

Round About Bag (Zip-A-Bag)

Supplies:

- 3 yd exterior fabric
- 2 ½ yd for lining and bias binding
- 3 yd fusible fleece
- 1 Heavy Duty zipper - 54 in long
- 2 D rings - 1"
- 2 lobster claws - 1 ½ in
- 1 slider - 1 ½ in
- 2 pieces elastic - 3/8" - 20 in each or 1 ¼ yd
- 19" circle template
- Strip Ruler
- 2 stabilizing inserts - 2" x49"

Cutting Instructions:

Exterior fabric cuts:

- 6 Circles 19" – Cut 6 - 20"x20" squares of fabric
- 4 - 3"x54" outer bands
- 2 - 9 ½ x 6 ½ connector band
- 1 - 6"x8" small handle
- 1 - 3"x8" for the D rings
- 1 - 6" x 63" for strap

Lining fabric cuts:

- 4 Circles 19" – Cut 4 - 20"x20" squares of fabric
- 2 - 3"x49" band holder
- 1 - 2 ½ x108 bias binding

Fusible fleece cuts:

- 4 - 19" circles
- 3"x63" for strap
- 2 - 3"x54" outer band
- 1 - 6"x 8" for small handle

Fusing Instructions:

- 2 exterior fabric circles and 2 lining fabric circles with the fusible fleece
- 2 - 3"x54" exterior fabric outer bands to 3"x54" fleece
- 3"x63" fleece to one side of the 6"x63" strap
- 6"x8" fleece to 6"x8" exterior small handle

Assembly instructions:

Lining circle prep:

- 1) Starting with 2 lining fabric 19" circles lay right sides together (one fused and one non fused).
 - a) Measure from one side, 6 inches in toward the center of circle.
 - b) Cut straight across the circle at the 6" mark, creating a straight edge on one side of circle.
 - c) Sew ¼ seam along the cut line.
 - d) Flip and press, then top stitch ¼" from the edge.
 - e) Repeat for the other lining fabric circles and set aside.

Small interior pocket prep:

- 2) Fold in half a 19" exterior fabric circle (non fused).
 - a) Sew ½ inch from the fold line making a casing for the elastic.
 - b) Run elastic through casing, secure one end of elastic by sewing in place.
 - c) Pull on the elastic on the opposite end so that the material will bunch up.
 - d) Once satisfied with the stretch of the material secure the loose elastic end by sewing it in place.
 - e) Repeat with other 19" exterior fabric circle.

Complete circle prep:

- 3) Take 1 exterior fabric circles right side down.
 - a) Place lining fabric pieces from step 1 and the small pocket piece from step 2 on top.
 - b) Surge all pieces together completely around circles.
 - c) Repeat with the other circles that you prepared.

Prepping the inner band:

- 4) Fold and top stitch ¼" from the end of the non-fused 3"x49" lining fabric band.
 - a) Repeat and set bands aside.

Prepping Zipper:

- 5) Take 1 exterior fabric outer band strip (fused) lay right side up.
 - a) Next lay zipper right side down on the edge of outer band.
 - b) Place prepared inner band from step 4 right side down on top of the zipper. Center it leaving 2 " from the end of the zipper, tape on both ends.
 - c) Next place a non-fused outer band right side down on top of the lining band.
 - d) Sew ¼ " away from the zipper.
 - e) Flip all fabric, press and top stitch right side to the outer band.
 - f) Repeat on other side of the zipper.

*Note: Now I zigzag stitch the edges together the length of the zipper. Not required but it will help with final assembly.

Connector Band Assembly:

- 6) Take 2 - 9 ½ x 6 ½ connector bands (exterior fabric) and place one right side up under the zipper end and one band right side down on top of the zipper.
 - a) Stitch 1 inch from the zipper end. **Do not run over zipper teeth, it will break needle.**
 - b) Flip back, press and top stitch.
 - c) Measure 7 inches from the top stitch and draw a line with a pencil or fabric pen.
 - d) Fold in on the line on both the bottom and top making them match.
 - e) Slide the other end of the zipper into the folded end, stopping at the zipper coils. This makes a big circle out of the zipper.
 - f) Top stitch. Securing both sides of the connector band.

Small Handle prep:

- 7) Fold 6"x8" small exterior fabric handle in half.
 - a) Bring the ends in to the center and top stitch 1/4" down both sides of the handle. Optional: Stitch line down center for added stability and strength.
 - b) Now place handle in the center of your connector band on the raw edges.
 - c) Baste in place at the top and bottom 1/8 " from raw edge.

D Ring prep:

- 8) Tri fold 3"x8" exterior fabric.
 - a) Top stitch 1/4" down both sides.
 - b) Cut in half.
 - c) Place 1 D ring on each half and sew close to D ring to secure.
 - d) Place completed 1 D ring 5 inches from the end of the connector band completed in Step 6.
 - e) Sew to secure it to the circle band.

Connecting bands to circles:

- 9) Take connector band, step 6, and turn it inside out.
 - a) Place on center of circle pocket facing up. The opening of the pockets facing away from the connector band.
 - b) Pin or clip all the way around the circle.
 - c) Sew 1/4 " from the edge connecting the pieces. **Take your time and go slow it will be thick a lot of bulk.**
 - d) Repeat for other circle.

Binding:

- 10) Turn pieces from Step 9 wrong side out.
 - a) Place binding raw edges together.
 - b) Sew all the way around the circle.
 - c) Flip binding to right side.
 - d) Hand or machine stitch binding in place.

Carry strap assembly:

- 11) Fold 3"x63" fused strip for strap in half, iron fold line.
 - a) Fold each side into the center, edges meeting ironed fold line.
 - b) Fold in half. Making a tri fold
 - c) Top stitch 1/4" on each side and down the center.
 - d) Take a lobster claw and slide it on one of the strap about 3 inches.
 - e) Sew top stitch or stitch a box with a X in it to secure.
 - f) Zigzag the end to cover up the raw edges.
 - g) On the other end of the strap, slide on the slider claw.
 - h) Slide on the lobster claw and bring it down to feed through the center of the bar slide.
 - i) Sew it down at about 1 1/2 inches.

Your bag is complete. Congratulations!