



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Coats & Clark™ All-purpose Zipper, 9" (23cm)

- ½ yd (46cm) outer fabric
- ¼ yd (46cm) accent fabric
- ⅜ yd (34.5cm) lining fabric (cut crosswise)
- ⅝ yd (57cm) medium-weight fusible woven interfacing
- 6" (15cm) grosgrain ribbon, ¼" (.64cm) wide
- Two rectangles fusible stiff craft interfacing, 4" x 7" (10cm x 18cm)
- Three flower buttons, 1½" (3cm)
- One small carabiner (optional)
- Removable marker
- Zipper foot

SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread & Coats & Clark™ All-purpose Zipper

Even if you are not lunching at your favorite restaurant, add a little style to your mid-day meal with this colorful fabric bag. Fill it with goodies then zip the Coats & Clark™ all-purpose zipper to keep it fresh till lunchtime.

MEASUREMENTS

7" x 9½" x 4" (18cm x 24cm x 10cm)

CUTTING

From the outer fabric, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12" x 15" (30.5cm x 38cm)
- (2) rectangles, 6½" x 8" (16.5cm x 20.5cm)
- (1) strip, 2" x 3" (5cm x 8cm)

From the lining fabric, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12½" x 22½" (32cm x 57cm)

From the accent fabric, cut:

- (1) strip, 3¼" x 16" (8.5cm x 41cm), for handles
- (1) strip, 3½" x 9" (9cm x 23cm), for upper edge

From the interfacing, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12" x 15" (30.5cm x 8.5cm)
- (2) rectangles, 6½" x 8" (16.5cm x 21cm)
- (1) strip, 2" x 3" (5cm x 8cm)
- (1) strip, 3¼" x 16" (8.5cm x 41cm)

PREPARATION

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing pieces to the wrong side of their respective fabric sections.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).



ASSEMBLING THE BAG FRONT

1. Press under ¼" (.64cm) on one long edge of each small outer rectangle.
2. Starting 1½" (3cm) from the upper edge, place the folded fabric edge about ⅛" (.5cm) from the zipper teeth and pin. Using the zipper foot, stitch in place, and repeat for the opposite side of the zipper.
3. Sew across the lower edge of the zipper several times and trim the excess length. If needed, trim the width of the zippered front section to 12" (30.5cm).
4. With right sides together, sew the 12" (30.5cm) edge of the large rectangle to the zippered section lower edge. Press the seam toward the large rectangle and topstitch the seam.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG

1. With right sides together, fold the bag in half lengthwise, matching the raw edges. Sew each side seam and press the seam allowances open. Using the removable marker, mark the bottom center fold.

2. To box the corners, fold the bottom center exactly on top of the side seam forming a point. Draw a 4" (10cm) long line across the point, perpendicular to the side seam. Sew on the line and trim the seam to ¼" (.64cm). Repeat for the opposite corner.
3. Fuse the stiff craft interfacing rectangles to the wrong side of the bag bottom.

ASSEMBLING THE LINING

1. Fold the lining rectangle in half lengthwise and sew the side seams. Press the seam allowances open.
2. Box the lower corners following step 2 above.

ASSEMBLING THE LUNCH BAG

1. Turn the lunch bag wrong sides out. With wrong sides together, slip the lining over the bag, matching side seams and upper edges. Carefully pin the lining to the bag along the zipper area.

2. Carefully cut a slit in the lining fabric only along the zipper length. Turn under the edges ¼" (.64cm) and hand-stitch the lining to the zipper tape stitching line.
3. Baste the upper edges of the lunch bag together.
4. Turn the bag right side out and create a 1" (2.5cm) deep pleat along the bag front and back side seam. Baste the upper edges together.
5. Centering the zipper, fold the bag in half, matching the upper edges. Baste across the upper edge through all the layers, noting this is thick at the pleated edges so sew slowly.

ASSEMBLING THE HANDLE AND TRIM

1. Fold the long accent handle strip in half lengthwise and press a crease. Open out the piece and press both long edges to the center, then repress in half.
2. Edgestitch both long edges of the handle strip, then topstitch down the center.

3. Being careful not to twist, baste the handle raw ends to the back upper bag 1½" (4cm) from each edge.
4. To make the carabiner holder, fold the strip in half lengthwise and press a crease. Open out the piece and press both long edges to the center, then repress in half. Edgestitch. Thread the loop through the carabiner and baste the strip ends side by side. Baste the strip ends to the lunch bag at the upper back center.
5. Press the accent strip in half. Center the strip raw edges on the bag front ¼" (.64cm) below the raw edge. Stitch across the bag width, keeping the handles perpendicular to the bag edge. Trim the ends and turn in over the bag upper pleats. Fold the accent strip to the back side and hand-stitch the fold and ends in place over the stitching line.
6. Fold the handle up and stitch a button at the base of each one. Sew the third button at center of the accent band, above the zipper.

FINISHING

1. Thread the ribbon through the zipper pull and knot.
2. Fill your lunch bag with some delectable treats.

Here's an Idea:

Use a laminated fabric for the lunch bag lining to get more protection in case of spills.

Or, make your own laminate using iron-on vinyl on any cotton fabric.

