

Quick Projects To Do

Quilted Triangle Bag



Goal: What will be learned by this project? This project will teach fabric coordination, sewing straight, inserting a zipper flat, as well as measuring, stitch & flip sewing, and following directions.

Materials Needed:

3/8 yard pre-shrunk cotton Fabric for Lining (inside)

3/8 yard Batting

Several different coordinating fabrics (pre-shrunk cotton preferred) for the outside of bag: Cut fabrics into 2" wide strips. You will need enough to cover a 12" X 18" rectangle, remember you need to allow for seams (total of at least 3/8 yd.).

5" X 6" strip of Fabric for handle

14" zipper to coordinate with fabric

Thread to match your lining fabric

Directions to make this project:

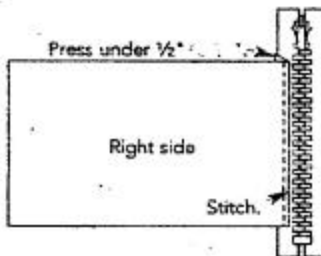
1. Cut both the lining fabric and the batting into a rectangle about 13" X 19". This will be trimmed to finished size of 12" X 18" after strip quilting.
2. Baste the batting to the wrong side of lining around the outside edges.
3. Decide layout of fabric strips. (There are numerous ways that the strips can be laid on the batting and backing.) These directions will discuss the layout where the 2" strips are laid on the diagonal from corner to corner.
4. To sew the strips on diagonally from corner to corner, start with the batting facing up (lining down). Lay the first strip across one corner of the batting, right side up.
5. Lay the second strip next to the first making sure that the strip covers out to the edge. Flip it over the top of the first, right sides together, lining up the cut edges. Pin in place. Sew through all layers along the inner edge using a 1/4" seam.
6. Fold the strip over to the right side and press.
7. Place the next strip on top of the last, right sides together, stitch with 1/4" seam, flip, and press. Continue with additional strips until the rectangle is covered.
8. Trim the rectangle to 12" X 18".
9. Fold a 4" X 6" piece of fabric for the handle in half right sides together (becomes 2" X 6" piece). Sew 1/4" seam along the 6" edge. Turn right side out and press. Fold handle in half matching the cut edges.
10. Find the middle of one of the long edges. To do this, fold the quilted rectangle in half along the long edge (becomes 12" X 9"). Mark the fold on one end. Place

the handle at this marked center. Align the cut edges of the handle and the rectangle together. The handle fold will be toward the center of the rectangle. Baste in place.

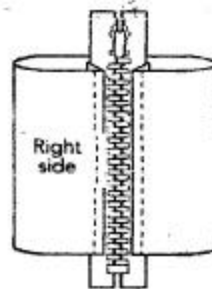
11. Finish the edges of the 12" (short) side of the rectangle with a zigzag or overcast stitch.

To insert the zipper:

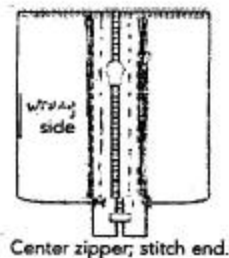
12. Fold and press under $\frac{1}{2}$ " on both of the 12" sides of the rectangle.
13. With the zipper facing up, place one of the folded edges along one side of the zipper's teeth. Topstitch the fold to the zipper.



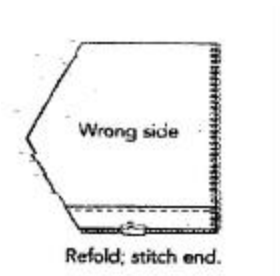
14. Place the other folded edge (opposite of one just stitched) to the other side of the zipper teeth and topstitch.



15. Turn bag inside out. Check that the zipper pull is inside the bag. Position the center of the zipper to the top center back of the bag, where the handle is basted. Stitch $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam along this top edge. Check to be sure the zipper center is matched to the handle center. Finish the seam with a zigzag or an overcast.



16. Open the zipper about 4", then refold the bag so that the center of the zipper is placed along one edge. Stitch the remaining open edge with a 3/8" seam. Cut off the extra zipper tape. Finish the seam with a zigzag or overcast stitch.



17. Turn the bag inside out. Enjoy.

