



## Prequilted shoulder bag

### You will need:

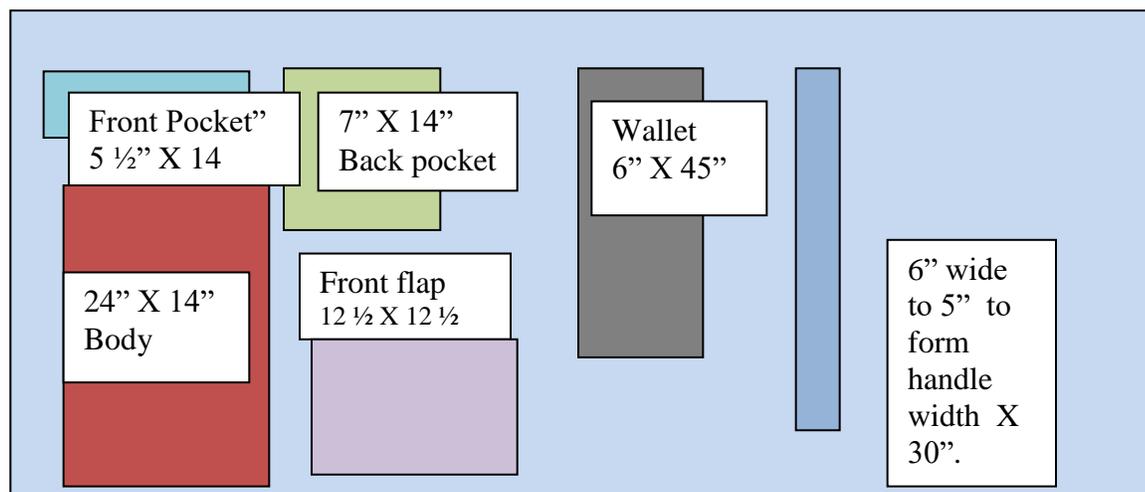
1 yd pre quilted fabric  
 (if you want to strip piece and quilt the purse you will need  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd of 6 different fabrics that blend)  
 All purpose polyester thread  
 1- 20" zipper to match  
 $\frac{5}{8}$  yd of contrast for binding  
 1 contrast strip  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of fuse and tear stabilizer  
 2-3" squares of contrast fabric to reinforce snap  
 1 magnetic snap  
 Chalk or fabric marker  
 Ruler



**For wallet see quilted wallet instructions.**

For wallet add:  
 2- 12" or 18" zippers  
 1 magnetic snap  
 Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard to the pre quilted fabric for wallet  
 Use contrast bias from purse 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 using chalk or marking pen before you cut.

If you are doing a strip pieced purse, cut the prequilted fabric and work with each cut section with a strip pieced design separately.

Decorate the front flap with your own personal touch. (You can strip piece the front flap first and decorate the strips with embroidery or with decorative stitches. Experiment with strip sections by placing them diagonally or vertically or sideways. I wrote my name using decorative stitches on a separate contract fabric. Stabilize the back of the contrast strip with a piece of fuse and tear stabilizer before you decorate.) You will need to cover the snap closure on the top of the flap with the decorative strip. See instructions below on sewing a reinforcement for the snap before you apply the decorative strip.

**-Front flap is cut 12 1/2" X 12 1/2" 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 end. The curved end is where the top side of the snap will go. The right side of the snap is on the underside.

Cut 2 - 3" pieces of fabric for a reinforcement square on the wrong side of the flap where the snap goes. Sew the 2 - 3" pieces together using a 1/4" seam on all 4 sides. Leave an opening to turn the square. Sew the turned and pressed 3" square to the wrong side of the flap. On the curved front flap end apply one side of the magnetic snap to the underneath side. You will cover the right side of the flap with the decorative strip you made. This will cover the snap application.

Apply the bias to the curved edge. Press the bias to wrong side and stitch in the ditch from the right side. Serge the top edge as a finish.

**-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 top snap fits to the bottom pocket snap. Mark the snap location on the pocket and apply the 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 using a 2" mark to form the depth of the purse.

- Sew the handle in place on each side before you bind the top edge.
- Trim and bind the top edge to finish

**The Easy Prequilted Zipper 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.

