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# Zipper Bag for Flow Forward NJ

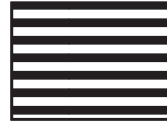
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**exterior fabric:** (2) 8" x 11"

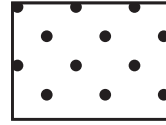
**lining fabric:** (2) 8" x 11"

**fusible fleece:** (2) 7" x 10"

**other supplies:** (1) zipper, 12" or longer



exterior

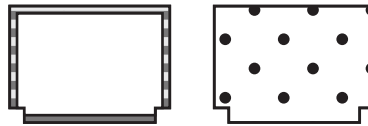


lining

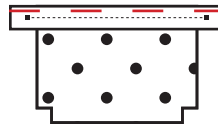
1. Center the fusible fleece on the wrong side of the exterior fabric and iron it according to the manufacturer's instructions.



2. Cut a 1" x 1" square from the two bottom corners of both pieces of exterior fabric and from both pieces of lining fabric.



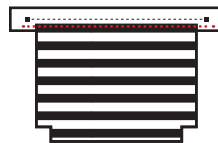
3. Center the zipper right side up on the top edge of one lining piece (also right side up). Make sure both zipper stops are NOT on the fabric. Baste close to the top edge.



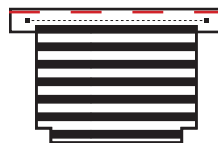
4. Place the exterior fabric right sides together with the zipper and lining piece. Pin or clip the layers together. The exterior fabric should be on top face down and the lining face up on the bottom with the zipper sandwiched between the two. Sew close to the zipper teeth, backstitching at each end.



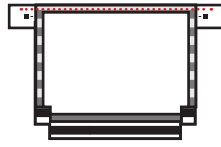
5. Bring both fabrics away from the zipper, aligned with the wrong sides together. Finger press the fold near the zipper and then top stitch the exterior and lining fabrics close to the fold.



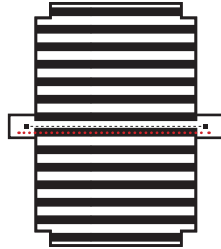
6. Place the zipper unit on top of the remaining lining piece so the lining fabrics are right sides together. Align the lining piece with the top edge of the zipper and baste.



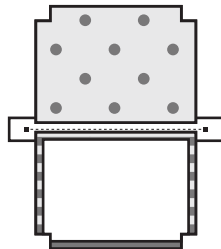
7. Place the remaining exterior piece right side down on the exterior side of the zipper unit with the top edges aligned. Pin or clip the layers together. Sew close to the zipper teeth, backstitching at each end.



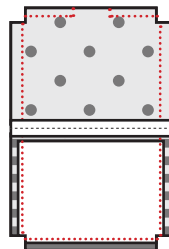
8. Bring both fabrics away from the zipper, aligned with the wrong sides together. Finger press the fold near the zipper and then top stitch the exterior and lining fabrics close to the fold.



9. Open the zipper halfway. Match up the lining pieces right sides together and pin or clip. Match up the exterior pieces right sides together and pin or clip. Fold the zipper tape so the edges of it are on the lining side and pin or clip in place.



10. Leaving a 3" gap in the bottom edge of the lining and using a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch all four sides, backstitching at each end. Go very slowly over the zipper and backstitch once or twice for reinforcement. DO NOT STITCH THE CORNER CUT-OUTS. Cut the ends of the zipper even with the edges of the bag.



11. For each of the corners, open up the gaps and match the seams. Fold the seam allowances in opposite directions so they'll lay flat, and pin or clip them in place. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance, backstitching at each end.
12. Use the gap in the bottom of the lining to turn the bag right side out. Reach in to push out the corners of the exterior bag. Turn in the seam allowance of the lining gap and topstitch close to the edge to close the gap.