

The Zip-N-Grip Bag by Sew Yours

The Zip-N-Grip Bag is a versatile and functional storage solution perfect for carrying cosmetics, toiletries, sewing supplies, art tools, or craft materials. It is the ultimate accessory for storing all your essentials.

Special features:

- lays flat when open
- zippered center pocket
- small interior slip pockets and a small zipper pocket

Finished size: 5.25" H x 9.25" W x 4.75" D

Skill Level: Intermediate or Adventurous Beginner

Pattern Information:

- **Pattern: The Zip-N-Grip by Sew Yours** This pattern is an instant download only in a PDF format and must be purchased on your own before class.
- **Download and print the instructions** for The Zip-N-Grip.
- **On page 2 of the instructions, there are print guidelines on how to print and assemble the pattern pieces. Make sure your printer scaling is turned off and is set to print at 100% or at actual size. Print the first page only of the pattern and measure the One Inch Test Square to ensure accurate printing.**
- **The pattern has a lot of pages. I recommend reviewing the pattern and printing the instructions front to back (or two-sided) if possible. Print the pattern pieces one-sided.** Pages I printed--pgs 1-3: good stuff; pgs 6- 22 are the instructions.) I also printed pg 5, 25, the pattern map and the labels.

Required Materials, Hardware & Supplies:

- Exterior fabric: ½ yard
- Lining fabric: ¾ yard
- 20" Fusible Woven Interfacing (Pellon SF101): 1 ¼ yd *see pattern note regarding fabric choices
- Decovil Light Fusible Stabilizer (Pellon 525): 1/3 yard
- **SKIP:** Decovil Heavy (Pellon 526) or Pellon 71F Peltex
- 24" or longer Handbag zipper or #5 Zipper by the Yard (cut at 25") and one zipper pull
- 7.25" #5 or #3 Zipper by the Yard and one zipper pull (divider zipper pocket)
- 7" #5 or #3 Zipper by the Yard and one zipper pull (lining pocket)
- (2) 1" D-Rings
- Pattern provides additional options—review these options
- **OPTION:** 1" wide webbing: ½ yard [15"-- handle = 9" and handle connectors = (2) 3" each] ***webbing replaces making your own handle**

Instructor's Recommendations:

- For your first attempt at making the Zip-N-Grip, I highly recommend using quilting cotton for both the exterior and the lining. This fabric is easy to work with, making the sewing process smoother and more manageable.

- The pattern requires rivets. A rivet press will be available for class use. While the handle can be sewn on, the material may become quite thick. I will provide instructions on inserting rivets and using the rivet press, along with access to the necessary shared tools. Webbing is an option.
- Binding Option: Make your own Single Fold Bias Binding-more information below.

Supplies Needed for Day of Class:

- ☐ Sewing machine with power cord and foot pedal (manual for any assistance with the machine)
- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Coordinating thread colors
- ☐ Recommended Feet: ¼" foot, zipper foot, edge (topstitch) foot, and walking foot
- ☐ Recommended Needles: #14 or 16 Microtex needles or Denim needles
- ☐ Rulers (multiple sizes)
- ☐ Rotary Cutter and Personal Cutting Mat
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Straight Pins and one Safety Pin
- ☐ Scissors and Thread Snips
- ☐ Wonder clips (a lot)
- ☐ Washout Marking pencils or pens; Air Erase, Frixion Pens or chalk to mark with
- ☐ Stiletto
- ☐ ¼" Steam-A Seam Double Sided Fusible Tape and/or Double Side Adhesive Tape
- ☐ Fray Check (optional but helpful for sealing rivet holes)
- ☐ Personal Iron and Ironing Mat (optional)
- ☐ Irons /Ironing Boards and Large Cutting Mats (volunteers please)

Review the pattern for any additional supplies and tools.

This is an all-day class with a short break for lunch. Feel free to bring something to eat and drink while you work on your project.

HOMEWORK.... To ensure you finish the Zip-N-Grip bag on the day of the class, complete the following BEFORE arriving to class.

Read through the directions on the pattern to familiarize yourself with the information. As you cut each piece, it is helpful to print out & clip/pin labels to the fabric.

Complete the following in advance:

- ☐ On page 3 – Pattern Map & Stay Organized -- follow ALL the instructions within this section.
- ☐ On page 25 - Follow the cutting guide to cut out all fabric, interfacing, and stabilizer pieces.
- ☐ **Prepare: Interfacing**
 - Fuse the woven interfacing (SF101) to the wrong side of each corresponding exterior and lining piece. This instruction is not written in the pattern.
- ☐ **Prepare: Handle & Handle Connector**
 - On page 6, complete steps 1 - 5 to make the handle and handle connector from quilting cotton. Bring the handle and handle connectors labeled to class.

- Webbing: Cut (1) 9" piece for the handle and cut (2) 3" pieces for the handle connectors. Seal the edges with Fray check.
- **Prepare: Fuse Stabilizer**
 - On page 8, complete step 1. Complete step 2, if you are attaching a bag tag.
- **Prepare: Zippers by the Yard or longer zippers**
 - Lining Zipper Pocket (pg. 9 step 1) Attach (1) zipper pull to zipper tape and cut to 7"—secure the ends. If using a longer zipper, cut the zipper to 7"
 - Divider Zipper Pocket (pg. 10 step 1) Attach (1) zipper pull to zipper tape and cut to 7.25"—secure the ends.
 - If using a #3 fixed length zipper for the Lining Zipper Pocket and Divider Zipper Pocket, measure and cut the zipper from the zipper stop by the pull.
 - Main Zipper Closure - Cut zipper by the yard @ 25" without the pull but don't forget it!!! Do not secure the ends of this zipper.
- **Prepare: Wings**
 - On page 12, complete steps 1 and 2. Bring the complete wings to class.
- **Prepare: Bottom Panel**
 - On page 17, complete steps 11 and 12. Complete step 2 if you are attaching a bag tag.
- **Prepare: Your Own Single Fold Bias Binding**
 - Cut the 11" x 11" square in half diagonally.
 - With right sides together, sew the two triangles together along one short side; press seam open.
 - From the resulting parallelogram, cut 1 ½" wide strips, aligning ruler along the long bias edge.
 - With right sides together, join the ends of the strips to make one continuous strip, offsetting tips. Press seams open; trim tips.
 - With right sides out, fold the binding in half, bringing the raw edges together.
 - Fold one raw edge toward the center and press. The opposite side remains untouched. Spray starch and a clapper help to keep the bias binding crisp.
 - The result is a single fold binding. Using a single fold binding provides less bulk. Bring folded and pressed binding to class.

Bring the pattern and all the pattern templates, the completed pieces (labeled), webbing or fabric handles & handle connectors, the prepared zippers, the wings, bias binding, the hardware, extra fabric and stabilizers to class.

If you require any hardware or additional supplies, please reach out for assistance. I will be able to provide the necessary items or guide you on how to obtain them. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me maryquilts913@gmail.com.