

## Tech Bag

**Finished Size:** 9" x 6" x 2"

When travelling, I like to keep all of my adapters, cords and batteries in one place so I don't lose them. I use a little bag like this that is so quick and easy to make from a couple of fat quarters. It's the perfect size for all my gadgets, but you might like to use it as a cosmetics bag!



### Materials

**Outside and lining fabrics:** 2 coordinating fat quarters

**Batting:** 15" x 18" thin cotton or other natural fiber batting

9" zipper

Thread to match project

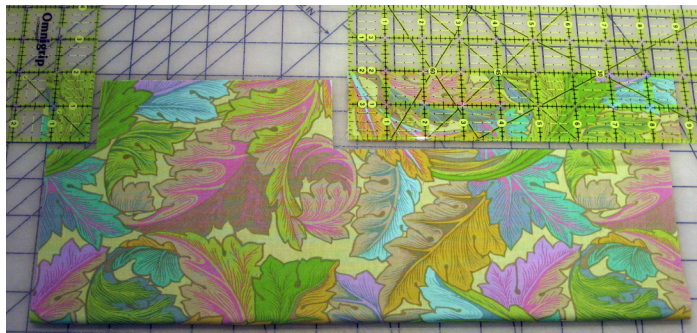
Optional twine & beads for zipper

### Cutting

**1.** Cut the outside fabric piece 13 1/2" x 16". Fold in half lengthwise, so you're looking at a folded piece of fabric 6 3/4" x 16".

**2.** On one end of the cut edge, cut out a piece 2" x 8 3/4" through both layers, with the long side of the cut parallel with the fold.

**3.** On the opposite end of the cut edge, cut out a piece 2" x 1 1/4", with the 1 1/4" side of the cut parallel with the fold.

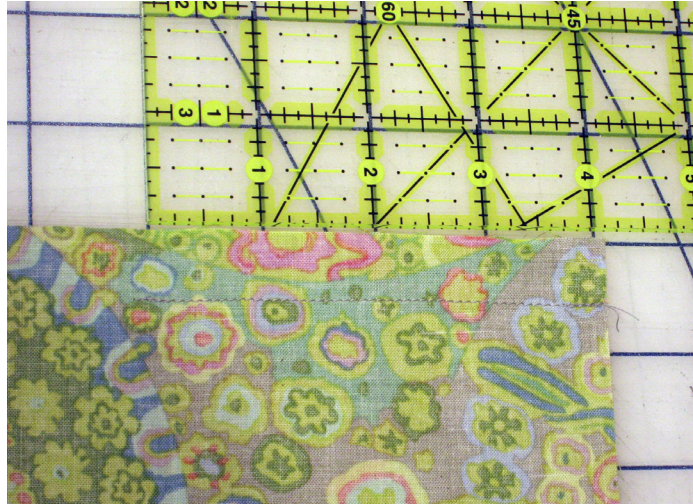


Cutting pieces out of the outside fabric

**4.** Cut a piece of the lining fabric 14" x 18". Then cut it in half crosswise, so you have 2 pieces 9" x 14".

### Stitching

**1.** Put the 2 lining pieces right sides together and stitch a 5/8" seam 4" long starting at each end of one of the 14" sides, backstitching and leaving a gap about 5"-6" long. This is where you will turn the project right side out. Press the seam allowance to one side.

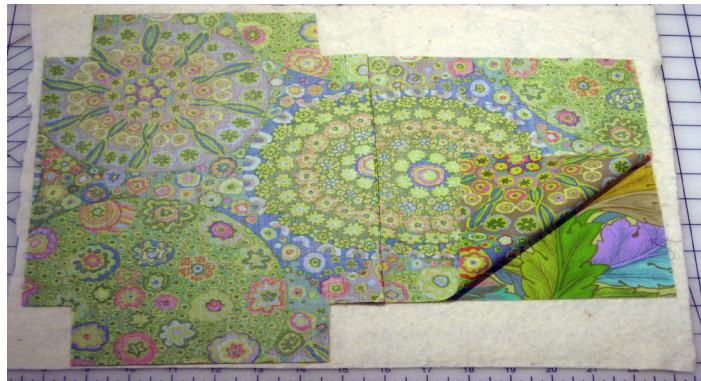


Stitch a 5/8" seam 4" from each end

**2.** Cut the lining piece to match the outside piece.

**3.** Stack the pieces in this order:

- 1.** batting on the bottom
- 2.** outside, right side up
- 3.** backing, wrong side up



**4.** Stitch all around the outside, 1/4" from the raw edge. Trim outside corners and clip inside corners almost to the stitching line.



Trim and clip corners

**5.** Turn right side out through the turning hole in the lining, making sure to get all the corners pushed out all the way. Press.

**6.** From the inside of the bag, stitch along the fold of the gap left for turning.

**7.** Quilt the bag however you like it--you can follow the design in the fabric as I did or use a grid or other all-over pattern. Add embellishments if desired.

**8.** Fold the bag right sides together at the corner where the 'wings' stick out from where you made the long cuts.



Fold bag to 'wings'

**9.** Match the bottom of the 'wing' with the flap you just folded over and stitch close to the edge.

**10.** Pivot the stitching line at the corner and continue to stitch to the top of the 'wing'. Repeat for the opposite side.



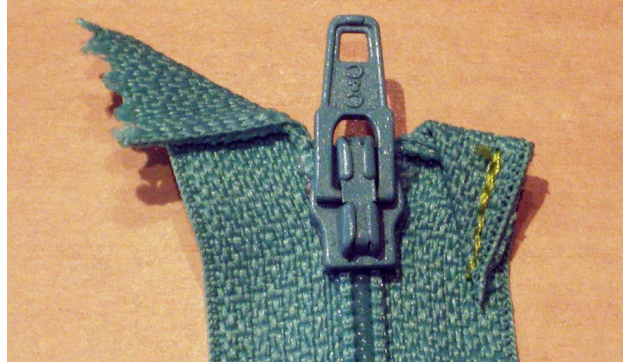
Stitch from fold to 1/4" from corner



Pivot, then stitch to top

## Adding the Zipper

**1.** On the top of the right side of the zipper, fold the tabs away from the teeth by folding forward once perpendicular to the teeth, then folding again on itself forward and straight down. Tack in place.



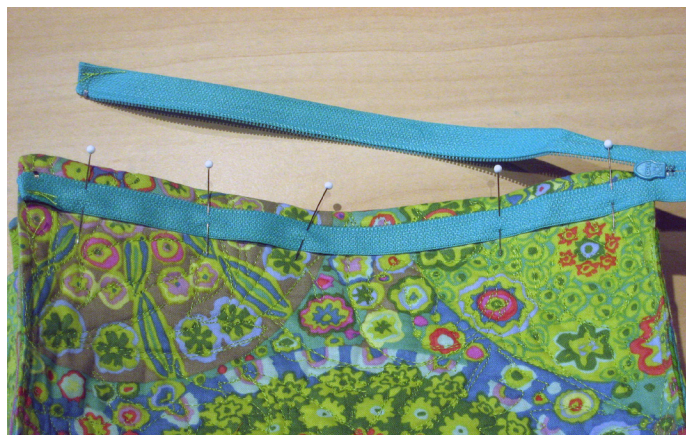
Prepare the zipper

**2.** On the inside of the top flap, mark a line 3/4" from the edge.



Draw a line 3/4" from inside edge

**3.** Place the right side of the zipper tape edge along the line marked on the inside of the bag, matching the top of the zipper with one end of the bag and letting any extra zipper go off the other end. Stitch down the middle of the tape.



**4.** Open the zipper and place the other side of it along the line on the other side of the bag, making sure the top matches. Stitch in place as in Step 3.

**5.** If desired, take a little tuck in the sides by folding it until it is about the same width as the zipper. Stitch through all layers.

**6.** Stitch zipper end in place through all layers.

**7.** Add beads and twine to zipper pull.



Stitch a tuck in the sides and stitch down zipper end