

Lose the Fear of Zippers & Vinyl

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Learn three different techniques to install a zipper into a bag. This workshop will also incorporate vinyl in a bag so that the contents are quickly identifiable. If you do not possess a zipper foot (or do not like your zipper foot) for your sewing machine – not to worry – the techniques will be taught using your current all-purpose sewing foot. This is a techniques learning workshop thus perfection will be discouraged.

\$2 Kit fee – The kit will include 4 zippers and vinyl

The samples were made using a featherweight machine and an all-purpose sewing foot.

To make best use of the workshop time, **please bring pre-quilted pieces** for your bags. Either purchase pre-quilted fabric, or simply make quilted pieces from your sewing stash. For each bag, **one side should be of light color** as it will be the inside of the bag. The other side (the outside of the bag) can be ANY color, light, medium, or dark. Also **PRE-IRON** the 2 ½" X WOF piece so it may be used for binding.

The listed size of the four (4) pieces of pre-quilted fabric is not written in stone. The actual size brought to the workshop may vary 1" in either or both directions

Supply list

- 1 – Pre-quilted place mat – 19" x 14" non-directional fabric preferred. (Either purchase a pre-quilted place mat or make a 19" x 14" pre-quilted piece)
- 1 – 2 ½" x Width of fabric to match or contrast the outside of the pre-quilted place mat.
PRE-IRONED - wrong sides together- lengthwise as it will be used as binding.
- 1 - Pre-quilted piece –11" x 15" - can be directional or non-directional fabric
- 1 – 2 ½" x 4" piece of fabric to match or contrast the outside of the 11" x 15" piece
- 1 - Pre quilted piece– 9" x 12" – non-directional fabric preferred
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- Working sewing machine with power cord & foot pedal
- Size 90 Needle
- Thread – can be any color – matching, contrast, or clashing
- All-purpose sewing foot. (Can also bring, ¼" top stitch foot, zipper foot or other fancy feet)
- Rotary cutter (with sharp rotary blade)
- Cutting mat (12" x 12" or larger) – The mat will be used to square the bag blocks – If you do not possess a small cutting mat, there's sure to be a cutting mat that may be used and/or borrowed.
- 18" x 3" Ruler for squaring bag blocks – actually any ruler 12" or longer will work
- Chalk or marking pen / pencil
- Other basic sewing tools that you feel are necessary for a successful workshop