

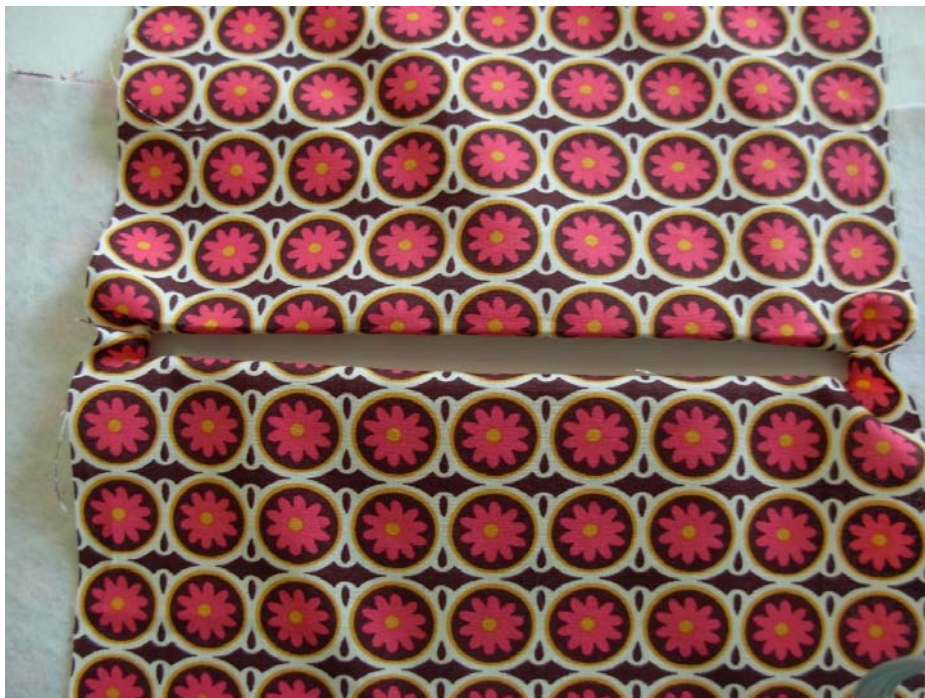
1. You need to put in the zippered pocket before you put your purse lining together. First cut a rectangle from your lining fabric. I usually make it about 12" by 15". The finished pocket will be 11" wide and about 7" deep. I will call this piece the pocket lining. Once you master the technique, you can use this method to make any size zippered pocket.
2. Fold the pocket lining piece in half, top to bottom, wrong sides today and press the fold.
3. Using a pen or pencil and ruler, draw a rectangle on the wrong side of the pocket lining about 5/8" below the fold. It should end about 3/4" from each side and be about 1/2" high.
4. Place the pocket lining on your lining fabric, right sides together, with the folded edge 2" to 3" below the top, depending on where you want the zipper opening. Open it out flat and pin in place.



5. Stitch along the lines you have drawn, pivoting at the corners.
6. Cut through both layers along the center line of the rectangle, stopping about 1/4" from each end. Then cut toward each corner, right up to the stitching line, forming a V. Be careful not to cut through the stitching.



7. Fold the pocket lining through the opening and open it out flat (wrong sides together). Press carefully all around the opening, pulling slightly so the corners lie flat and square.



8. Place your zipper under the opening, zipper pull on the left close to the end of the opening. Pin in place then baste. (Basting keeps the edges from slipping so you end up with nice square ends).



9. Using a zipper foot, stitch around the edges, sewing through the zipper at each end. If your zipper is longer than the opening (mine always are), stitch across the end a couple of times. Remove basting stitches.



10. Turn lining over, fold the pocket lining down on the line you pressed earlier. The edges should line up evenly. Stitch around the three open sides of the pocket, cut the end off the zipper if necessary. Press the pocket flat and continue constructing your lining.



Inside view of finished bag:



FINISHED BAG:

