

June's Bag

SUPPLIES:

1 fat quarter for outside (or enough 18" strips of varying widths to cover a fat quarter)
1 coordinating fat quarter for lining
Batting (same size as Fat quarter)
Basting spray
9" or longer NYLON zipper (easier to construct with a longer zipper – 12" zipper suggested)
Zipper Foot
Free motion and/or walking foot (optional)
Bag template

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAG FABRIC: Two Methods

All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ ", except for top stitching which is $\frac{1}{8}$ "

RSU = Right Side Up

RSD = Right Side Down



Fast and Easy Fat Quarter Method:

Spray baste the wrong side of each fat quarter
Sandwich the batting with fat quarters facing out (*this is known as the quilt sandwich*).
Quilt the layers together (e.g. free motion, vertical lines, or crosshatch etc.)
Trace and cut out the bag using the pattern template.
From here the quilted piece will be called the "bag fabric".
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Strip Quilting or Stitch & Flip Method:

Spray baste the lining (wrong side) to batting – flip the piece over.
Draw a midline on the batting across the long edge. (See ****Note** below)
Take the 1st strip and lay it RSU along the midline.
Lay a 2nd strip RSD on top of the strip you just placed.
Sew the 1st strip to the 2nd along the midline edge.
Notice you are sewing the strip and quilting the backing all at the same time.
Now "flip" the strip up and either iron or finger press the strip open so both fabrics are RSU.
This is where the name stitch & flip method comes from.
Lay a new strip RSD along the edge of the last strip you added, sew this strip, then flip.
Repeat this process until one side is done.
Then turn the fabric and repeat on the other side of the midline until the entire piece is quilted.
Trace and cut out the bag using the pattern template.
From here the quilted piece will be called the "bag fabric".

****NOTE:** You can alter the way you place the strips on the batting (vertically, horizontally or diagonally), just make sure you have strips long enough to cover the area. If your strip is too short just sew another strip to the end until it is long enough. This will give your bag a scrappier look.

INSERTING THE ZIPPER:

With the bag fabric facing up, pin closed zipper with pull tab facing down, on the short edge of the bag fabric. The stop at the bottom of the zipper should be ½" from the edge of the fabric.

If using a zipper longer than the bag fabric, place the zipper so that the zipper pull tab is off the fabric edge.

Using a zipper foot, stitch the zipper to the bag fabric.

Turn zipper RSU, press bag fabric away from the zipper teeth.

Topstitch the bag fabric down so it will not interfere when the zipper is in use.

Bring the bottom edge of the bag fabric to the top edge of bag fabric.

The right side of the bag fabric will be facing down; the zipper with pull tab will be facing up.

Sew the zipper as you did above.

You may have to open the zipper to top stitch the bag fabric down.

FINAL CONSTRUCTION:

Important! Make sure you UNZIP the bag half way open!

Fold the bag so the lining is face out.

Match up the bag edges, making sure that the zipper is aligned.

Use a closer zigzag stitch for this final construction stage to give your bag a more finished look.

Sew from the zipper down making sure to secure the zipper by sewing back & forth across the zipper a couple of times.

To make the boxed corner, match the remaining open edge at the bottom of the bag with the side seam you just sewed.

Sew this edge closed.

Now do the same for the other side.

Turn the bag inside out and voila a new bag is born!

To print pattern - print at 100% (or actual size) with no scaling. After printing, the box should measure 1".

For a 1/2 sized pattern - place FOLD 1 on a fold page then draw and cut out the other lines (including FOLD 2). To use, the 1/2 sized pattern, fold your fat quarter in half on the long edge (fabric should measure 10 x 18 with fold on the 10" side). Place FOLD 2 along the folded edge and cut along the other lines.

For a full sized pattern start with a paper at least 18 x 20 - fold the paper in 1/2 in both directions so your piece measures 9 x 10. Place pattern on paper so FOLDS 1&2 match the folds on the paper then cut out other lines except for the FOLDS.

