

Boxy Cosmetic Bag by LoveQuilting.com



WOF = Width of Fabric
RST = Right Sides Together
WST = Wrong Sides Together

All seams are 1/4", unless noted otherwise

Fabric Cutting Requirements:

Front:

2 pieces fabric 5-1/2" x 13" – Top Exterior of Bag
2 pieces fabric 5-1/2" x 13" – Bottom Exterior of Bag

Lining:

2 pieces 10" x 13"

Fusible stabilizer:

2 pieces 10" x 13"
2 pieces 5" x 20"

Handles:

5" x WOF – Sub cut in half

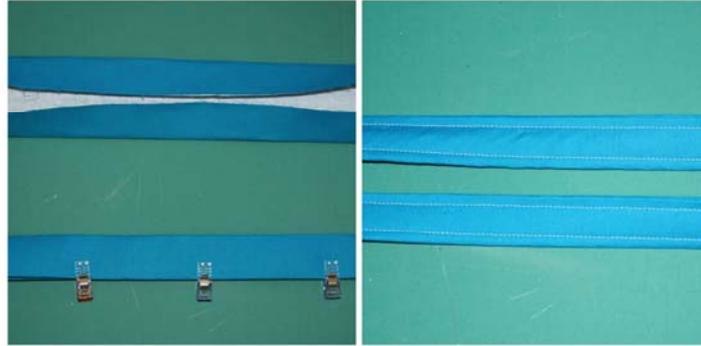
Pull Tabs:

2 pieces 2" x 5"

HANDLES AND PULL TABS

Fuse 5" x 20" stabilizer to each handle piece. Fold handles in half lengthwise, then open, fold each edge to crease line, then fold in half. Stitch down each side.





Prepare the pull tabs by folding the 2" x 5" pieces of fabric in half lengthwise, then open, fold each edge to crease line, then fold in half. Stitch down the center and set aside.

Find center of bottom exterior front piece, measure 2" from center to right and make a mark. Measure 2" from center to left and make a mark. Set edge of each handle on right and left mark. Stitch handles in place. Repeat for other side.



Place raw edge of one piece of top exterior of bag to raw edge with handles of exterior bottom of bag and stitch with 1/4" seam. Repeat for other side.

Fuse stabilizer to wrong side of top and bottom pieces just joined. Press handles towards top of bag and top stitch in place at the seam between top and bottom pieces. Add stitching as desired.



ZIPPER

Place one exterior 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. Be careful to keep the handles clear of the sewing area. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Fold the lining piece so that it is WRONG SIDES TOGETHER with the exterior 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, place the piece you just sewed and place it FACE DOWN so the lining piece is facing up, lining up the unsewn part of the zipper with the top of the exterior piece. The zipper pull will be to the right at this point.

Place the last lining piece and place it FACE DOWN. Be careful to keep the handles clear of the sewing area. Sew with a ¼" 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 ¼" from edge.



BAG CONSTRUCTION

Sew bottom exterior pieces together at bottom, sew bottom of lining pieces together leaving a 3" gap in the center for turning later.

OPEN ZIPPER HALF WAY!

Carefully trim the edges of your zipper to the ends of the bag if it is extending beyond the edges. Take the pull tabs, fold in half lengthwise and place on zipper with the folded edge of the pull tab facing the center.



Line up the bottom seam of the exterior with the zipper and line this up with the bottom seam of the lining. Now your bottom seams and zipper are in the center. Sew along this side. Repeat for other side.



Reach in through gap in lining bottom and open zipper all the way. Lay the bag flat, with corners square, with the lining facing out. At each corner, open the corner so the bottom seam is in the center of the corner triangle, measure 2" on either side of the corner. Make a mark, then join the 2 marks with a diagonal line at each corner. Stitch along this line being careful that all layers are flat and avoid stitching on the handles – this is what gives your cosmetic bag it's boxy shape.



As a final step, press the turning gap at the bottom of the lining and zig zag closed. Turn bag and enjoy!

