

Zippered Bags Constructed With Zipper Tape

I make my bags in two sizes

9" x 7" and 7" x 6"

But you can make any size bag you like

Supplies:

For a 9" x 7" bag you need

- two pieces of quilting cotton each cut to 20" x 7 ½"
(one colourful for the outside, one less bright for inside)
- one piece of batting cut to 20" x 7 ½"
- one side of a length of zipper tape cut to 21"
- one zipper pull
- one piece of grosgrain ribbon cut to 2"

I purchase zipper tape and slides from [The Zipper Lady \(https://www.thezipperlady.com/3-Coil-PILLOW-CRAFT-YARDAGE_c_6.html\)](https://www.thezipperlady.com/3-Coil-PILLOW-CRAFT-YARDAGE_c_6.html)

Zipper foot

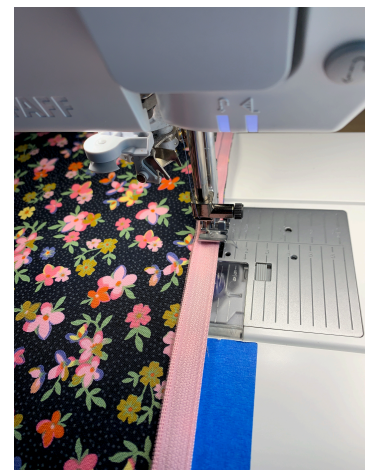
Universal sewing foot

Polyester thread

Construction:

Place batting on the wrong side of the bright piece of fabric

With bright fabric right side up, lay zipper tape along one edge, teeth down and away from the edge



Stitch along the length of the zipper - be sure to use your zipper foot so the zipper tape is stitched flat



Place lining fabric wrong side up on top of zipper



Still using the zipper foot stitch the lining - you may need to stretch it slightly as you stitch to keep the fabric from puckering



Open out lining and press



Fold lining back and press - leaving zipper along one edge



Fold bag in half, bright fabric on the outside, thread zipper pull onto the ends of the zipper tape

(TheZipperLady shows you how to do this in a YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/BZ8srHfJ-aM>. It takes a bit of practice but once you know how to do it, it's easy)



Make sure your zipper is at least $\frac{2}{3}$ open, then separate the lining from bag front, trim the side edge



Fold grosgrain tape in half, pin in place on open side edge below the zipper ($\frac{1}{2}$ " or so) with the fold to the inside of the bag (make sure pin head is well inside the edge so you don't hit it with your needle when you sew past it)



Change to your universal foot, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the side starting at the batting end, as you sew make sure the edge of the batting lays toward the lining - this will align the closed end of the zipper correctly.



At this point, make sure your zipper is at least $\frac{2}{3}$ open - if the zipper is closed and you sew across the bottom of the bag, you won't be able to get into it!

Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the bottom of the bag closing the batting edge



Turn bag inside out, carefully poke corners out, fold bottom edge of lining toward the wrong side of lining fabric, press, then stitch very close to the folded edge to finish the bag



Slip the closed lining to the inside of the bag, push corners into place, and your bag is completed!



I don't make one bag at a time - I make a lot of them to have on hand as gifts.

I create the bags production style by

- sewing all the zippers to the top fabric/batting,
- sew all linings on top of the zipper,
- press all the construction open,
- add zipper pulls to all bags,
- trim all side edges,
- stitch side and bottom of bag,
- then finish lining on all bags.

That way I have a stash of bags in a short time.

HINT: Don't worry if your seams don't align perfectly - you will be trimming them. Nobody is going to notice whether your bag is precisely 9" x 7"!

