



Technique:	Sewing
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting time:	1½ hours

If you're looking for a quick gift for yourself or a friend, nothing can get much faster than this handy little bag made from a ready-made hot pad. It comes pre-quilted and with binding, lining and a little loop, so all you have to add is the embellished zippered closure. It's perfect for make-up, or to use as a purse to hold the essentials for a trip to the store. Hot pads come in all kinds of fabric patterns, so look for fun designs to match your style.

Finished Size of Project: depends on hot pad size; featured bag is 4½" x 9" (excluding loop)

Supplies

Coats Fashion Lace Separating zipper- One 22" White
 Dual Duty XP All-purpose thread , white
 Anchor pearl cotton, white , one skein
 One ready-made hot pad.

Note: Look for a hot pad that's at least 8½" square, with rounded corners and a centered hanging loop (or make it yourself). A round hot pad will work as well, creating a half-circle finished bag.

Additional Requirements:

Hand Sewing needle
 Pins
 Marking pencil or chalk

Prepare the Bag

1. Fold the hot pad in half and pin-mark the center, so that the hanging loop extends at the fold. This positions the loop at the end of the bag. If you fold the opposite way, the loop can be positioned at the top of the bag.
2. Walk the zipper along the bound edges to mark the necessary length. Match the top end with the center fold opposite the hanging loop. Add ½" to the required length and pin-mark.
3. Stitch across the zipper at the marking, then trim the zipper tape below the stitching. Save the trimmed zipper tape for another project.

Attach the Zipper

1. Unzip the zipper and position one side of the zipper tape along the outside binding edge with the teeth extended. The binding edge should just be showing through the zipper tape lace patterning. Hand stitch the zipper in place invisibly along the zipper tape perforations. Tuck the cut end under at the loop fold, and turn under the top end of the zipper tape at the opposite end.
2. Repeat to attach the opposite side of the lace zipper tape to the remaining side of the hot pad binding.
3. To make a decorative zipper pull, cut seven 5" lengths of pearl cotton. Thread them through the hole in the zipper slider and tie in an overhand knot. Trim the extra length.