

Zipper Bag Instructions

I. Supply List

- Zipper: any length. Short zippers are hard to work with
- Batting: any size, but 2" shorter than zipper and 2 times the desired finished height of the bag
- Multiple fabric scraps: as many as you want in whatever strip widths you want
- Lining fabric: size of finished batting top.

Note: This zippered bag can be any size that you want as long as your zipper is about 2" longer than the width of the desired bag. So dimensions will be for explanation purposes. The number of fabrics you use is up to you as is the width of the strips.

II. Construction – outside of bag - “sew & flip” method of attaching strips to the batting.

Cut: batting to desired bag width, but 2" less than zipper; length will be 2 times finished length of the bag
Fabric in whatever strip widths

Sew: Place first piece of fabric diagonally from the top left corner to the bottom right, right sides up.
Add 2nd fabric strip right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Flip this strip out and press.
Continue adding strips until batting is covered
Square up stripped batting “top” and cut the lining to this size.
At this point can fold the bag in either direction if the zipper is long enough.

III. Bag construction:

1. Place top right side UP
2. Place **closed** zipper face down on the top edge of the top so zipper is fully on top of the fabric.
3. Be sure zipper stop and zipper pull extend beyond the top left and right sides.
4. Place lining right side on top of the zipper so edges are even.
5. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " – **do not get too close to the zipper teeth** – will make opening and closing more difficult.
6. Sandwich other side of zipper between the right sides of the lining and the top.
 - Position so batting is down - next to the table top
 - Bring lining edge up even with the unsown edge of the zipper. Align side edges of lining.
 - Pick up the lining and unsown edge of the zipper and place along the top edge of the right side of the pieced top. Be sure to align side edges.
 - Pin if desire and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Note:

Should now have something that looks like 2 tubes connected with a zipper. It is a good time to check to be sure the zipper was placed correctly and that you did not sew too close to the zipper teeth.

7. ****Open zipper part way. **DO NOT OPEN BEYOND THE UNSEWN OPPOSITE EDGE.**
8. Sew one side using $\frac{1}{4}$ " folding seam allowances at zipper to the pieced side – not to lining. Double stitch over the zipper.
9. Sew 2nd side, leaving an opening to be used to turn the bag to the right side.
10. ****Cut zipper extensions – both ends. ***Is the zipper pull inside the bag??***
11. Turn bag right side out and poke out corners of the top and lining.
12. Sew opening in the lining and stuff back into the bag.

With a bit of luck you have a neat zippered bag.