



Two by Two

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Materials

- 2 fat quarters in coordinating prints
- 4 (7 x 10 1/2-inch) pieces cotton batting
- 2 (9-inch) zippers
- 2 (8-inch) lengths 1/8-inch-wide ribbon
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

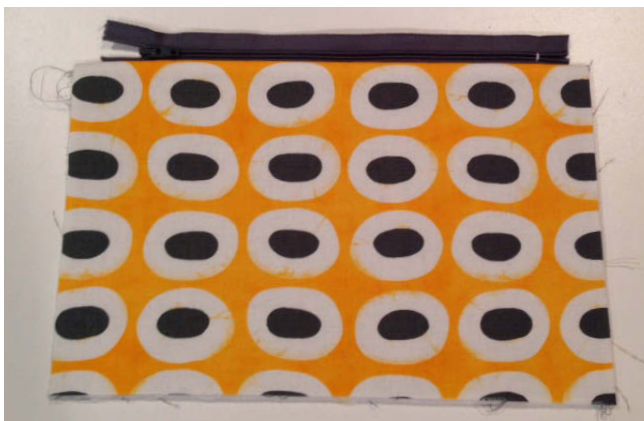


Instructions

1. Cut four 7 x 10 1/2-inch rectangles from each of the two fat quarters. Note: Two rectangles from each fat quarter will be used to create one bag. One print will be used as the outside fabric with the second print acting as the lining fabric.



2. Lay one of the outside fabric rectangles right side up on top of a piece of cotton batting, matching edges. Center the edge of the zipper, right side down, along the 10 1/2-inch edge of the fabric side of the fabric/batting, and baste all layers together using a needle and thread.



3. Lay the edge of the lining fabric rectangle on top of the zipper, matching edges, with fabric rectangles

right sides together. Baste through all layers of fabric, zipper and batting.



4. Using the zipper foot on your sewing machine, stitch the zipper in place. Turn right side out and press. Repeat steps 2 and 3, stitching the remaining side of the zipper in place.



5. Fold the pieces in half with the zipper along the top and with right sides out; pin or clip along the sides and bottom. Stitch using a 1/4-inch seam. Trim the seam to 1/8 inch. Turn right side in and press. Stitch using a 3/8-inch seam to enclose the raw edges.



6. Turn right side out and press. Fold the ribbon in half and insert the loop into the zipper tab bringing the ribbon ends back through the loop; tighten. Repeat to create a second bag.