

Upcycled three-zip crossbody bag project

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Skill level : Advanced beginner

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Supplies

1x large waterproof winter jacket

**Denim, wool, or utility canvas jacket will also work great for this project*

**Avoid using puffer jacket or any jacket with stretchy material*

2x nylon coil zipper at least 9" (23cm) long, 1 1/4" (32mm) wide; size #5 or #4.5

1x nylon coil zipper at least 12" (30.5cm) long, 1 1/4" (32mm) wide

**I use zipper by the yard*

1" (25mm) inner measurement d-ring (2x)

1" (25mm) inner measurement swivel hook (2x)

1" (25mm) adjustable strap slider

Optional - 10 1/2 x 4 1/2" fusible stabilizer (e.g. decovil light or foam stabilizer)

1/8" or 1/4" basting tape <https://amzn.to/3BPXtjx>

Polyester thread

Tools

Sewing machine, basic sewing notions

Zipper foot, Walking foot

Finished bag measurements
approx. 10 1/2" wide x 11 1/2" tall x 2 deep (bottom)
26.7 x 29 x 5 cm

Features

2x front exterior zipper pocket

Zipper closure

Adjustable strap

2x interior slip pockets

Interior zipper pocket

watch the video tutorial
<https://youtu.be/-TYzfEOYWqk>

Seam allowances are 3/8" (1cm) unless otherwise stated

Cutting Instructions

Following the below chart, cut your fabric and stabilizer accordingly.

Name	Exterior Fabric	Lining Fabric	Stabilizer/Interfacing
Front exterior - upper	Cut (1) 9" w x 2 1/2" h (23 x 6.5 cm)		
Front exterior - middle	Cut (1) 9" w x 2 1/2" h (23 x 6.5 cm)		
Front exterior - lower	Cut (1) 9" w x 6 1/2" h (23 x 16.5 cm)		
Zipper pocket - upper, lower		Cut (2) 9" w x 12 1/2" h (23 x 31.5 cm)	
Front exterior - Sides	Cut (2) 2" w x 11" h (5 x 28cm)		
Back exterior - Upper	Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 1 1/2" h (29 x 4cm)		
Back exterior - Lower	Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 10 1/4" h (29 x 26cm)		
Bottom Panel	Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 5 1/2" h (29 x 14cm)	Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 5 1/2" h (29 x 14cm)	10 1/2" x 4 1/2" (26.5 x 11.5cm) *optional
Ring Tabs	Cut (2) 4" x 2" (10 x 5 cm)		
Adjustable Strap	4" x 55" (10 x 140 cm)		
Back Interior		Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 11" h (29 x 28cm)	
Interior slip pocket		Cut (1) 11 1/2" w x 15" h (29 x 38cm)	
Front Interior		Cut from jacket's zipper pocket 11 1/2" w x 11" h (29 x 28cm)	

Directions

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Please watch the [Full Video Tutorial](#) for thorough demonstration.

Front Exterior

1. Sew back and forth at the start (also the end of the zippers if using zipper by the yard), to keep the zipper shut.
2. Install the lower zipper pocket.
3. Install the upper zipper pocket
4. Sew the side panels, press, then top stitch.
5. Sew the bottom exterior panel to the front exterior panel, press, then top stitch.

Back Exterior, strap

6. Sew the d-ring tabs, then install them on the right side of the upper back exterior
7. With the right sides facing, sew the upper back and lower back exterior, press, then top stitch.
8. Sew the strap, then install the hardwares, set aside.

Link to the adjustable strap hardwares installation :

<https://youtu.be/RThBV5Hbu0Q?t=1098>

Front Interior

9. Prepare the zipper pocket, if you can get the panel with exact measurements when extracting it, continue to step 9. Otherwise, sew additional fabric panels until you get to the required measurements 11 1/2" w x 11" h (29 x 28 cm).
10. Sew the bottom interior panel to the front interior panel with 1/2" (1.2cm) seam allowance, press.

Back Interior

11. Sew the slip pocket then install it to the right side of the back interior main panel.

Assembling the bag, finishing

12. Install the zipper closure.
13. Unzip the zipper at least half way. With the right sides facing, sew the bottom exterior panel to the back exterior panel, press.
14. Repeat to sew the bottom interior panel to the back interior panel; use 1/2" (1.2cm seam allowance), and leave about 4" (10cm) opening. (please pay a close attention to the demonstration in the video tutorial).
15. Pin the side edges of the bag exterior & interior right sides together. Make sure that the zipper teeth are sitting in the interior side.
16. Stitch one side at the time, starting from the exterior, pass the zipper, with 3/8" (1cm) seam allowance; when you get to the interior side, increase the seam allowances to 1/2" (1.2cm).
17. Repeat to sew the remaining side.
18. Box the bottom corners of the bag.
19. Turn the bag right side out through the opening hole.
20. Sew the opening hole, then place the bag interior back inside.
21. Attach the strap, and your bag is done.

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NOTES

- As always for best results use a **walking presser foot** (except when installing zipper).
- Carefully assess your jacket before cutting to make the most out of your material.
- When stitching bulky layer, switch your needle to a larger one (e.g. denim needle size 100/16), and increase the stitch length.
- Always **backstitch** in the beginning and towards the end of your sewing to secure the seams.
- When applying the interfacing or stabilizer always do a **test** on a swatch of the same fabric.
- Always use disappearing fabric marker (air or heat disappearing recommended) when marking on the fabric.
- Watch the full instructions in the video tutorial <https://youtu.be/-TYzfEOYWqk>
- Share the pictures of your finished bag on instagram, tag me or use #yoansewingstudio

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