

Zippered Quilt Bag



SUPPLIES: 2 - 16" Zippers

1 ½ yards of primary fabric

¼ yard contrasting fabric for bindings

1/3 yard Clear Vinyl (that will make multiple pockets but need that much for depth of pocket) Option: I used a sheet of template plastic for my pocket.

1 yard batting (80/20 warm & natural type) or (use up some leftover pieces)

Medium to Large size button

1" elastic approx 12 inches

Yardstick, cut in half or 2 dowel rods, 18" each (optional, depending on fabric used for the bag.)

Cutting:

Primary Fabric

- A. 4 pieces 20" x 19" (outside of bag) – If you want outside different fabric than inside of bag, cut 2 pieces of each fabric.
- B. 2 pieces 18" x 15" (inside divider of bag)
- C. 2 pieces 14" x 11" (pocket on inside divider)
- D. 4 pieces 6" x 5 ½ " (small pockets)
- E. 2 pieces 6" x 3 " (pocket)
- F. 1 piece 4" x 2" (pin cushion)
- G. 4 pieces 5" x 19" (Zipper plackets)
- H. 2 pieces 2 ½" x 19" (bottom of bag) (see note on "A")
- I. 2 piece 2" x 55" Binding inside
2 pieces 2" x 20 " Binding for top edges of outsides
- J. 2 pieces 2 ½" x 23" (Handles) (should match outside of bag)

Elastic : 2 pieces 6" each

Clear Vinyl (Table cloth weight): 1 piece 11" x 13"

Batting:

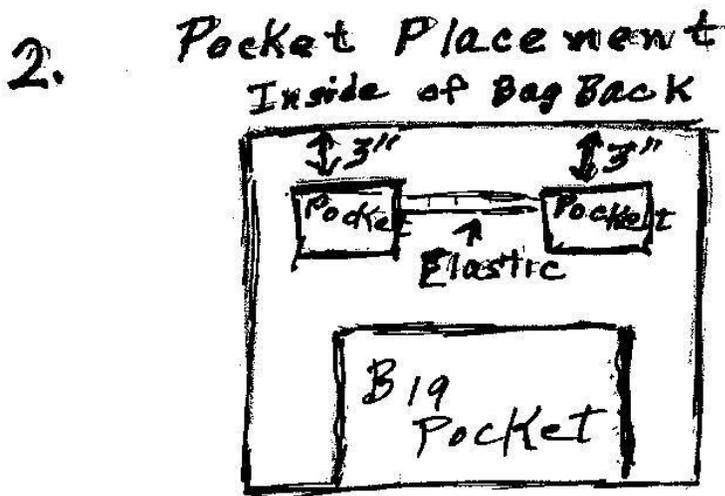
- 2 pieces 20" x 19" (A)
- 1 piece 18" x 15" (B)
- 1 piece 14" x 11" (C)
- 2 pieces 6" x 5 ½" (D)
- 1 piece 6" x 3 ½" (E)
- 1 piece 2 ½" x 19" (H)

Binding: Use Lining Fabric OR a Contrasting Fabric

Need about 8 feet of 2" wide fabric

To Assemble Front & Back of Bag

1. Layer the front and backs (A) with batting between outside piece and lining piece.
 - a. Decorate the outside of each sandwich with quilting of your choice. (This is a good place to use up some orphan blocks.)
 - b. Decide which is going to be front (A-1) and which is going to be the back piece (A-2).
 - i. A-1 will have a button on the upper inside –to be attached later.
2. Finishing A2 or back of the bag
 - a. Make inside pockets (C and D)
 - i. I did mine by layering batting and 2 pieces of fabric with right sides together. Then stitch up one short side, across the top, and down other side, leaving one long side open. Trim corners, turn and press.
 - ii. Decorate top of pocket with stitching, lace, or other trim.
 - b. Arrange pockets on the inside of A2 (back side of bag) (see diagram)



To sew small pockets on, lay them down with the trimmed side facing down. Line up bottoms $6\frac{1}{2}$ " from upper edge of back piece. Sew across the bottom, then turn pockets up. Fit a piece of elastic between the pockets (aprox. 5"), tuck

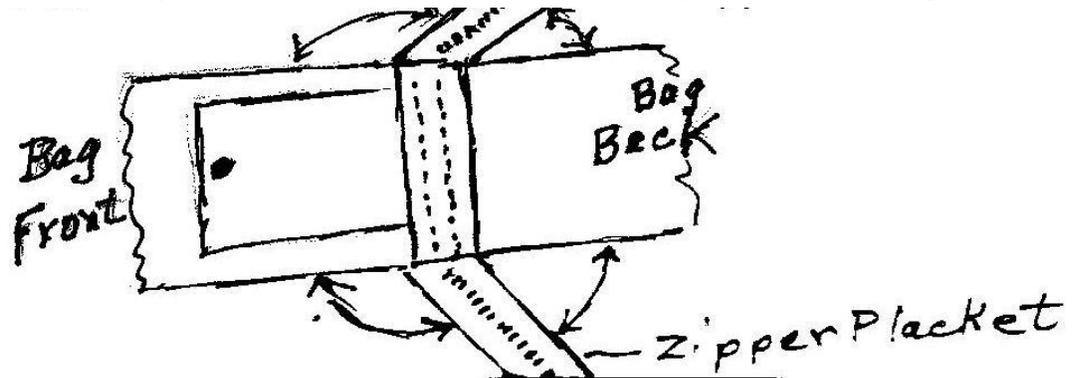
each end under pocket edge, and then stitch. Stitch across the elastic in 3 places to make holders for tools.

3. Inside Divider – make it in same way as the pockets
 - a. Stitch a large plastic pocket on one side (see diagram)
 - b. Make the pin cushion (F). Sew it so one side is longer than the other by $\frac{1}{2}$ " then fold small piece of batting and insert in pocket. Turn longer side over opening, lay it on the divider with that side down, stitch around cushion to attach it to the inside divider.
 - c. Make the smallest pocket (E). Sew it on the bottom right hand corner of inside divider, matching raw edges at the bottom.
 - d. Sew elastic strip on about 4 inches above the top of the small pocket. Stitch across it in three places, creating holders in the elastic.
 - e. Make a large button hole (that will fit your button) at top center of inside divider.
 - f. Center this inside divider against the inside of the front cover placing raw edges together. Stitch the two pieces together along the raw edges.

4. Zipper plackets and bottom of bag:
 - a. Fold and press placket fabric (G) in half with right sides out.
 - b. Lay folded edge close to teeth on front of zipper and stitch down . (I did a second row of stitching just to add some strength). Repeat for second zipper.
 - c. Bottom—layer bottom pieces (H) with batting between. Quilt together with 2 or 3 rows of stitching through all 3 layers.
 - d. Sew a zipper unit to each end of the bottom. If zipper plackets are wider than bottom, center zippers, stitch to bottom, then trim as needed to make the zipper plackets the same width as the bottom piece.

5. Sew Bag front and back pieces to the zipper placket/bag bottom unit.
 - a. Attach both sides to the bottom piece first.

- b. Then, sew plackets to sides of front and back pieces. (See diagram)



6. Finish inside seams with French Fold binding – just like finishing edge of quilt.
a. Attach to top edges of the bag, front and back pieces (See diagram)
7. Bind top edges of bag.

NOTE: If the bag is limp and needs some structure, you can insert a dowel rod or half of a yard stick into top edge of quilt before you do the handles and binding.

The bag I made did not need it since I had used relatively heavy fabric on the front and back and then had appliquéd quilt blocks to them. My batting was relatively sturdy as well.

8. Sew button on inside of front bag so it lines up with buttonhole on the Inside divider.

These pictures show the finished inside of the bag:



Above shows the front and inside divider. When the divider is secured, it is buttoned to the button you see on the left.



Here the divider has been buttoned down so you can see the inside of the back of the bag.