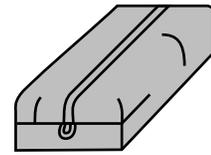


THE ZIPPERED SEWING KIT BAG



Items needed:

- 1 piece fabric, 13" x 17" (we use medium to heavy weight upholstery samples)
- 1 zipper, 12" long or longer
- 2 small pieces fabric, for side pull tabs
- 1 piece narrow ribbon, for the zipper pull

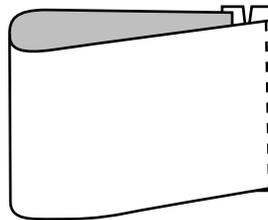
1. Start with a rectangle of fabric 13" x 17". Zigzag stitch around all four sides
2. Place the zipper at one short end, face down on right side of fabric. Stitch one side of zipper.



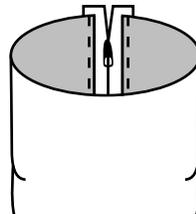
3. Flip the zipper over to the right side, folding the fabric back away from the zipper tape. Finger press this fold. Topstitch close to edge.



4. Do the other side of zipper as follows: Place the zipper at the other end of the rectangle, right sides together. Stitch along side of zipper.



5. Flip zipper right side up, folding fabric back away from zipper coil. The rectangle is now a tube. Topstitch the side of the zipper while the tube is turned wrong side out. Open zipper.

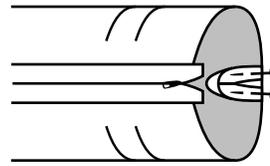


6. Cut two strips of fabric 1 3/4" x 3 1/4" to make the side pull tabs. Fold like bias tape and stitch close to one edge.

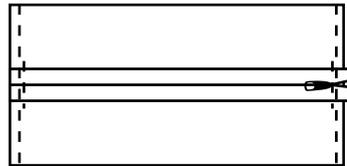


Fold into horseshoe shape. 

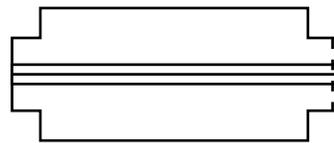
Flatten bag wrong side out, with zipper at center. At one end, under zipper, place one side pull tab inside tube. Pin tab in place. Pin other tab inside tube at other end of zipper.



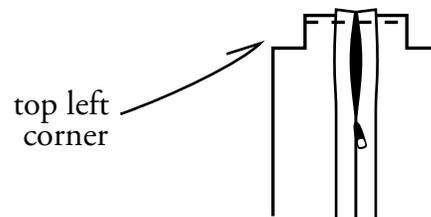
7. Stitch across bag, 1/2" seam allowance at both ends. Double-stitch across zipper ends. If zipper is longer than 12", cut off excess length after stitching.



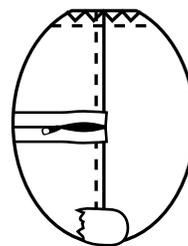
8. Make a 1 3/8" cardboard square. Lay this square at each corner, in turn, and cut the corners out through both thicknesses.



9. SEWING THE CORNERS: Leaving the bag inside out, open the zipper halfway.



Pick up the bag at the top left corner and turn it so that the zipper is to your left (see picture below). Insert index fingers inside the cut-out corner and refold it so that the seam is in the center. Stitch across the cut-out corner, 1/4" seam allowance, then zigzag edges securely. Do the other corners the same way.



10. Turn bag right side out and push out corners from inside. Put a small piece of narrow ribbon through the zipper pull tab, for easier opening.