

Cindy's Zippered Bags

These cute zippered bags can be made in any size and a variety of different methods can be used to create the bag panels

- Vintage – using Vintage napkins, Hankies, doilies, embroideries
- Quilt as you go – scrappy
- Feature Fabric
- Orphan Blocks

Feel free to add pockets on the inside or outside, use applique, Wool felt, buttons etc

Supplies

- 2 – 8" x 10" pieces – batting or fusible fleece
- 2 – 8" x 10" pieces lining
- 2 – 8" x 10" front & back bag panel (pieced, appliqued, quilt as you go etc.)
- 2 – 1 ¼" x 4" strips for zipper tabs
- 12" Zipper – (choose a zipper 2" bigger than your bag measures)

Construction

- Sandwich bag layers together, lining - right side down/batting/main panel – right side up
- Zigzag all around the outside, securing all three layers together

Zipper Binding strips

- Fold the 2 – 1 ¼" x 4" strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press
- Tuck the raw edges in to make the binding and press again



- Unzip the zipper a few inches, cut off the zipper stop
- Insert the zipper into the binding, stitch close to the fold
- Trim the bottom of the zipper 1" shorter than the front bag panel
- Add second binding strip to bottom of the zipper
- Trim binding strips even with the zipper

Bag Construction

- Center Zipper on top of front panel, right sides together with the zipper pull facing down
- Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, fold zipper back, topstitch
- Repeat for the second half of the zipper
- **Unzip the Zipper before proceeding**
- Fold the bag in half, right sides together
- Sew the side and bottom edges using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
- With the bag still wrong side out, fold each bottom corner, aligned with the side seam
- Stitch a perpendicular seam about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from corner, trim seam & zig zag
- Turn bag inside out, popping top corners out

Variations

- Any size panels can be used, I have also made bags 10" x 12" & 7" x 9"