



# MAKEUP BAG

Is it time for a new make-up bag? This quick and easy box bag is perfect for make-up or other stashes. Make it in a fun floral cotton for the ladies or a cotton duck for a masculine look. If you want a waterproof bag, use vinyl or a coated fabric.

We have provided dimensions for two different sizes – but you can adjust the size to your liking.

**Skill level: Beginner to Intermediate sewer**

**Time required: 1 hour**

## Materials required



- Brother sewing machine
- Zipper foot
- Thread
- Wonder clips or pins

### Large bag

- 2 12" x 16" rectangles of exterior fabric
- 2 12" x 16" rectangles of lining fabric
- 2 12" x 16" rectangles of fusible batting
- 1 4" x 5" rectangle of coordinating fabric for zipper pull or handle
- 1 18" zipper with plastic teeth

### Small bag

- 2 10" x 7 ½" rectangles of exterior fabric
- 2 10" x 7 ½" rectangles of lining fabric
- 2 10" x 7 ½" rectangles of fusible batting
- 1 2" x 3" rectangle of coordinating fabric for zipper pull or handle
- 1 14" zipper with plastic teeth



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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Prepare fabric

1. Fuse batting to wrong side of exterior fabric (both pieces).

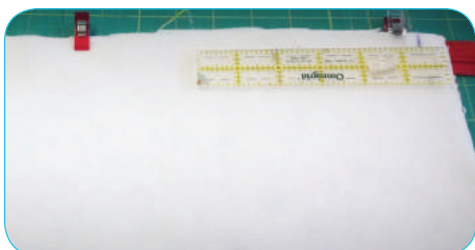


### Sew the bag

1. First make the zipper pull/handle. Fold the 4" x 5" rectangle in half sideways, then fold each side in towards the fold. Topstitch with 3 lines of stitching. You can trim the zipper pull to be shorter or leave it at full length. Set aside.
2. Lay the zipper right side up on top of the right side of the lining fabric. Zipper pull to the right. The zipper should be placed so it extends equally beyond the fabric. The zipper is longer than the fabric and will be cut down to size later.



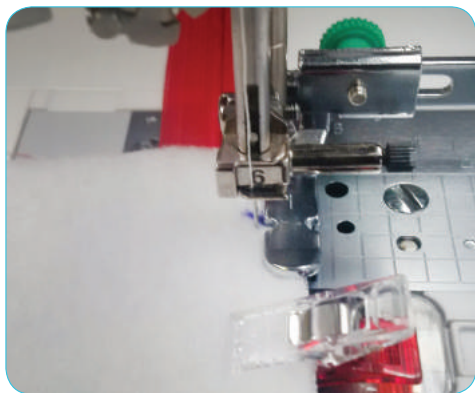
3. Place the exterior fabric right side down over the zipper, lining up the two layers of fabric. Fabrics will now be right sides together, and the zipper will be sandwiched in the middle. Use pins or wonder clips to hold the layers together.
4. Mark 1/2" at either end of the fabric on the stitching line. You will be stitching to the 1/2" mark and not beyond on each side.



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## INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

5. Attach the zipper foot to your sewing machine.
6. Stitch the zipper in place through the 3 layers.



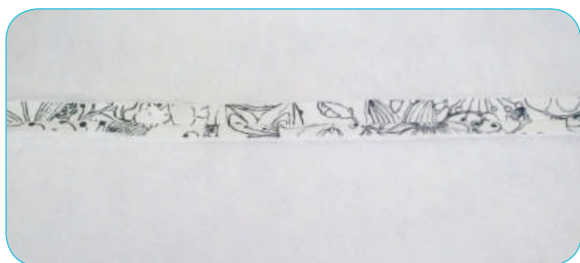
7. Fold back the fabric to reveal the zipper.
8. Lay the second piece of lining fabric flat and place the zipper's edge along the top edge of the lining fabric.
9. Place the exterior fabric on top of the zipper, lining up the edges. The exterior fabrics will be right sides together. Use pins or wonderclips to hold the layers together.
10. Stitch zipper in place through the 3 layers.
11. Open out fabric to reveal zipper stitched in place. (ADMIRE YOUR WORK!)
12. Topstitch on either side of the zipper to prevent fabric from getting caught when opening and closing the make-up bag.



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## INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

13. Change to regular pressure foot.
14. Pin the lining pieces right sides together. Stitch, leaving a 3" to 4" opening in the centre for turning.
15. Pin exterior pieces right sides together and stitch.
16. Fold bag so seams and zipper align. Press seams open.



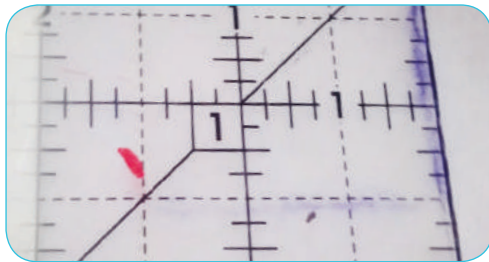
17. Decide which end of the bag you would like the zipper pull to be placed. Take the exterior fabric and insert the zipper pull in between the right sides of the fabric. Pin in place. Pin the right sides of the exterior fabric together. Pin the lining fabric out of the way to prevent it accidentally getting caught.
18. Stitch with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  seam. Go slowly over the zipper teeth. Repeat this step for added strength to the seams.
19. Trim excess zipper.
20. Open zipper  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to allow for turning the bag.
21. Repeat steps 16 to 18 for the opposite side of the bag.
22. With right sides together, pin the lining fabric in place, stitch the first side then the second side.

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## INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

### Create box ends

1. Measure and draw a square  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each corner of the bag. You will do this 8 times. Four times on the wrong side of the exterior fabric and 4 times on the wrong side of the lining fabric. Cut along the drawn line. Box corners: draw out a square on a lining corner at  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". Measure from the seam on the side edge.



2. Position the corner so that the seam is in the centre and then stitch it closed. Repeat with the other three corners of lining.
3. Stitch in exterior fabric corners the same way.
4. Turn bag right side out through the slit in the lining.
5. Slipstitch the lining slit closed.
6. Use a tailor ham to press the bag to shape.





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