

Decorative Stitch Zipper Bag with Diagonal Pocket

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Can anyone have too many zipper bags? Well my answer to that is No! Especially one that shows off so many fabulous decorative stitches, they are fast, fun and make great gifts for people of all ages.

Add a diagonal pocket for some added interest.

The hardest part of this project is deciding which decorative stitches to select.

Sewing Supplies

Fabric 1- *1 Fat Quarter*- Black Tone on Tone-Back and Pocket

Fabric 2- $\frac{7}{8}$ "W x 22"L - Bright Print-Bias Tape

Fabric 3- $\frac{3}{8}$ Yard- Bright Print-Lining, front, zipper tabs

INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh

Fusible Fleece: $\frac{1}{3}$ Yard

Thread:

Bobbin thread

40 wt. Rayon embroidery thread (the sample used 9 different colors)

Construction thread

Feet and Accessories:

Multiline Decorative Foot 821082096

Zipper foot

Notions:

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Clover bias tape maker

2- 14" zippers

Generic sewing/cutting supplies:

Rotary cutter, mat, ruler, pins,

Cut:

Fabric 1- Back and Pocket

1- 13"W x 22"L tone on tone black -Back with INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh

Fabric 2- Bias Tape

1- $\frac{7}{8}$ "W x 22"L

Fabric 3- Lining, front, zipper tabs INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh

4- 12"W x 10"H

4- 1"W x 3"L

Stabilizer- INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh

1- 13"W x 22"L

Fusible Fleece: $\frac{1}{3}$ Yard

2- 12"W x 10"H

Prepare:

1. Fuse INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh to the wrong side of the black fabric
2. Make bias tape by feeding the $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide strip of print fabric through the Clover bias tape maker. A little starch on the strip will make pressing easier.

Pocket Construction

1. Fuse INSPIRA® Fusible No Show Mesh to the wrong side of the black fabric
2. Starting approximately ½" in from one edge, sew decorative stitches. Use the lines of the Multiline Decorative Foot to evenly space the rows. Change colors with each row if desired.
3. After stitching is complete, cut the stitched piece in half. Trim both pieces to 12" x 10". Back one piece with fusible fleece (back)Fig.1 Set aside.



Figure 1-Bag back, back with fusible fleece

4. For the pocket, take the second 12" x 10" stitched piece and measure up 3" from the bottom left corner and make a mark. Measure in 4.5" from the top right corner and make a mark. Draw a line to connect the marks. Cut on the mark to make a diagonal pocket opening. Cut one of the lining pieces to match the pocket. Fig.2



Figure 2-Pocket

Zipper insertion- Note: You will be using a zipper that is a little longer than you need. It's much easier to shorten your zipper to match your bag than to change the size of the bag to fit the zipper.

5. Fabric zipper tabs will give you a more professional look as well as make zipper insertion easier. Lay the angled edge of the pocket on the zipper, mark where the fabric touches the zipper on both ends, measure in about 1" in from both marks. Fold the fabric tabs in half, place fold on the second marks, making sure you open the zipper. Stitch the tabs over the zipper ends. Fig. 3



Figure 3-Zipper tabs

6. Place the right side of pocket to the right side of the zipper. Now place the right side of the pocket lining to the wrong side of the zipper. Attach zipper foot. Move needle closer to zipper, stitch close to zipper teeth, Fig. 4. If sewing past the zipper pull is difficult, stop with needle down, raise the presser foot and gently move the tab out of the way. Put the pressure foot down and finish sewing zipper in.



Figure 4- sew zipper in

7. Pull the lining out and using the zipper foot, edge stitch next to the zipper teeth and through the zipper tape. Press to the back.



Figure 5- Edge stitch zipper pocket

8. Fuse the bag front with fusible fleece. Lay pocket on top of bag front aligning bottom and side edges. Baste pocket to front along sides and bottom.

Notice that you can still see one side of the zipper tape. To create the pocket; feed the $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide strip through the bias tape maker and press to creating a $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide piece of bias tape. Align one side of tape with zipper teeth. Using the zipper foot, sew down both sides of fabric strip, covering and sewing down the zipper tape. You have now created the diagonal pocket on the front of the bag.



Figure 6- Covering zipper tape

Bag Construction

9. Add zipper tabs to second zipper. Lay top edge of the bag on the zipper, mark where the fabric touches the zipper on both ends, measure in about 1" in from both marks. Fold the fabric tabs in half, place fold on the second marks, making sure you open the zipper. Stitch the tabs over the zipper ends, see Fig.3.

10. Place the right side of bag back, the one with the decorative stitches, to the right side of the zipper. Now place the right side of the pocket lining to the wrong side of the zipper. Attach zipper foot. Move needle closer to zipper, stitch close to zipper teeth, Fig. 4. If sewing past the zipper pull is difficult, stop with needle down, raise the presser foot and gently move the tab out of the way. Put the pressure foot down and finish sewing zipper in. Repeat for the other side of bag.

11. Edge stitch lining close to zipper teeth. Fig 5

12. Pull the lining pieces up and out of the way. Making sure that the zipper is open at least half way, bring the right side of the outer bag and right sides of lining together. Pin sides together. Starting on the bottom edge of lining, sew completely around the bag using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and leaving a 3"- 4" opening at bottom edge of lining for turning.

13. Boxing the corners. Boxing the corners determines how much bottom you will have in your bag. With batting or fleece in the bag, you will find it easier to cut the corners out before sewing. Lay bag on a flat surface and measure and mark a 1" square from the seam allowance-it is extremely important that this is perfect square.

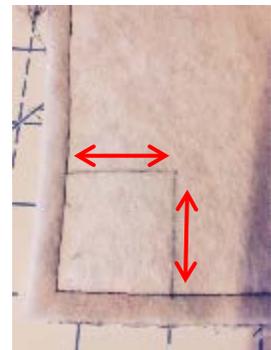


Fig 7-measue and mark 1 in. square

14. Cut the corner out. Bring seams together and sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Repeat on all four corners. Turn bag ght side out through Hole left in lining. Open zipper all the way. Slip stitch the opening in the lining closed. Push lining inside bag. Press. Enjoy.



Fig 8- Boxing corner