

Patchwork Zipper Pouch A Free Bag Pattern from Daydreams of Quilts

Supplies:

24 - 2 ½" squares

Fat quarter fabric for outer bag and zipper tabs

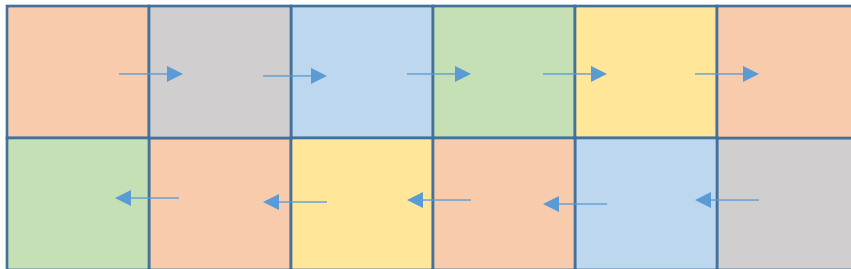
12" zipper

Half yard of lining fabric

Fusible fleece or quilt batting - two 10 x 12" rectangles

How To:

Create two sections of patchwork for the front and back of the bag. Each section will have two rows of six 2 ½" squares. Press seams on rows in opposite directions.



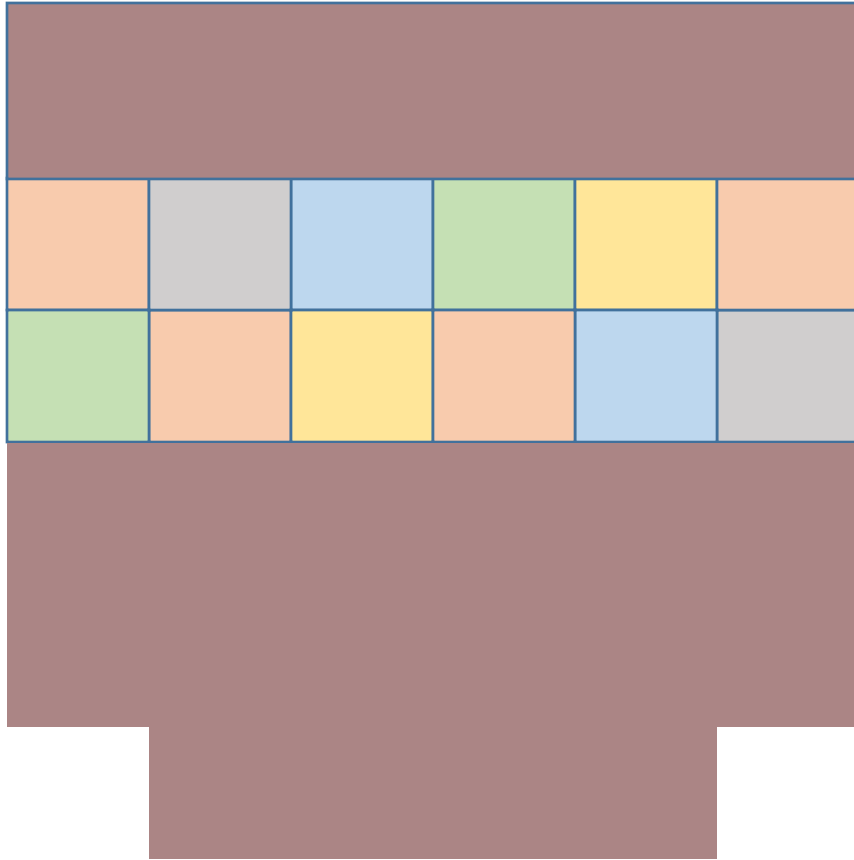
Cut two lining pieces 10 ½" x 12 ½". Cut 2" squares out of the bottom two corners of the lining pieces.

Cut two 2 ½" x 12 ½" strips and two 4 ½" x 12 ½" strips from the fat quarter.

Sew the 2 ½" strips to the top of the patchwork sections and sew the 4 ½" strips to the bottom of the patchwork section. Press seams towards the strips.

Cut 2" squares out of the bottom corners. (See diagram next page)

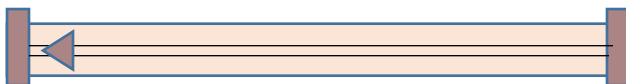
Quilt the outer bag panels to quilt batting or fuse to fusible fleece with an iron following manufacturer's directions. Trim any excess batting from the edges. (If fusing make sure to cut out the bottom 2" corners first so you don't get fusible on your iron.)



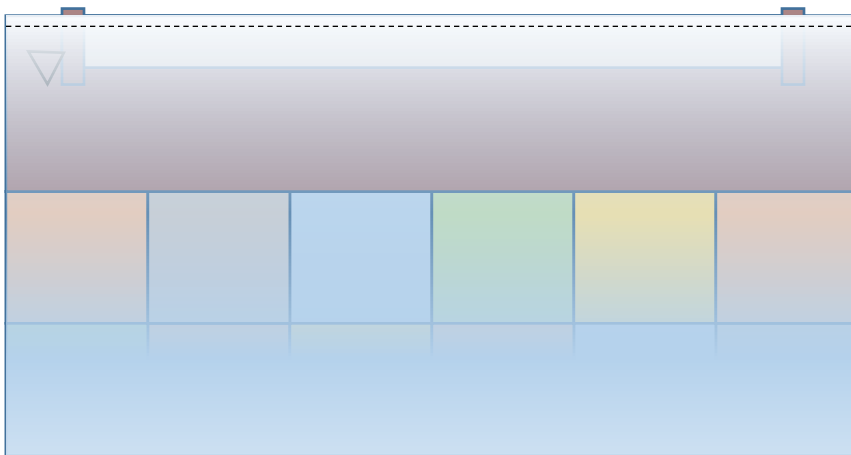
Slide the zipper pull to the middle and trim the zipper to 11 inches.

Cut two zipper tabs 1" x 1 1/2". Fold the tabs in half bringing the two short ends together and press. Open the tabs and fold the short ends to the centre fold. Press again. Refold the centre fold with the two short ends enclosed and press one final times.

Sew the open end of the zipper closed by stitching through the zipper at that end with a 1/4" seam. Sew the zipper tabs on the end of your zipper.



Place the zipper face down on the front side of your bag (whichever side you choose to be the front) with the zipper pull at the left. Lay a lining piece down on top with the right side of the lining to the wrong side of the zipper. Clip along the top edge and sew with a scant 1/4" seam. Move the zipper pull out of the way as you sew.



Open your seam so the wrong sides of the fabrics are facing and press your seam. Top stitch along the edge where the fabric meets the zipper with a $1/8$ " seam. Make sure to pull fabric taught away from the zipper for both outer and lining fabrics.

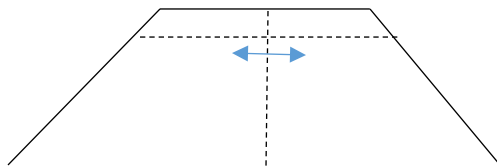
Repeat with the other side of the bag but this time the zipper will be right side down on the outer fabric with the pull at the right.

Press and top stitch your seam for the other side of the zipper as before.

Open the zipper half way (important!) and place the outer fabrics right sides together and the lining fabrics right sides together. Clip and stitch all the way around with a $1/4$ " seam leaving a 4" opening on the lining bottom edge for turning.

The zipper is shorter than the bag width so we can get past our zipper ends without catching them in the seam.

Box each of the four corners by pinching the fabric and lining up the seams. Sew across the corners with a $1/4$ " seam.



Nest the seams by pushing the seam allowances in opposite directions and butting the seams up together.

Turn the bag through the opening in the lining and the open zipper. Push out the corners.

Turn the lining edges at the opening under and clip. Top stitch along the opening with $1/8$ " seam to close the opening. Push the lining down into the bag and into the corners.

Your beautiful patchwork pouch is finished!