

SOFT ZIP BAGS

This technique started with a book called 'A Passion for Patchwork' by Lise Bergene. Di Wells wrote one set of instructions and I have slightly adapted those assuming you are using continuous zipping and making several bags at one time.

Some suggested sizes to cut

11" x 11 ½ "
10" square
9 ½ " square
6 ½ " x 8 ½ "

All of these are for a piece of
fabric, wadding and lining

I usually assemble a piece of fabric, probably pieced, quilt it, and then cut it to the sizes I want. I.e. I make several bags at a time.

1. Assemble your quilted rectangles
2. Prepare the zip strip. Cut two strips of fabric 2" wide, fold in half lengthways, press. Place the folded edge up to the zip teeth and stitch. If using continuous zipping you can do a long length. Having stitched close to the folded edge on both halves do another row of stitching about ¼" away from previous line. I use my zipper foot and just move the needle to the other side.
3. Place the right side of the zip panel to the right side of quilt sandwich. Pull back the top layer of the zip strip so that it does not get stitched in. Stitch both sides of rectangle. Turn the unstitched edge of zip strip under and hand stitch in place. Put slider on.
4. **Tabs** Cut a 2" wide strip. Fold in long edges and fold in again Top stitch. Cut into two 2" pieces. Fold in half lengthways
5. Flatten the end of the tube ensuring that the zip is centrally placed on top of the tube. Place a pin as marker in the fold at each side and then bring the pin up to the centre almost to the zip. Pin the tab in position, raw ends over the end of the zip. Stitch across the end of the tube, through the tab, zip and folds.
6. Cut a piece of lining fabric big enough to bind the end seam, machine in place and finish by hand
7. Turn right side out