



Technique:	Zipper application
Designed By:	Karen Schaphorst
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	A day
Finished size:	16" (40.6cm) tall x 13" (33cm) wide x 6" (15.2cm) deep

Featuring Coats® Team Spirit™ Zipper

An updated basic picnic tote with a unique shape, two-toned zipper and topstitching is perfect to take to your tailgate feast to the game.

Supplies

- Coats® Team Spirit™ Separating Sport Zipper, 26"
- Coats® Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread, matching colors
- Coats® Dual Duty XP® Heavy Thread, contrasting color
- ¾ yd (.7m) Durable Cotton Fabric
- ¾ yd (.7m) Firm Fusible Stabilizer such as Pellon® SF-101 Shape Flex®
- ¾ yd (.7m) Fusible Fleece or Pellon 975 Insul-Fleece™
- ¾ yd (.7m) Waterproof lining fabric (shower curtain liner can be used)
- 2 yds (1.8m) of 1" (2.5cm) wide Nylon Webbing
- Two D rings

Additional requirements

- 12" x 18" (30.5cm x 46 cm) Heavy Duty Template Plastic
- Fabric Scissors
- Sewing Pins
- Sewing Machine Needles - Heavy Duty & Topstitching
- Sewing machine & zipper Foot
- Basic sewing supplies

Cutting

Note: Cut each from main fabric, fusible stabilizer, fleece and lining fabric

Front and sides

27" width x 16" length (68.6cm x 40.6cm)

Back and Top

14" width x 23" length (35.6cm x 58.4cm)

Bottom

14" width x 7" length (35.6cm x 17.8cm)

Front pocket

10" width x 12" length (25.4cm x 30.5cm)

Back pocket

14" x 14" (35.6cm x 34.6cm)

Top Band

2" wide x 27" length (5.1cm x 68.6cm)

56" (142.2cm) length nylon webbing

Two - 2" (5.1cm) lengths nylon webbing

Remainder of nylon web is for side strap

One rectangle 13" x 6" (33cm x 15.2cm) Template Plastic.

Sewing Directions

Note: All seam allowances are ½" (1.3cm)

Tip: When topstitching, insert a topstitching needle and use a longer stitch length (4mm).

Attach Interfacing and Fleece

1. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of each main fabric section. If using Insul-fleece, place metallic side to wrong side of fabric and baste.

Pockets

1. Finish upper edge of Front Pocket with a 1" double hem by pressing 1" (2.5cm) to wrong two times. Pin. Using XP Heavy thread and top-stitch needle, stitch ¾" (1.9cm) from upper edge and again ¼" (.6cm) from previous stitching.
2. Press under ½" (1.3cm) along pocket side edges.
3. To position pocket on front, find the center of the Front section and the center of the pocket. Mark each center. Place wrong side of pocket on right side of front matching up markings having lower edges even. Pin. Baste lower edges together.



4. Topstitch close to side edges.
5. For Back Pocket, finish the upper edge with the 1" (2.5cm) double hem same as front pocket. Topstitch ¾" (1.9cm) from pressed edge and again ¼" away.
6. Place wrong side of back pocket to right side of back having lower and side edges even. Pin. Baste along sides and bottom.

Zipper

1. Center zipper face down on one long side of Band.
2. Using a zipper foot, stitch ¼" (.6cm) along the zipper. Turn zipper to right side, press.



3. Center zipper and Band, face down along upper edge of Front and Side section of bag. Stitch ¼" (.6cm) along zipper.
4. Press to right side.



- Using Topstitching thread, stitch close to pressed edge.



- Fold 2" (5.1cm) nylon web pieces in half. Place at each end of zipper so that the cut ends of web and end of zipper are aligned. Baste in place.

Straps

- Measure 3½" (.9cm) in from side edges of bag Front and Sides and mark for strap placement.
- Place long strap section along marking on bag side. Pin. Measure up 10" (25.4cm) from the lower edge and mark. Baste strap in place stitching from lower edge up to marking, across and down again.
- With remaining section of nylon webbing, attach D ring to end folding over 2" (5.1cm) of webbing. Stitch.
- Place webbing along marking and measure up 10" (25.4cm) from bottom, mark. Baste strap in place up to marking.
- Using XP Heavy thread, stitch close to long edges and across upper edge of webbing at marking.

- Slip second D ring onto long strap section and adjust according to package directions.

Bag Construction

- With right sides together, pin Sides to Back, aligning lower edges. The flap at the upper edge is the bag top. Stitch ending ½" (1.3cm) from upper edge.
- Clip to stitching at upper edge of Back at each side. With right sides together stitch bag front and side sections to top pivoting at corners, clipping into band at pivot points.
- With right sides together, pin Bottom section to bag main section clipping bag at corners. Stitch. Press.

Lining

- Construct lining the same as the main sections omitting zipper at upper edge of tote and band.

Finishing

- Insert lining into bag wrong sides together. Fold under ½" (1.3cm) along upper edge of lining and hand-stitch to finish.
- Insert plastic template into bottom of bag for stability.

