



Technique:	Zipper Installation
Skill Level:	Beginner/Easy
Crafting time:	An Evening

Materials

Coats Jeans Topstitching Thread.
Dual Duty XP® General Purpose Thread.
Coats Jeans Zippers: 3 zippers, 7" navy.

Additional Requirements

Sewing machine.
Denim: one pants leg (must be at least 8 1/2" between side seams) or 1/2 yd denim.
Nylon Webbing: 1" wide, 1 yard.
D-rings: brass, 1 pair.

Cutting

Cut 2 for front & back: 8" x 11"

Cut 1 for center pocket: 8" x 8"

Cut 1 for bottom pocket: 8" x 4"

Steps

1. Press 1/2" under on one 8" end of each pocket and front and back.

2. With right side up, place folded edge of center pocket 1/8" from the teeth of one zipper. Pin in place. Thread machine with jeans thread (see tips) on top and general purpose in the bobbin. Place zipper foot on machine. Topstitch 1/8" from folded edge. Repeat for bottom pocket and purse front making sure the zipper pulls are all on the left side of the purse.

3. Place bottom pocket on center pocket. The right sides of both pockets should be facing up. Align the raw edges. Baste or pin in place. Topstitch across the zipper tape, 1/8" from teeth.

4. Place center pocket with bottom pocket attached on purse front, aligning raw edges. Repeat step 3.

5. Strap end: Cut a piece of webbing 3". Insert through Drings and bring cut ends together. On purse back, 1" from side edge, place the webbing so that the fold overlaps the cut edges and the D-rings extend perpendicular to folded edge. Pin or baste.

Shoulder strap: Turn under one end twice and stitch in place. Place the other end 1" from the opposite side edge, so that the fold overlaps the cut edge of webbing. Pin or baste.

6. Place the zipper foot on the machine. Place folded edge of the purse back 1/8" from the teeth of zipper, opposite purse front. The strap and strap end will extend over the zipper. With Jeans thread on top, and general purpose thread in the bobbin, Topstitch 1/8" from folded edge. Topstitch both sides of the zipper again, 1/8" from first stitching.



7. Thread machine with general purpose thread and use a straight stitch presser foot. Unzip top zipper. (This will allow you to turn the bag.) Sew front to back using a 1/2" seam allowance. Grade seam to reduce bulk. Trim corners diagonally. Zig zag or over cast seams to prevent raveling. Turn to right side. Thread end of strap through D-rings. Adjust length.

Grade: This is done to eliminate bulk. It means trimming each layer of fabric to a different width.

Tips for sewing with topstitching thread:

1. Use a size 16 or 18 needle. For best results use a topstitching needle.
2. Lengthen stitch to 3.5 mm or 8 to 10 stitches per inch
3. Increase upper tension if loops occur on underside
4. Sew slowly.