Zippered Cross Stitch Bag/Pouch



Top Fabric - 2pcs
Lining - 2pcs
Nylon Zipper
Tear away or cutaway stabilizer
Fleece or batting (optional)
Cord, belt, ribbon (optional)

Fabric preparation- 5"x7" size- Top fabric-6"x8" (2pcs), folded in half to get 6"x4".

Lining- 6"x5" (2pcs), Batting- 6"x4" (2pcs) (optional, recommended for bigger bag size)
Zipper- Atleast 7 inches

8"x8" size-

Top fabric- 6.5x9" (2pcs), folded in half to get 6.5"x4.5".

Lining- 6.5" x 5.5" (2pcs), batting-

6.5 "x4.5" (2pcs) (optional)

Zipper-atleast 8 inches

8"x11" size-

Top fabric- 12"x9" (2pcs), folded in half to get 6"x9".

Lining- 7"x9" (2pcs), batting-6"x9" (2pcs) (optional)

Zipper- atleast 11 inches

NOTE- If using batting or fleece sandwich it between the 2 layers of the top fabric. In the end it is recommended to trim batting from the seams to reduce the bulk.

1. Hoop stabilizer and thread the machine with a matching color to your top fabric.

2. Sew the 1st color, the placement line for zipper and outline.



- 3. Place the zipper right between the placement lines and tape it in place.
- 4. Sew the 2nd color which will tack down the zipper.



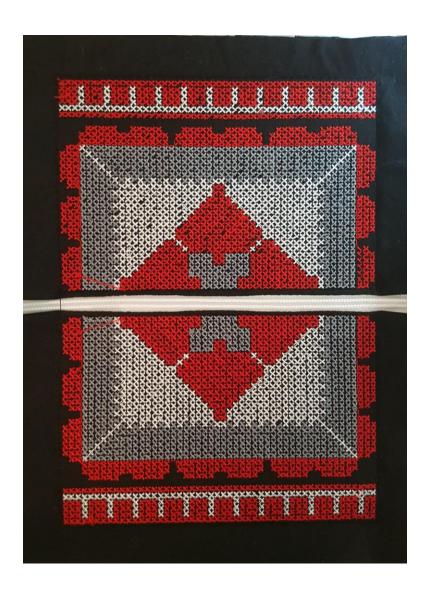
5. Next place the 1st piece of the top fabric above the zipper, placing the folded edge right next to the zipper teeth.



- 6. Tape it in place and sew the 3rd color which will tack it in place.
- 7. Similarly place the 2nd piece of top fabric below the zipper with folded edge next to the teeth of the zipper.
- 8. Sew the 4th color to tack it in place.



 Change colors as needed and complete the cross stitch embroidery except for the last 2 colors.



10. Once the cross stitch is completed, remove hoop and at the back of the hoop place the 1st piece of lining wrong side up and line the top edge with the upper zipper placement line. (the zipper placement line from the 1st color)



11. Tape it in place and sew the 2^{nd} last color.



12. Remove hoop again and remove the tapes, flip the lining right side up and tape it away from the lower half of the bag.



13. Repeat the same for the 2nd piece of the lining. Line the lower edge with the lower zipper placement line, tape in place and sew the last color.





- 14. Unhoop and tear or trim away the excess stabilizer.
- 15. Lay it flat and iron. Trim all the 4 sides to get even edges.





- 16. Open the zipper half way and trim away the excess zipper.
- 17. If you need to add any belt or cord, lay it on either end of the zipper and pin or tape it in place.
- 18. Join together the right sides of the top fabric as well as the lining and pin all around.



19. Using a sewing machine sew leaving 1cm seam all the 4 sides, make sure to leave a gap of 2-3 inches in the middle of the lining.



- 20. Trim the 4 corners to remove bulk. Turn the bag inside out through the gap in the lining.
- 21. Hand or machine sew the opening. Use a blunt tip tool or scissors to get the corners out and edges smooth.

