



# ZIPPER BAG



## PREPARATION

**Outer Fabric:** Cotton or Decorator Fabric

Cut two 9 1/2" squares for front and back

(if using two colors cut two 5" x 9 1/2" of each color and sew together on the 9 1/2" side ensuring directional fabric is how you want)

Cut one 3 1/2" x 17" for wrist strap

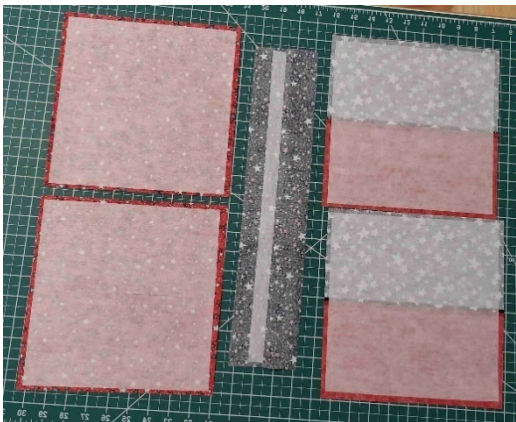
Cut three 3" squares for D ring and zipper tabs

**Lining Fabric:** Cotton

Cut three 9 1/2" squares for lining and pocket

(cut a fourth if you want a pocket on both sides)

Press pocket in half, wrong sides together



**Fusible Interfacing:** Pellon 931TD is a good choice. Try fusible fleece, Pellon 987F, on the outer pieces for a sturdier bag.

Cut two 9" squares for outer fabric, fuse to wrong side of both outer pieces.

Cut two 9" squares for lining fabric, fuse to wrong side of both lining pieces.

Cut one 3/4" x 16 1/2" for wrist strap, press in half lengthwise and fuse interfacing on wrong side, next to center line.

**D ring and clasp hardware:** One set of 3/4".

**Zipper:** One 9" or longer, not metal or invisible.



## ASSEMBLY



**Wrist Strap:** fold each long side to center line, then fold together

Place wrist strap through ring on the clasp

Open the two ends of the wrist strap and sew right sides together  
finger press open



Refold and you should have the clasp ring on a circle wrist strap

Top stitch both sides and stitch the end where the clasp hardware is located to keep it in place



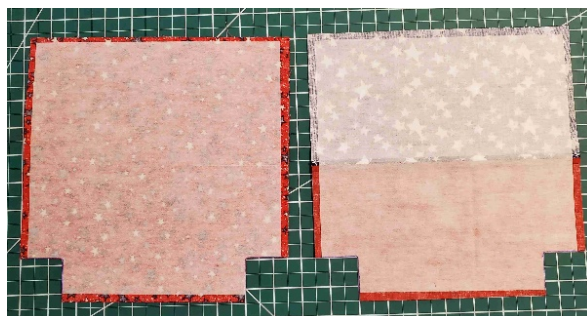
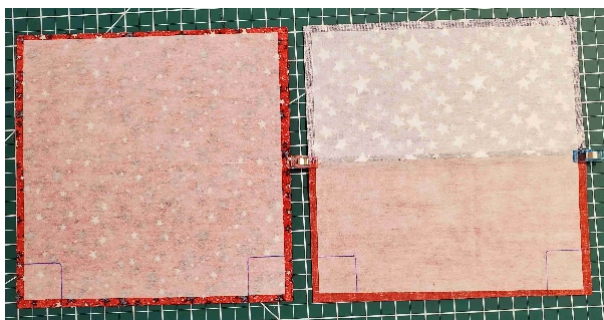
**D-Ring:** press one of the 3" squares in half and then fold each side to the center line, then fold together

Place through the D-Ring and pin to use later

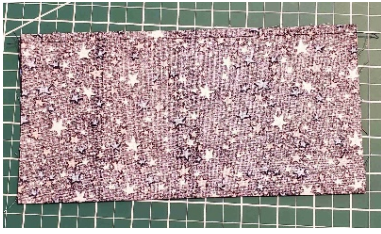


**Gusset prep:** place the two outer pieces together right sides together and cut 1 1/2" square out of each lower corner (if you have directional fabric or two different fabrics ensure you are marking and cutting the bottom)

Place the two lining pieces together right sides together and cut 1 1/2" square out of each lower corner







**Pocket:** fold right sides together and stitch the long edge

Turn it right side out and press the seam then top stitch the seam



Fold in half short side to short side and press to give you a line when attaching to the lining

Place the pressed pocket on the right side of one of the lining pieces at least 1" from the gusset square cut and far enough down to not be in the way of attaching the zipper to the top

Stitch inside the final seam allowance on one side from the top to the bottom then across the bottom of the pocket then back to the top on the center line you pressed, turn it around and follow that same center line back to the bottom and sew the bottom to the other side of the pocket and then back to the top, again sewing inside the final seam allowance

If you are adding a second pocket then repeat with the other lining.



**Zipper Tabs:** unzip the zipper about three inches and place the open end in the center of one of the 3" squares right sides together (the right side of the zipper is the side with the tab) with the fabric just inside the end of the zipper

Fold the fabric to "wrap" the zipper ensure it lays correctly and stitch 1/4" from the end of the fabric sewing over the zipper teeth portion a couple of times



Trim the end of the zipper (don't use your good scissors) and flip the tab over the end of the newly trimmed zipper

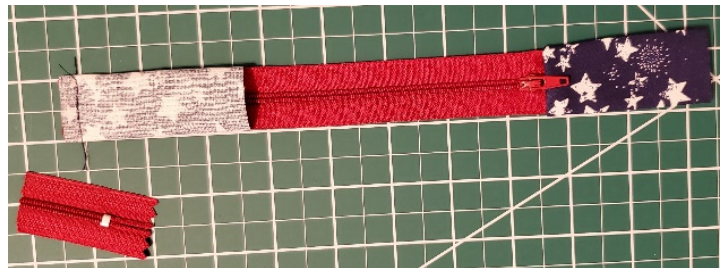
Measure 8" from the seam to the other end of the zipper and mark the zipper



Place that end of the zipper on the last 3" square right sides together with the end of the fabric at the 8" mark

Fold the fabric to "wrap" the zipper and stitch 1/4" from the end of the fabric sewing over the zipper teeth portion a couple of times

Trim the end of the zipper 1/4" from the seam, (don't use your "good" scissors) and flip the tab over the end of the newly trimmed zipper



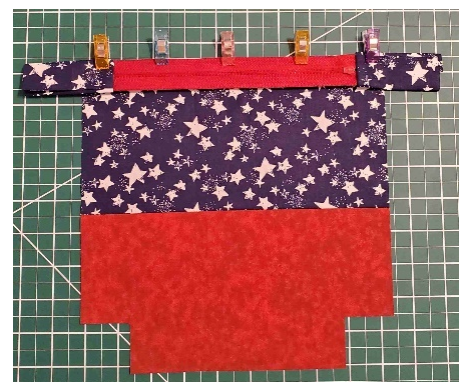
The distance between the two seams should be 7 1/2" to 7 3/4"



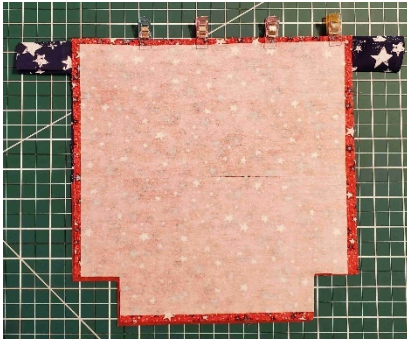
**Install the Zipper:** NOTE: When sewing around the zipper keep the zipper tab away from your needle; therefore, open the zipper and start sewing, when you are close to the tab stop and leave the needle down but raise the foot and move the zipper tab to the area you already stitched



Place the zipper on one of the outer pieces at the top (away from the cut squares) and center from side to side so the tabs are equal on the edges pin and sew







Place the zipper and outer piece you just stitched on the top of right side of one of the lining pieces with the zipper between the outer fabric and the lining fabric and stitch following the same stitched line from before

Repeat for the other outer fabric then the other lining



After both sides are attached to the zipper then top stitch around the zipper in a rectangle



**Install the D-Ring:** place the D-Ring tab with the D-Ring attached about 1" down from the zipper on the right side of one of the outer fabric on the side that the zipper tab is located when the zipper is closed.

The unstitched side of the tab faces the bottom

Place the tab so that the finished seam will not hit the hardware and stitch it down inside the final seam allowance and trim

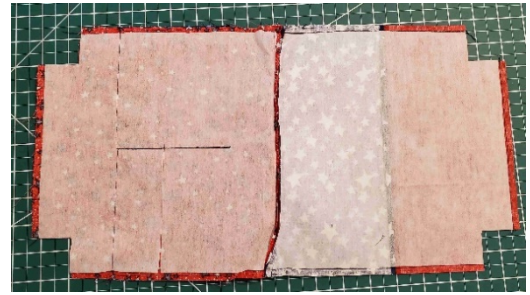


**Bottom Seams:** place the two outer fabrics together and sew the bottom with a 1/4" seam

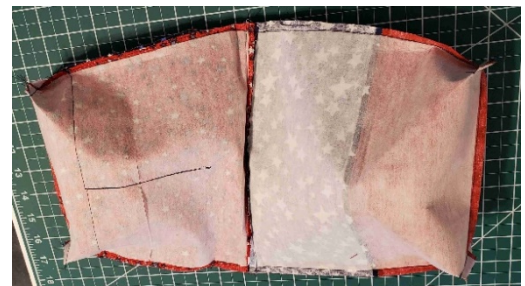
Place the two lining fabrics together and sew the bottom with a 1/4" seam

**Side Seams:** NOTE: before sewing the side seams ensure the zipper is open a little over half way

Stitch the side that has the D-Ring attached, align the seams and ensure the bulk at the zipper is pushed toward the lining side of the zipper



Stitch the side away from the D-Ring, align the seams and ensure the bulk at the zipper is pushed toward the lining side of the zipper, on this side leave an opening in the lining large enough to turn the bag right side out



**Gussets:** sew all four of the gussets ensuring the bottom seams lays the same direction to keep it as flat as possible



Turn the bag right side out through the opening you left in one of the side lining

Stitch the opening



Push the lining into the outer fabric and push out all corners

Attach your wrist strap

Add a sassy ribbon to the zipper tab

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