



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

Materials

Dual Duty XP® All Purpose Thread: 1 spool, red.
Dual Duty XP® All Purpose Thread: 1 spool, black.
Coats Polyester Zipper: 7-inch black.

Additional Requirements

Sewing machine
Red twill with white dots: 1/4 yard.
Black twill: 1/4 yard.
Fusible interfacing: 1/4 yard.
Red Polyester lining fabric: 1 yard (for tote bags).

Cutting Instructions

Lady Bug Caddy:

Black twill fabric:
Back: 3" x 7" - Cut 1
Fronts: 3" x 4" - Cut 2

Red twill fabric:
Back: 5 3/4" x 7" - Cut 1
Fronts: 5 3/4" x 4" - Cut 2

Interfacing:
Back: 6 1/2" x 8" - Cut 1
Fronts: 3" x 4" - Cut 2

Small Tote Bag from red polyester

Bag: 13" x 36"
Straps: 2" x 16" - Cut 2

Large Tote Bag from red polyester

Bag: 15 1/2" x 36"
Straps: 2" x 16" - Cut 2

Steps

1. Right sides together, align one 7" side of the black and red 'backs'. Sew together using 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with each of 'fronts' by aligning one 4" side.

2. Press seams towards black.

3. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of red and black fabric pieces.

4. Cut out pattern pieces using attached patterns.

5. Zipper: Press under 1/2" fabric along straight edges of the front pieces. Pin zipper with top stop a generous 1/2" from the cut edge of the black fabric.

6. Place zipper foot on sewing machine. Topstitch zipper in place. Zipper end will extend beyond the fabric edge. Using black thread, shorten zipper even with the fabric edge using a wide zig zag stitch across the zipper coil within the 1/2" seam allowance.

7. Pin front to back with leaving zipper open 1 1/2" - 2" for turning. Sew front to back with 1/2" seam allowance.

8. Clip curves and turn right side out.

Instructions For Small and Large Tote Bags

1. To make straps: fold lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch using a 1/8" seam allowance. Turn to right side.

2. Press, centering seam.

3. Topstitch 1/8" from each edge. Set aside.

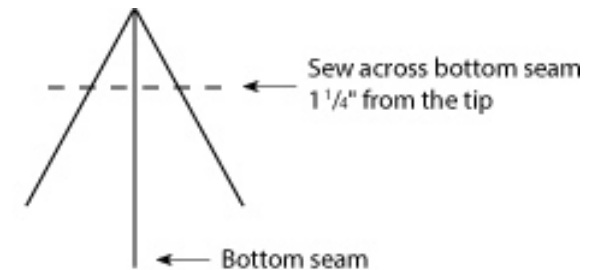
4. To make the tote: Finish top of tote by turning 5/8" to the wrong side on one narrow edge. Fold over again and pin.

5. Insert straps under fold 3 1/2" from edges. (Large tote: 4 1/2") Fold strap back up over folded edge. Pin straps in place.

6. Topstitch 1/8" from bottom and top folds.

7. Pin tote right sides together. Stitch side seams with 1/2" seam or use a serger. For conventional seam, finish with zig zag or pinking shears to prevent raveling.

8. Create a boxy bottom at each corner by sewing across the folded corner as shown. Stitch 1 1/4" inches from tip. Large tote: 1 3/4" from tip.



9. Turn tote bag right side out.

10. Fold totes and store inside the Lady Bug Caddy.

