



## Small Zippered Bag with Box Corners and Elastic Strap

6x8 bag with 2" boxed corner

Cut:

Main Fabric – 4-1/2" x 9-1/2" – 2 EA

Accent Fabric – 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" – 2 EA

Strap (Main Front Fabric) – 2" x 20"

1/2" Elastic – 9"

Lining – 7" x 9-1/2" – 2 EA

One Side Fusible Interfacing – 7" x 9-1/2" – 2 EA

Lining Pockets – 5" x 7" – 1 EA, 7-1/2" x 7" – 1 EA

Fusible Fleece – 7-1/2" x 9-1/2" – 2 EA, 5" x 3-1/2" – 1 EA, 7" x 3-3/4" – 1 EA

Zipper – 9" or longer

ALL SEAMS ARE 1/4".

This bag has 2 pockets inside – one is the right size for a driver's license/credit card and the other is the right size to accommodate similar to an iphone 5.

Sew main fabric to accent fabric to create a bag front and a bag back. Press to the darker fabric and fuse fusible fleece to each piece.

Quilt front and back pieces if and as desired. This is a great opportunity to use some decorative stitches on your machine or practice your free motion quilting. I placed a row of stitches at the seam between the main fabric and accent fabric.



Press each of the lining pockets **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** in half. Your pockets should measure 5" x 3-1/2" and 7" x 3-3/4". Open them up and fuse the fusible fleece to one half of each pocket.

With pockets folded in half **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**, stitch each side. Turn and press taking extra care to have nice crisp corners. Top stitch top of each pocket. At this point, the pocket bottoms will be raw edges.



Fuse interfacing to both lining pieces.

Find the center of each lining piece and each pocket. Mark with a pin or press. Measure and mark 4-1/2" from the top of each lining piece. Place the raw edge of the pocket, lining up center point of pocket to center point of lining. Top of pocket should be facing away from the top of the lining. Pin and sew in place. Press the pocket up towards the top of the lining. Press and pin in place. Sew each side of the pocket.

Place one front piece **FACE UP**, place zipper **FACE DOWN** with zipper pull on the left. Line up the top edge of the zipper with the top edge of the front piece. Place a lining piece **FACE DOWN** lining up the top edge of the lining piece with the top edge of the zipper and front piece. When placing the lining piece, make sure the pocket opening is closest to the zipper. Sew with a 1/4" seam.



Fold the lining piece so that it is **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** with the front piece that you just sewed the zipper to. Press and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge. This will keep the lining fabric from getting caught in the zipper.



Take the other front piece and place **FACE UP**, take the piece you just sewed and place it **FACE DOWN**, lining up the unsewn part of the zipper with the top of the front piece. The zipper pull will be to the right at this point. Place the last lining piece and place it **FACE DOWN**. Sew with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Fold the lining piece so that it is **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** with the front piece that you just sewed the zipper to. Press and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge.

Optional Strap: Fold the 2" x 20" piece of fabric in half **RST** and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the long edge. Turn right side out and press. Using a safety pin, feed the 10" piece of elastic through the tube being careful not to lose your end (fabric will gather). Hold

edges of elastic together once it is all the way through and stitch just the elastic to avoid losing it back through the tube.



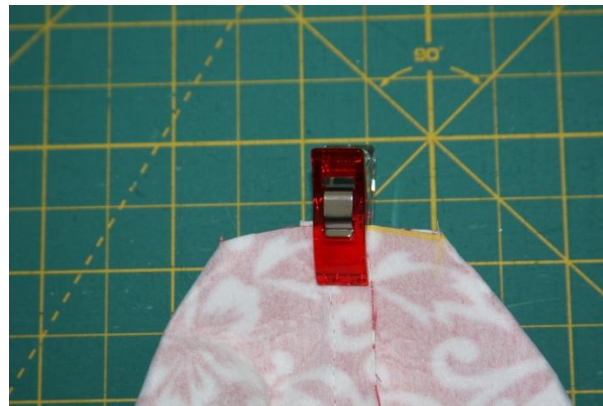
Measure 2" from the top of the front bag section. Place the 2 raw edges of the strap lined up with the raw edges of the front bag section. Handle should be across the front of the bag front. Sew in place.



Unzip the zipper half way. Carefully cut the unused ends of the zipper even with the bag sides.

Keeping the zipper unzipped half way, lay the bag out flat so the 2 front pieces are **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER** and the 2 lining pieces are **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**. For best results, have the zipper lay towards the lining. Sew a 1/4" seam around all 4 sides leaving a 2" opening in the bottom center of the lining pieces.

Mark a 1" x 1" square at each corner (4 total) and cut. Spread each corner so the seams are matching and sew 1/4" to close opening.



Reach through the 2" opening and unzip the zipper all the way. Gently pull the bag through the 2" opening. It will be a bit bulky at this point, but work it gently and it will turn right side out. Press the ends of the opening and either top stitch, zig zag or whip stitch opening closed. Push the lining back inside the bag.

