

16 INCH PROJECT BAG

Materials Needed:

3 fat quarters

16 1/2" square of clear vinyl

18" square of batting

18+" nylon zipper

Tips for working with vinyl:

Do not iron. Leave tissue paper on as you cut it, this makes it easier also when sewing because the vinyl tends to stick to the bed of the sewing machine. Move tissue to the side as you sew, so as not to sew through it.

Cutting Instructions:

Cut 2 fat quarters into 18" squares (These make the body of the bag)

From accent fabric: cut 4 strips 2 1/4" x 21" for binding

cut 2 strips 4" by 16 1/2" for zipper

cut handle from remaining piece 3" x 16"

Quilt your backing:

Sandwich your 18" fabric blocks with batting and quilt (meander, grid, however you wish)

Then cut your backing down to a 16 1/2" square.

Zipper:

Attach zipper to accent fabric using a zipper foot:

Fold each 4" x 16 1/2" piece of accent fabric in half and press.

Sew the folded edge of one piece to the zipper. Take the other piece and open it, fold under 1/4" on both raw edges and press, then attach this piece to other side of zipper at the fold (leaving this piece open).

Vinyl:

Place your vinyl piece inside the fold of bottom accent fabric all the way to the zipper and sew in place using a walking foot.

Trim bag to 16 1/2".

Handle:

Fold the handle fabric in half lengthwise and press. Open the fabric and fold both raw edges in to meet the center fold. Press. Re-fold the center to create handle. Top stitch along both long edges.

Finishing:

Attach handle to back of bag at top. Then use clover clips to secure both top and bottom pieces in place making sure edges meet evenly all around bag. Baste in place as the vinyl tends to move easily (use walking foot) . Then stitch, bind and enjoy!