

# QUILTED ZIPPER BAG

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## Materials

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- 1/2 yard fabric
- 1 7-9 inch zipper
- Quilt Batting

You will also need a sewing marker, a rotary cutter, a rotary cutting ruler with a 45° marking, safety pins, a zipper foot, and a standard presser foot for your machine.

## Pattern

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Using a pattern piece or a piece of butcher paper, cut a 14" x 11" rectangle.

Cut the following pieces.

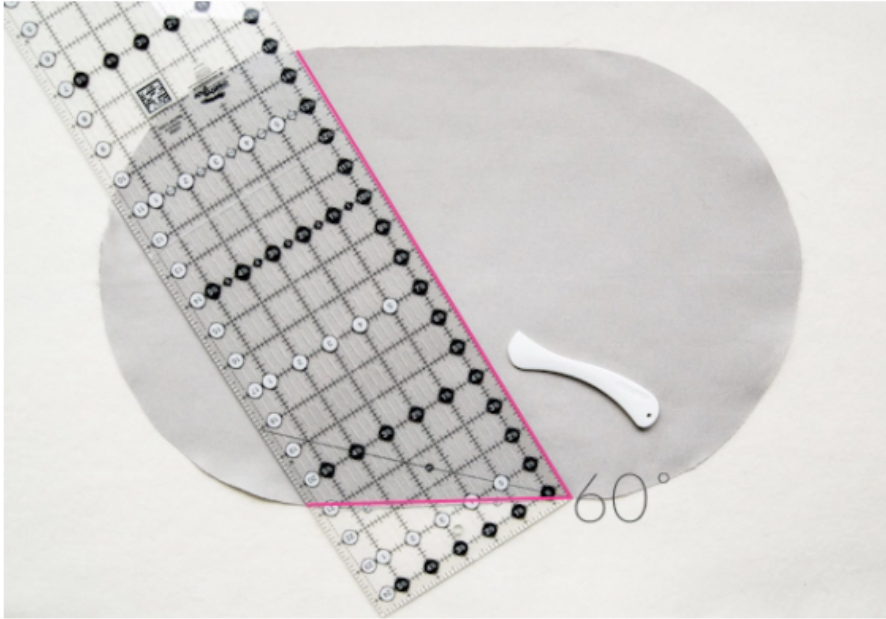
- 1 outer piece
- 1 lining piece
- 1 batting piece (this needs to be of actual batting, not fabric)
- 2 - 1" x 3" rectangle pieces, that match outer fabric.

## Quilt

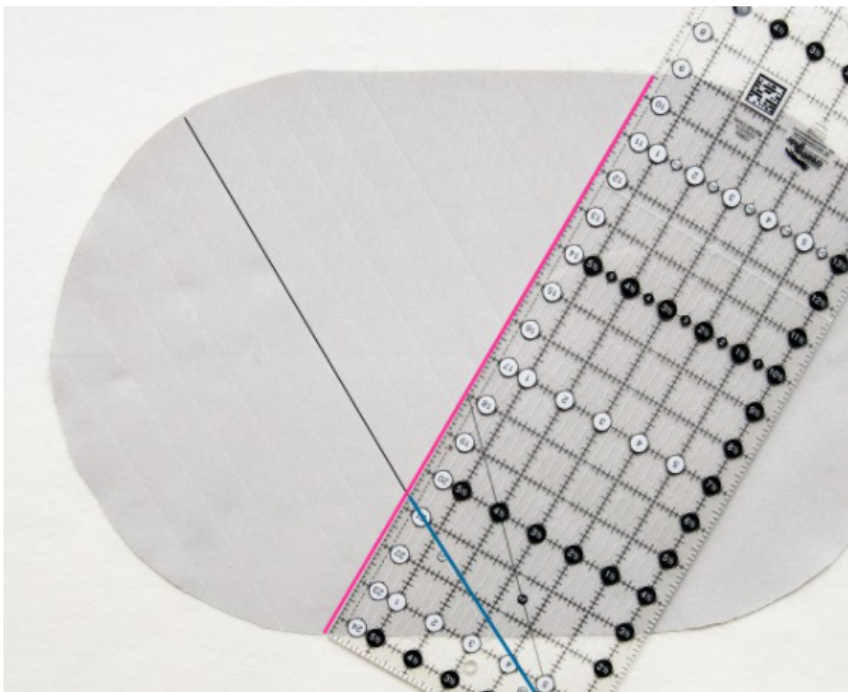
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Using a fabric marker or pencil and the clear ruler, mark the right side of the outer rectangle with 90° diamonds 1 or 2 inches apart from one another (your choice!). Cover the entire area of the rectangle.

To do this line up the 60° marking line of your rotary cutting ruler anywhere along the bottom edge of the rectangle. Using the Marker, mark a diagonal line across the right side of the ruler.



Mark another line, parallel to the first, 1 or 2 inches to the right. Continue to mark parallel lines every inch or two across the right side of the oval. Then, using your first marked line as a guide, repeat for the left side of the oval.



Now place the 90° line on the ruler along one of the previously marked lines, and using the Marker, mark a new line, 90° from the first. Just as you did in the previous step,



mark the entire oval with diagonal lines going in this new direction, all 1 or 2 inches from one another.

*If you have never done this,, please take a look at our [Marking Diamonds for Quilting Tutorial](#).*

### **Make your fabric “sandwich”**

Lay the lining rectangle wrong side up onto a smooth surface. Center the batting on top of that. Finally, center the marked outer fabric right side up on top of the other two layers. This is the quilt sandwich.

### **Baste together**

To baste the three layers together, place a safety pin through all three layers every few inches, starting from the center and moving outwards.

### **Quilt Together**

Quilt the three layers together by sewing along all of the marked lines until your piece is covered in 90° diamonds.

Check your stitching length and width before sewing. width should be at 0 and length should be at 3.

First, sew all of the lines going in one direction, starting in the center and moving out. Then quilt over all of the perpendicular lines in the same manner.

It should look like this photo when finished.



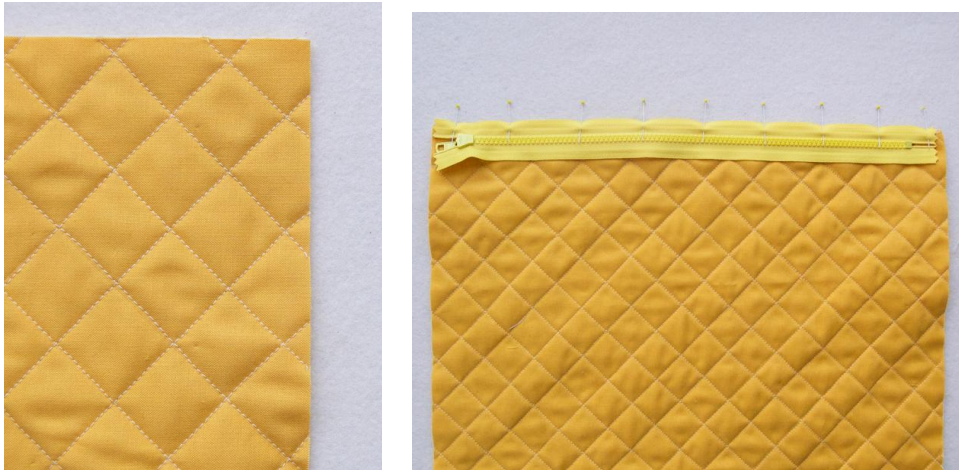
## Attach the Zipper

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Trim the lining and batting to match the outer rectangle.

Add interfacing to the two small rectangles that you cut out earlier.

Fold in half, hamburger style, then sew onto the raw edges of the zipper.



With the **quilted rectangle right side up** and the zipper right side down, center and pin one of the zipper's fabric edges to one of the zigzagged edges. Instead of aligning the edges perfectly, pin the zipper's fabric edge 1/16 inch higher than the zigzagged edge.



The wrong side will look like this, with the zipper edge extending a bit beyond the zigzagged edge.





Using your **zipper foot** and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance, stitch the zipper onto the quilted rectangle. Start the seam at the pull and end it at the zipper's end (not at the end of the fabric strip). Backstitch at the beginning and end of this seam.

Fold up the second edge and pin its right side to the right side of the zipper's opposite fabric edge, again extending the zipper edge approximately  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch beyond the zigzagged edge. The wrong side of the quilted rectangle will be visible now, but you will be pinning the right sides together.

Sew this side of the zipper in the same manner, backstitching at the beginning and end and not sewing beyond the beginning and end of the zipper itself.

Turn the piece right sides out, zip it up, and press the fabric flat and away from the zipper.



## Sew Together with French Seams

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With the **right side facing out**, close the zipper and press the rectangle flat. Pin the open sides together.

Using your machine's presser foot, sew both of the pinned sides closed with a 1/8-inch seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end of the seam. **Do not sew into the fabric ends of the zipper**, but do make sure you catch both sides of the pouch with this seam.





Unzip the pouch halfway and turn the entire piece inside out. Poke out the corners and press the rectangle flat.

Pin the short sides flat, as shown above.



Sew these two pinned sides together with a **3/8-inch seam allowance**, backstitching at the beginning and end of the seams. Again, do not sew into the fabric ends of the zipper.





Fold the fabric ends of the zipper downward and hand stitch them into the French seam allowance.



Turn the pouch right sides out, making sure to poke the corners out. Zip it closed, press it flat and you're all done!

Fill out evaluation and turn in.