# **SEWING PATTERN #10 - Bonk Bag**





Try our "Bonk Bag" when you need both hands:
Disneyland, concert, travel, dog walks, kids, life!
Shoulder bag, hip pack, waist pack, crossbody, sling bag... big enough for your bathing suit or a light extra layer.

- Adjustable 1 1/2' wide strap for ultimate comfort.
- Use sturdy clip for easy on and off.
- Zipper opening has two zipper pulls "kissing" in the middle for easy access into the main compartment with either hand.
- The Bonk Bag is lined with laminated cotton too, so no worry about spills inside or out.
- Inside pocket for safe keeping.



6"tall x 9"wide x 3"deep Strap adjusts 32"-56" (or any length you want)

#### **Materials**

- Fabric: 1/2 yd ea of 2 prints of laminated cotton. (One for inside, one for outside.)
- Webbing: 1.5 yds 1 1/2" nylon or other webbing.
- 15" #5 coil zipper, YKK
- + 2 pulls, or 16" store bought zipper
- 1 side release buckle
- -1 slider for the loose end of the belt

## **Sewing Notes**

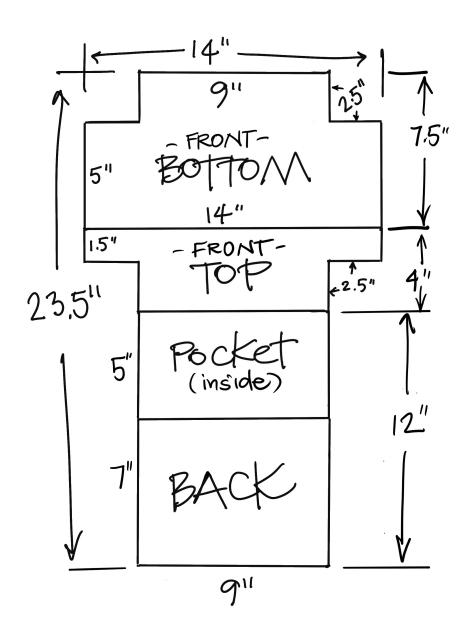
Use a heavier thread #40 + sharp Denim needle for bags. Even better: SCHMETZ
NonStick size 90, or100. Use a longer stitch length - #3.5
Seam allowance 3/8"

No need to bind or serge cut edges. Fabric won't unravel - it's sealed.

#### Cut

1. Cut a rectangle 14" W x 23.4" L, back-to-back (WST) in 2 fabrics (outside + inside) These will stay together back to back while sewing. (Except pocket)
2. Cut 4 shapes as shown. Collect other parts as shown above.

Note: you can cut the 2 front pieces out of a rectangle (bottom + top) = 11'x 14", then cut the 2.5" squares out of each corner. Then cut the bottom + top apart.



Note: With bags, unlike garments, it doesn't matter which way you cut the patterns on the fabric. Crossways is fine.

Our prints are designed to accommodate cutting horizontal or vertical.

Our fabrics are ~56" wide. You can cut 2 across sideways out of 1/2 yd of

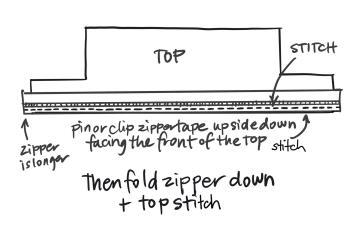
**SEW** - Keep inside and outside (WST) together as you sew - (except pocket, step, as you'll see.

each fabric, then sew 2 bags with each side out.

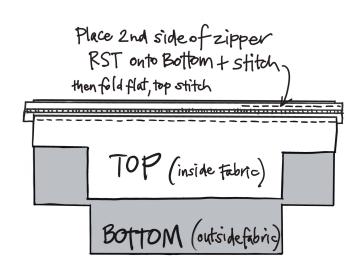
**OVERVIEW:** First we sew the front of the bag, which includes adding in the zipper. The zipper will join the top + bottom of the front together. Then we add the straps on and finally sew the full bag (back + pocket and front) all together. All of these steps (except pocket 7) keep the outside and inside pieces together throughout so there is no need to separate them. If you are less familiar with sewing zippers, ask YouTube "how to install a zipper pull" Try ByAnnie's tutorials, or "how to install a Zipper Pull on a #5 Nylon coil zipper" by Rosie's art studio. Or watch my video on YouTube: "Bonk Bag 10 minute tutorial"

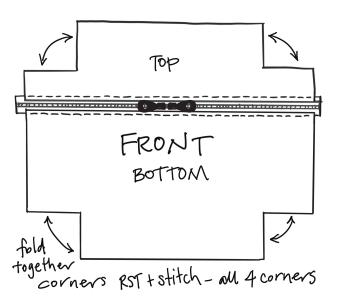
#### **SEWING THE FRONT - top & bottom together with a zipper:**

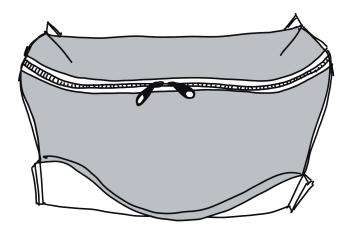
We are going to sew the zipper to the Front /Top and Front/Bottom pieces together with the zipper installed between them to create the front of the bag. Then we will add zipper pulls so that we can open the bag.



- **3**. Lay plain zipper tape (no pulls yet) flush along the longest edge of your front/top pieces (WST), bumpy teeth side down. Stitch. The zipper teeth will guide your pressure foot. Fold zipper tape under on the seam you just sewed & topstitch.
- **4.** Repeat to attach the bottom/ front. Sew 2nd side of zipper to the bottom pieces (WST) the same



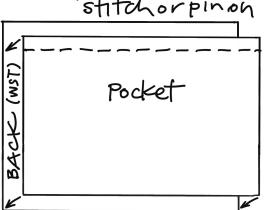




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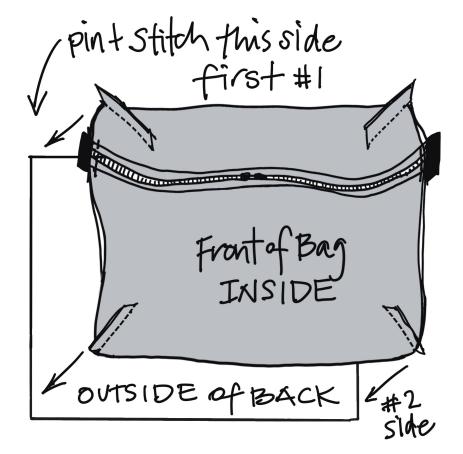
- **5.** Add 2 zipper pulls "luggage style" Look up "how to install zipper pulls" for quick tutorials. It's easier than it seems at first. Some people even use a fork!
- **6.** Fold together + stitch all 4 corners of the FRONT to make a box.

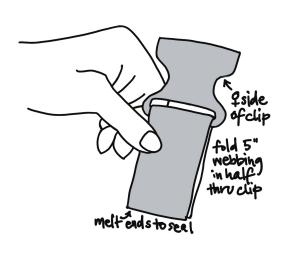
Place pocket on Back stitchorpinon



### **Sewing the Pocket & Back**

- **7.** Sew pocket put RIGHT sides together this time, stitch along top RST. Turn, right sides out, Topstitch. Pin or clip pocket onto the back. Pin or clip.
- **8.** Sew side edges of pocket to back inside.
  - **9.** Melt ends of your lengths of 1 1/2" straps: 48" + 5" 1.5" straps (for nylon).
  - **10.** Fold 5" strap in half thru female side of clip.





11. Cut zipper ends flush with edges of FRONT.

#### Adding the Straps/Buckle

**12.** Stitch ends of both straps securely to edges of FRONT. Line top of strap with top of zipper tape. Let 1/2" of the straps hang off the edge on each side. These will fold over the zipper ends after you sew the back on to finish the raw ends of the zipper inside your bag.



## **Final Assembly**

- 13. Pin all 4 corners of FRONT to the BACK with the pocket on it.
- **14.** Stitch short sides first, wrangling the edges of the front, zipper & strap edge flat to match the sides of the back. Sew securely between from FRONT top right corner to booth right corner. Then sew the left side next. Almost done!
- **15.** Fold the extra 1/2" of strap webbing over raw zipper edges to finish.
- **16.** Stitch Top & Bottom of your Bonk Bag.
- **17.** Open zipper and turn bag Right Side Out.
- **18.** Thread 48" strap thru Keeper-looper, then male side of clip, then back thru middle bar of keeper-looper.

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