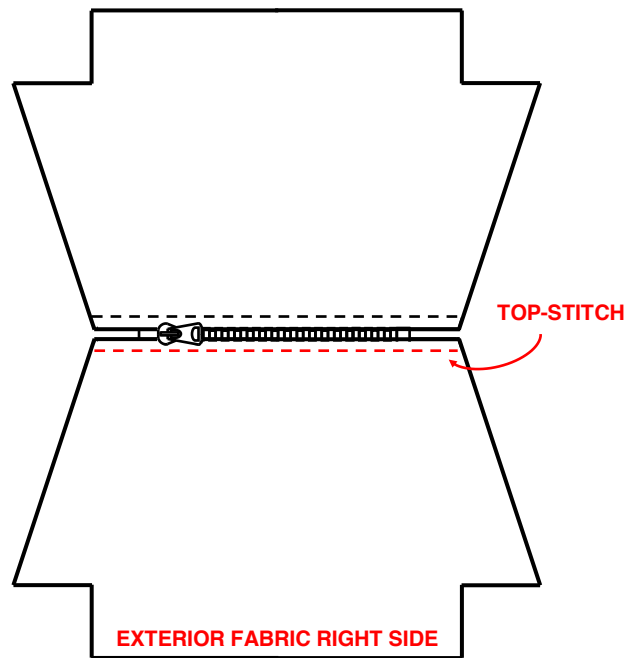
See diagram in **STEP 5** for sewing example.

STEP 7:

Fold fabric back so that zipper is outside along top of bag and both exterior and interior fabric are facing outward (WRONG SIDES of exterior fabric and interior lining should be touching each other).

Press to set seams.

Sew a 1/8" top-stitch seam along top edge of fabric making sure you're sewing through both the exterior fabric and interior lining. Backstitch at the beginning and end of seam to secure stitches.



STEP 8:

Unzip the zipper halfway.

Open up the fabric so that WRONG SIDES of exterior fabric and lining are facing outward. Line-up exterior fabric with exterior fabric & lining with lining and pin to hold in place.

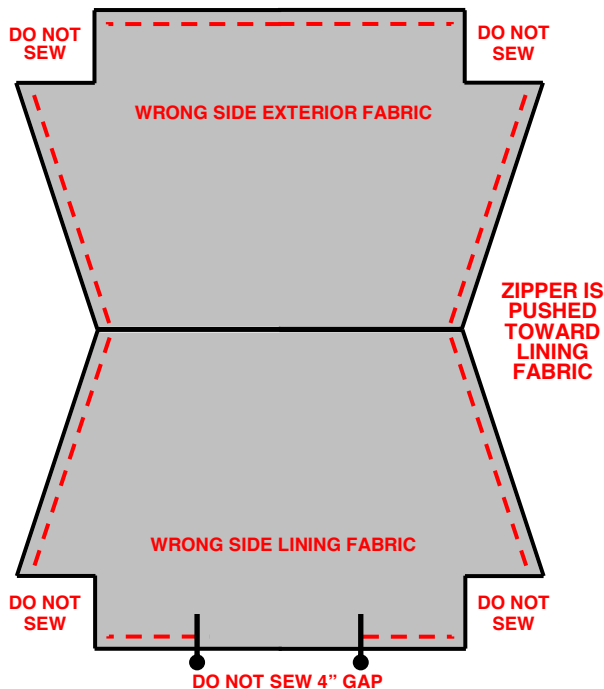
Zipper should be facing into the lining fabric.

Along the bottom edge of lining fabric, create a 4" gap in the pinning. This area will not be sewn.

See diagram in **STEP 9**.

STEP 9:

Sew along exterior of bag with a 1/4" seam allowance. DO NOT SEW any of the four 90° cut-outs and the 4" gap along bottom edge of lining fabric. Backstitch at beginning and end of each seam to hold stitches in place.

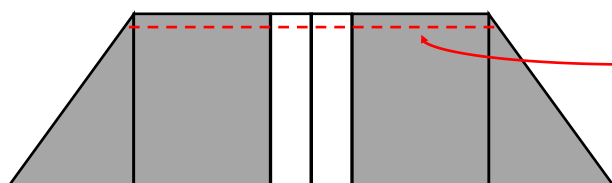


STEP 10:

Press open 4" gap seams along the bottom of lining fabric.

STEP 11: Create box corners.

Pull the top and bottom layers of one corner apart, pinch together so that the top seam lines up with the bottom seam. Pin in place and sew across using a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with all remaining exterior and interior corners.



MAKE SURE TOP AND BOTTOM SEAMS ARE ALIGNED. SEW WITH 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE.

STEP 12:

Turn the bag RIGHT SIDE out by pulling fabric through the 4" unsewn gap of lining fabric. Use a pointed tool to gently push-out the corners. Be careful to not push the pointing tool through the fabric.

STEP 13:

Close the 4" gap in lining that was used to turn fabric by either hand sewing or machine sewing with an 1/8" seam allowance top stitch. Then tuck lining fabric into bag.

Give a gentle press to the turned fabric to set seams. The interior fabric should be outside the top of the exterior fabric.

Congratulations! You're Finished!

We created this tutorial to be shared. Sewing is a passion for us, and we love to create projects for our sewing community. Please pass this tutorial on to your sewing friends. If there are any projects you need help with or would like to see a tutorial for, please let us know. It is a joy to work with our fellow sewists and create handmade fabric pieces.

If you make a Zipper Bag, please tag us on Instagram [@little.fabric.shop](https://www.instagram.com/little.fabric.shop) so we can see your work and we can share your creativity to inspire other makers. Happy Sewing!

Cutting Template

PLACE SEWING ZIPPER BAG CUTTING TEMPLATE ALONG FOLD OF FABRIC HERE

Zipper Bag Fabric Cutting Template

Cut:

- 2 Exterior Fabric
- 2 Interior Fabric
- 2 Fusible Fleece

1"
Square
Test

Measure 1" Square Test Block to make sure the template is printed at the correct dimension.

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