

# Small Soft Tool Bag

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### Material Needed:

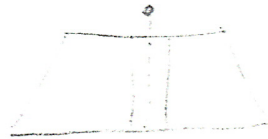
- 12" X 12" Focus Fabric
- 12" X 12" Lining Fabric
- 2-1/4" X 24" Binding (use bias)
- 12" X 12" Batting or light weight stiffener
- 2 pieces Lining fabric 2" X 7 3/4" for zipper placket
- 2" X 3" lining fabric for zipper tab
- 9" 8" zipper plastic coil

### Begin with the body of the bag:

1. Cut 1 piece focus fabric using pattern template.  
Serge or zigzag edges if using a loosely woven fabric.  
Be sure the serge stitching is less than 1/4" wide.
2. Cut 1 piece batting or lightweight stiffener using pattern template
3. Cut 1 piece lining fabric using pattern template.
4. Cut bias binding from lining fabric.
5. Lay batting on back side of outer layer (focus fabric) of bag.  
(This step does not include the lining.)  
Quilt as desired.
6. Fold quilted focus fabric RS together and sew up both side seams using 3/8" seam.
7. Fold lining piece RS together and sew up both side seams
8. Mark the bottom centers of the bag and lining with a pin on each side.



9. Fold the bottom of the bag (on each side) matching the pin and the side seam.



10. Sew across the bottom of each side of bag and lining. (4 seams separately)



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(Finished size approximately 8" x 4")

<b>FOCUS FABRIC</b>	(1)	12" x 12"	piece
<b>LINING FABRIC</b>	(1)	12" x 12"	lighter weight than the focus fabric
<b>BINDING</b>	(1)	2 ¼" x 24"	use lining fabric, cut on the bias, if possible
<b>BATTING</b>	(1)	12' x 12"	cotton quilt batting <i>or</i> , light weight stiffener
<b>ZIPPER PLACKET</b>	(2)	2" x 7 ¾"	use lining fabric
<b>ZIPPER TAB</b>	(1)	2" x 3"	use lining fabric
<b>ZIPPER</b>	(1)	9" (or longer)	plastic coil, so we can cut to fit (not metal)
<b>THREAD</b>			all purpose thread

Trudy will bring some scraps of cotton quilt batting that you may use.

11. Place the bag and lining bottoms together. Sew across each side making a gusset on each side.



12. Turn the bag right side out. Now the lining will be inside the bag with wrong sides together.



13. Pin at side seams. Ease fullness and continue to pin top edge of lining, batting and focus fabric.

14. Baste top edges together.

#### ***Installing the Zipper:***

1. Fold each piece of the 2" X 7 3/4" pieces in half lengthwise, RS together.  
Sew the ends closed with a 1/4" seam.  
Turn RS out and finger press fold.  
Objective: two 1" X 7 3/4" plackets for zipper.
2. Fold under open ends of zipper.  
Using zipper foot, sew folded edges of placket pieces to zipper.
3. Using 2" X 3" piece of lining fabric create a tab to cover the closed end of zipper.  
Fold in half WS together.  
Sew 1/4" seam to create a tube.  
Turn RS out and fold over closed end of zipper.  
Top stitch tab to cover closed end of zipper, but not cover placket pieces.
4. Fold top edge of bag in half to find the middle of each side.  
Mark with pins.
5. Fold assembled zipper placket in half to find the middle of the placket, not including the extended tab.  
Pin zipper placket to inside edge of bag with zipper facing up.
6. Sew zipper placket to bag using a 1/4" seam.  
(Be sure to "tuck" the tab end of the zipper assembly down into the bag)  
Use basting stitch line to help maintain the 1/4" sew line.

