

Project: Zip It Bag



Sew a few seams and insert a zipper to make a cute pouch in very little time.

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### Materials

- ¼ yard fuchsia laminated print (bag)
- 9"-long blue zipper

Finished bag: 9½×6×3"

**Quantities** are for 54/55"-wide, 100% cotton with laminated coating.

**Measurements** include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Editor's Tip

Use clear cellophane tape to hold a zipper in place on laminated fabric or to hold fabric pieces together while you sew. Pins leave permanent holes in laminated fabric.

### Cut Fabrics

- From fuchsia print, cut:**
- 2—8×10" rectangles

### Assemble Bag

1. Place one fuchsia print rectangle right side up on work surface. Align blue 9"-long zipper facedown along a 10" edge of the rectangle (this should be top edge of rectangle if working with a directional print). Open zipper. Using a zipper foot, sew zipper to fuchsia rectangle as close as possible to zipper teeth (**Photo 1**).
2. Close zipper. Finger-press rectangle away from zipper. Topstitch ¼" from fold (**Photo 2**). (For smooth and even stitching, adjust tension as needed and use a nonstick or walking foot on machine for this step.)
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to add remaining fuchsia print 8×10" rectangle to remaining edge of zipper (**Photo 3**).
4. Fold joined rectangles in half, right sides together, and stitch side seams (**Diagram 1**).
5. Open zipper, leaving right sides together, and stitch bottom seam to make a bag body; clip corners (**Diagram 2**).
6. To shape flat bottom for bag, at one corner match bottom seam line to side seam line, creating a flattened triangle (**Diagram 3**). Measuring 1½" from point of triangle, draw a 3" line across triangle. Sew on drawn line. Trim excess fabric, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Repeat with remaining corner. Turn bag body right side out and finger-press.



PHOTO 1

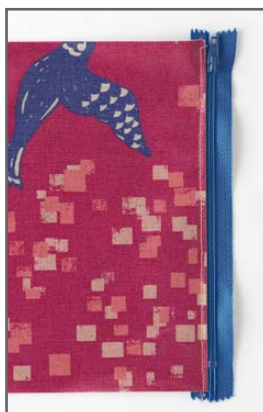


PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3

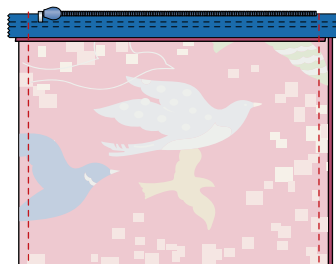


DIAGRAM 1

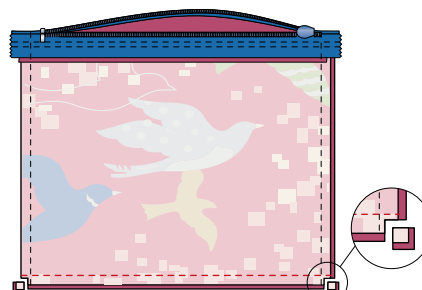


DIAGRAM 2

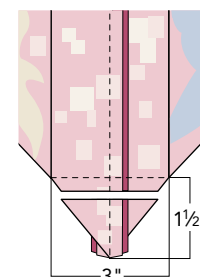


DIAGRAM 3