

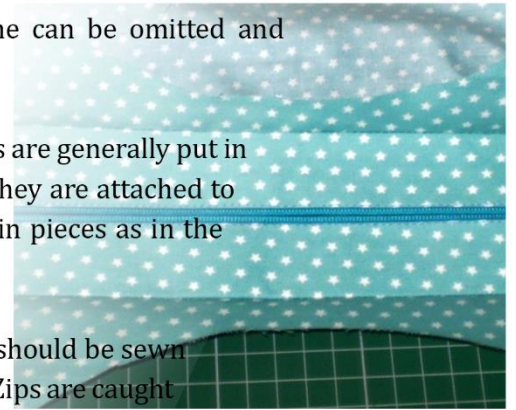


Introduction

Whilst not essential to any of our designs zips are included but in some can be omitted and substituted with Velcro or poppers or just left as an open top bag.

Zips can be scary for beginners but with the majority of our patterns the zips are generally put in as one of the first processes when the fabric is flat and easy to handle. Or they are attached to two pieces of fabric designed as a zip carrier and then attached to the main pieces as in the lining of The Betty Bag to the right.

One of the key points to remember when attaching a zip are that each side should be sewn an equal distance from the teeth. In most of our projects the raw ends of the Zips are caught in the subsequent seams as the project is constructed. Some of the projects such as the Betty Bag use a 'zip carrier' and we have tidied the visible end of the zip with a tab made of matching fabric this not only looks nice but has a function in that when you close the bag it gives you something to hang onto and pull against.



Betty Bag Zip Carrier

Inset Zip



1 Cut out pieces and iron on interfacing. Place **Main Fabric** Piece face up. Place **Internal Pocket Lining** face down using a pattern piece for placement guide.



2 Pin in place. Measure your zip to work out the size rectangle you will need and mark it out on your lining fabric. Leave at least 1.5" gap at the top & 1/2" from the sides minimum.



3 Sew around the outside lines of the box putting your needle down for turns.



4 Cut out the middle lines carefully.



5 Push through the Internal Pocket Lining through the new hole and iron flat.



6 Pin your zip so you can see it through your new hole and move the zip pull away from the left edge.





7
Keep your needle down and sew 1/8" around the box. Sew very carefully over the zip using your hand crank for best safety.



8
Pin your second Internal Pocket Lining RST with the first Internal Pocket Lining. Pin the excess of the Main Lining Piece out of the way.



9
Sew 1/4" around the Internal Pocket Piece leaving the bottom open.



10
Cut off excess zip.



11
You now have your set in Zip.



Zip Tabs - For caught in seams



1
Mark the length of your zip opening on your zip.



2
Seam Allowance + Desired Tab Size + 1/2" (for fold overs) = Tab Width
Zip Height + 1/2" = Tab Height



3
Fold over 1/4" on the ends of the Zip Tabs and iron.



Pin carefully to both sides of the zip with the raw edges lined up with your marks. Sew over the neat folded over end of the Zip Tab hand cranking for extra safety.





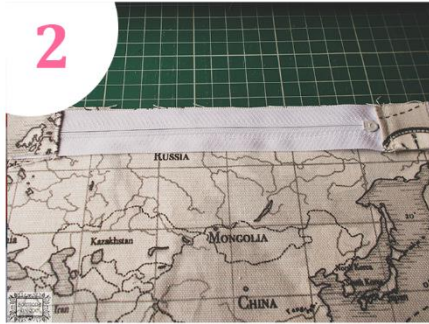
Top Zip Closure

1



Make the first sandwich.
Place Exterior face up

2



Place Zip face down

3



Place Lining face down

4



Using a zipper foot sew in line with the edge of the zip. If you sew too close to the zip you run the risk of it getting caught on your fabric. Put your needle down and lift your foot when you need to move the zip head.

5



Press your fabric pieces flat away from the zip.

6



Top stitch 1/8" away from the fabric edge. This helps to prevent your fabric getting snagged in your zip.

7



Make the second sandwich
Place Lining face up. Place new piece with zip in face up. Place Exterior face down. Line up the edges and pin.

8



Using a zipper foot sew in line with the edge of the zip.

9



Top stitch 1/8" away from the fabric edge. This helps to prevent your fabric getting snagged in your zip.





Zip Carrier

1



Make up the zip carrier by folding it in half lengthwise and sewing across each end. Then turn it through and press it.

2



Add a Closed Zipper Tab to the side you prefer. We usually put it on the right.

3



Take the zip carriers and attach the zip

4



Using the back lining pin the zip carrier in position as shown and machine into place.

5



Then place the upper back lining piece over the top and sew that in place.

6



Understitch the seam below the zip carrier to reinforce it. Repeat the same procedure with the front lining.

We hope that this introduction has been useful. There are lots of wonderful patterns available on-line which feature zips.

If you are new to zips have a go at a free tutorial, search pinterest for Free Zipper Pouch Tutorial and lots should come up to try.

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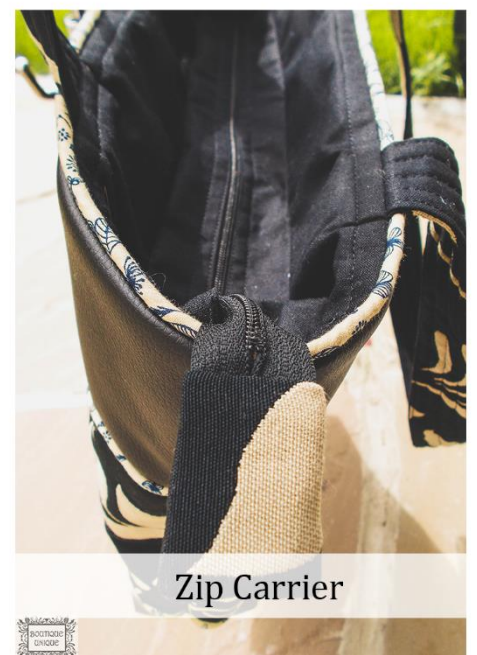
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