

Quilted Box Bag

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Learn how to cut and sew this fun quilted box bag using the Singer Momento and Heavy Duty Sewing Machine taught by Singer Educator, Bethany McCue. Check out the video tutorial [here](#).

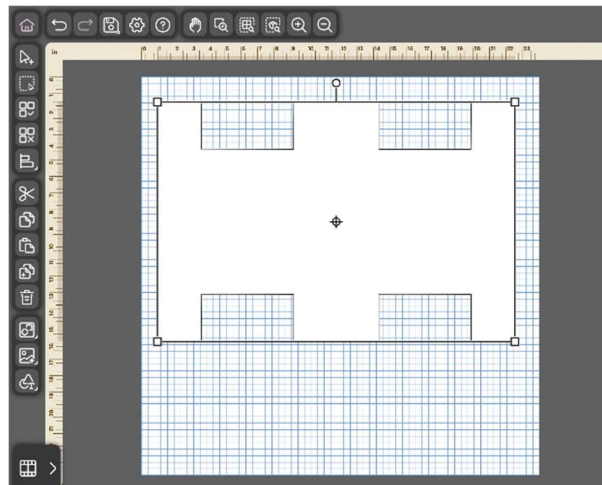
What you need

- 2 Fat Quarters of Quilting Cotton
- Flex Foam Fusible Stabilizer
- Zipper Tape & Zipper Pull
- All Purpose Thread
- 90/14 Universal Needle
- Zipper Sewing Foot
- Sew-Easy Foot
- Sewing Clips or Pins

- Corner Tool
- Iron
- Scissors or Snips
- Strong Grip Mat 24" x 24"
- Fabric Grip Mat 24" x 24"
- 6" Brayer
- Basting Spray Adhesive or Fabric Glue (optional)

Directions

1. Once you load the bag pattern cut file into the mySewnet crafting software, you can adjust the size of the pattern in your canvas to make the bag as big or as small as you like. The bag in this tutorial was cut at approximately 21" W x 14" H in size.



2. Use the strong grip mat to cut the fusible foam with the rotary blade. The material setting will be similar to the 'Heavy Fabrics' material. Always do a test cut first to ensure the correct pressure and speed for the specific material you are using.
3. Use the fabric grip mat to cut the bag pattern twice in the quilting cotton, one for the outside of the bag and one for the inside lining.

PRO-TIP: Use the 6" Brayer tool to help smooth out your fabric on the mat before cutting to help ensure a smooth even cut of your material.

Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.



4. If you are using fusible foam, press the quilting cotton to each side of the foam with an iron. Follow the pressing instructions on your fusible foam.



5. If your foam is not fusible you can use a basting spray adhesive or fabric glue to adhere the quilting cotton to the foam to help hold it in place while sewing.
6. Thread your sewing machine with all purpose thread. Attach the Sew-Easy Foot and set your machine to a 3mm straight stitch.



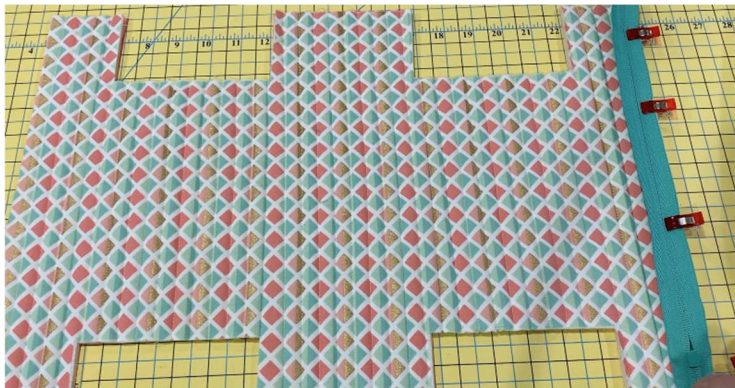
7. Adjust the Sew-Easy Foot guide to the width you would like your straight line quilted rows to be apart.
8. Sew your first row following the right edge of the fabric.

9. Sew your second row by lining up the white guide on the Sew-Easy Foot with your previous row of stitches. Repeat this all the way across your bag pattern piece left to right.

PRO-TIP: As you work your way across the material, roll up the fabric so it fits well in the sewing space of your machine making it easier to maneuver.



10. Cut your zipper tape 1" wider than the right edge of your bag pattern piece. Clip the zipper tape and bag fabric right sides together along the edge.

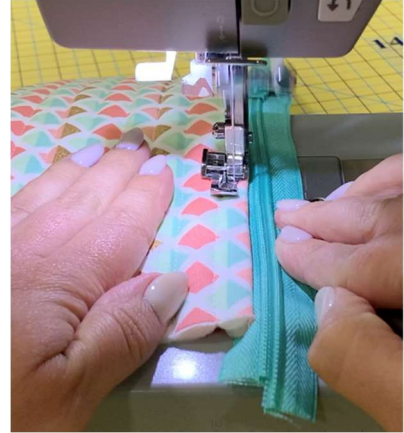


11. Attach the zipper foot to your sewing machine and attach the zipper to the edge of the bag pattern piece.

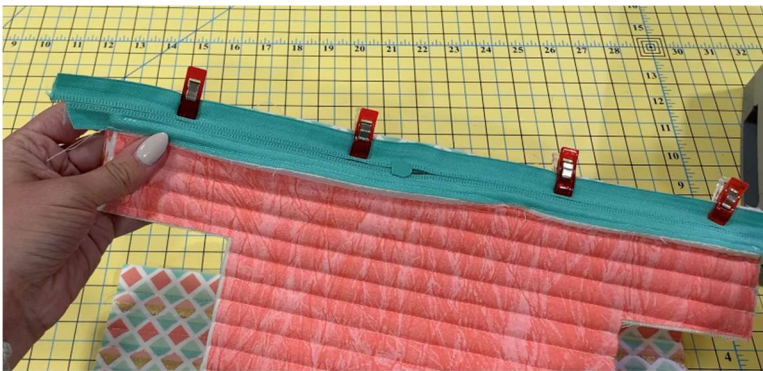
PRO-TIP: When you get to the zipper pull, leave the needle down, lift the presser foot and guide the zipper pull past the presser foot before continuing to sew. This will help ensure your zipper is attached straight.



12. Fold the zipper open and top stitch the seam along the zipper.



13. Align the other side of the zipper tape up with the opposite side of the bag pattern piece. Your bag should be folded right sides together.



14. Repeat steps 11 & 12 for the other side of the zipper.

Note: In order to topstitch the 2nd side, you will need to completely separate your zipper to open up the bag. Afterwards, reattach the zipper pull.

15. Lay the bag flat with the zipper mostly closed. The zipper should be facing up and across the center of the bag lining up the short ends.



16. Clip the ends together and sew a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance down both sides. Go slow over the zipper teeth to avoid breaking a needle. Afterwards, trim down the seam allowance and excess zipper tape to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side.



17. Open each of the 4 corners so that both sides of the bag line up in a straight line and clip in place together. This is going to create the boxed corners to give our bag its shape.



18. Sew each corner with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance and trim down the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " to remove bulk.

PRO-TIP: You can cover the raw seams with bias tape to give your project a more polished look on the inside.



19. Once all four corners are sewn, turn your bag right side out through the zipper opening and use a corner tool to push out the corners and seams for a finished result.



You can make this project with so many different types of materials like cork or vinyl for example. You can cut these materials on the Momento for precision cuts.