



## Prequilted shoulder bag

You will need:

1 yd pre quilted fabric

¼ yd 6 different fabrics that blend

Thread to sew with

2- 20" zipper to match

5/8 yd of contrast for binding

1 magnetic snap

Chalk or fabric marker

ruler

For wallet add:

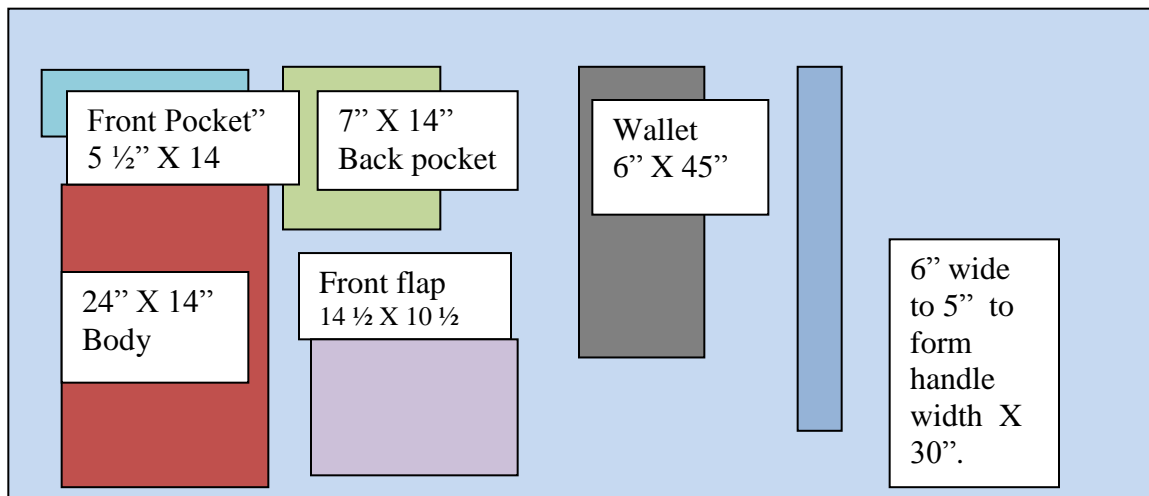
2- 12" or 18" zippers

1 magnetic snap

Add ¼ yard to the pre quilted fabric for wallet



-Cut 4 bias strips 3" from contrast and piece together. Fold in half lengthwise and press.



Draw off the pattern on the pre quilted fabric before you cut. If you are doing a strip pieced purse, work with each cut section separately.

(You can strip piece the front flap first and decorate the strips with embroidery or with decorative stitches. Experiment with stripping sections diagonally or vertically or sideways.)

**-Cut a handle off on side of the fabric width 6" to 5" wide by 30 plus"**. I suggest you try a tape measure at 30" to test the handle length. Fold in half and stitch the long edge with a 1/4" seam. Turn the handle to the right side using a loop turner.

**-Front flap is cut 13 1/2" X 11" wide**. If you are strip piecing the bag, sew the strips to the quilted lining to design your front flap. You can also use pre quilt fabric for the flap instead of strip piecing. Curve one short end.

Method #1- cut a lining for the flap. Sew a small piece quilted fabric ( 3" square) to the wrong side of the lining to reinforce the snap. On the curved end apply one side of the magnetic snap.

Method #2- On the curved end apply one side of the magnetic snap. Cut a strip 3 1/2" X 10 1/2" for top stitched detail on the flap to cover the snap. Press under 1/2 inch on each edge and top stitch the strip over the snap and down the flap center on the right side. Use decorative stitches to finish the border trim.

Apply the bias to the curved edge. Press the bias to wrong side and stitch in the ditch from the right side.

**-Cut the bag 24" long X 14" wide**. Cut one side of bag 2 1/2" from the top to insert a zipper. Finish the edges of the bag with a serger before you sew the bag. Insert zipper to bottom half of bag cut. Fold and top stitch zipper.

Top stitch the flap to the top of the zipper. Use the strip from the top of bag and top stitch the top strip to the top of the flap. Fold and top stitch zipper on the top side of the bag.

**-Cut a pocket back 7" long X 14" wide** and bind one edge with bias trim. Place the "pocket back" so the unbound edge is even with the top of the bag. Stitch the pocket to the top edge and stitch each side in place. Top stitch the bound edge of the pocket to finish forming the pocket.

**-Cut a pocket front 14" X 5 1/2"** and place a chalk mark to divide the pocket in thirds. Use the bias to bind the top and the bottom of the pocket. Pin the pocket in position. Apply the other side of the snap to the pocket so the flap snap fits to the pocket snap. Stitch the pocket in place on the bag front. ( To position the pocket pin the side seams of the bag together and make sure the flap will cover the pocket.) top stitch the side of the pocket and then stitch the bottom bound edge. Top stitch the pocket segments as marked.

-Join the side seams

-Sew the bottom corners

-Sew the handle in place on each side before you bind the top edge.

-Trim and bind the top edge to finish

**The Wallet is cut 8" X 12"**. Fold the wallet fabric in half with the wrong sides facing you. The zipper is inserted closed and each end of the zipper will extend beyond the wallet. Place right side to wallet to right side of one zipper side and sew using a regular presser foot. Keep the foot edge along the zipper and fabric raw edge as you sew the zipper in position using a 1/4" seam. Flip the wallet so you can sew the

other side of the zipper to the opposite wallet top edge exactly as you sewed the first side. Make sure the wallet edges are even. Open the zipper so the slide is inside the wallet and then sew up the side seams. You can box the bottom corners if you wish. Trim the zipper and turn the wallet to finish.

