

BERNINA Zippered Rulerwork Bag



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The bags pictured on the first page of these directions feature Amanda Murphy's Nordic Holiday fabric collection for Contempo Studios of Benartex.

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"WOF" refers to width of fabric. All seams are 1/4". Press all seams open, unless otherwise noted.

Materials

Front Fabric 1 rectangle 10-1/2" x 7-1/4"

Back Fabric 1 rectangle 10-1/2" x 8-3/4"

Accent Fabric 2 rectangles 10-1/2" x 2-3/4"

Lining 1 rectangle 14-1/2" x 24"

Batting 1 rectangle 14-1/2" x 24"

1 zipper (12" or longer)

Quilting thread (I used 28 wt. for rulerwork and 50 wt. for the piecing and free-motion accents)

1/4" thick quilting ruler (I used the straight line and 4-in-1 rulers that come in the BERNINA Sit-Down set)

Patchwork Foot #37D or #97D or Walking Foot #50 with Seam Guide, Zipper Foot #4 or #4D, Adjustable Ruler Foot #72

Chalk or a water-soluble pen

Supreme Slider (optional but highly recommended)

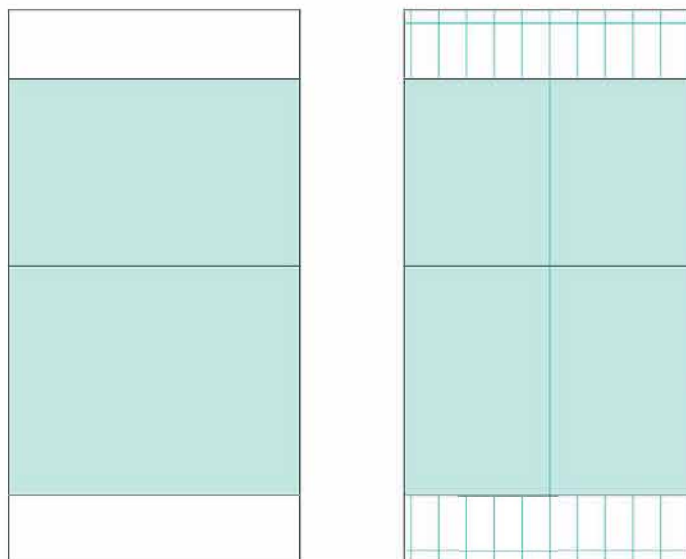
Ruler tape or sandpaper dots (optional but highly recommended - I like Westalee's stable tape)

1/2" transparent tape (optional)

Piecing

Join the front fabric rectangle, back fabric rectangle, and accent fabric rectangles as shown below. (If you are using directional fabrics, make sure they are oriented correctly, with the top edges of the back and front rectangles adjoining the accent rectangles.)

Using chalk or a water soluble pen, make a mark down the entire quilt top to mark its center. Draw a line 1/2" from the raw long edges of the accent fabric rectangles. Working from the center out, mark lines at 1" intervals just in the accent fabric area.

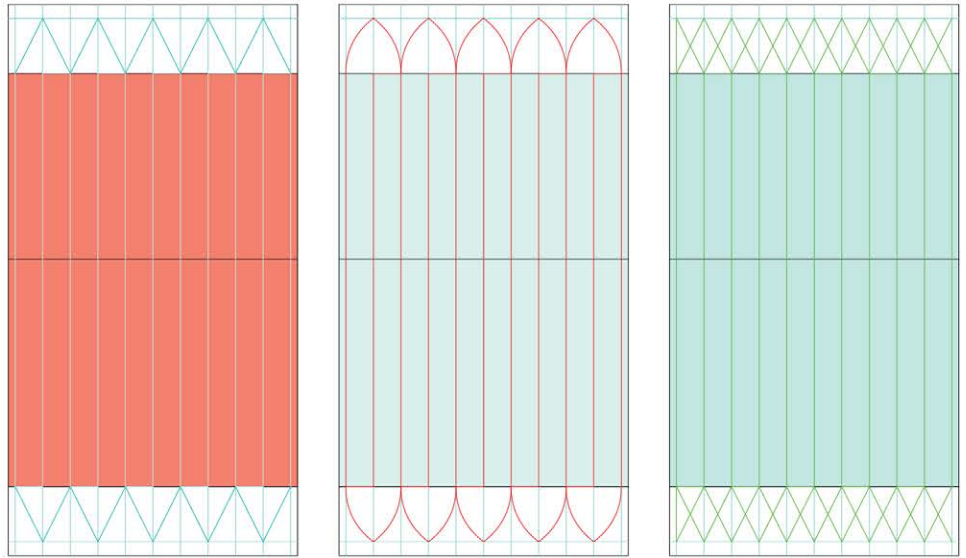


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Quilting

Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Using the #72 foot and the straight edge quilting ruler, quilt all around the top, 1/8" from the edge of the fabric. Then quilt "in-the-ditch" along the seams. (I like to quilt a hair-line toward one side of the seams so I'm not splitting my stitches.)

Next, working from the centerline out, quilt lines at 1/2" intervals across the back and front rectangle areas as shown. Do not stitch into the accent rectangle areas. You can travel along previous stitching lines to get from row to row.



Note: If I was quilting lines on a larger quilt top, I would quilt lines a relatively large distance (4"-6") apart and then subdivide the space by quilting lines in between in the interest of keeping my quilt square, but there is no need to do this on a quilt this size.

Make a pattern in the accent area using your rulers referencing the diagram on the right and/or the videos. Remember to line up the edge of your rulers 1/4" away from the points you are trying to connect!

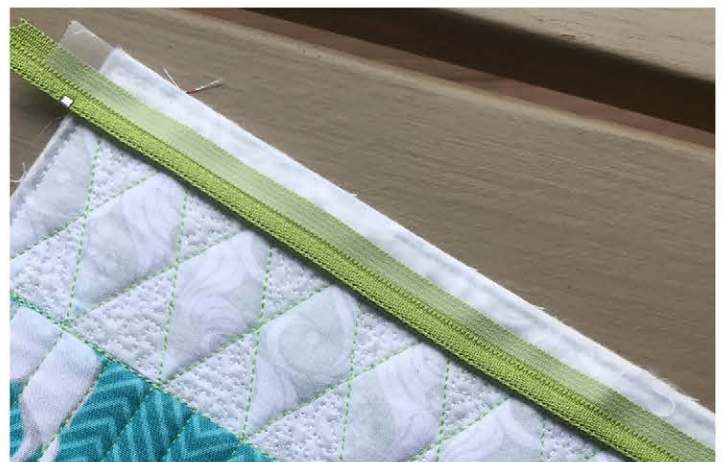
Add dimension with free-motion quilting in a lightweight thread that matches the accent area color if desired.

Trim the batting and backing flush with the quilt top.

Assembly

Lay the zipper, right side down, over the accent rectangle as shown on the right. I like to use transparent tape to hold it in place. The bottom of the metal tab should be aligned with the edge of the quilt top. The stitching line should be 1/2" away from the edge of the accent area. So if you center the tape right over the edge of the zipper you can line it up right along the edge of your quilt sandwich for perfect placement and then stitch right along the edge of the tape!

Join the other side of the zipper to the other side of the bag in a similar manner.



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Next, finger press your seams so that they lie toward the body of the bag. Top stitch through all layers as shown.



If desired, box the corners of your bag as shown. (My bag's boxed corners were 1-1/2" in height.)



To assemble the bag, zip it up and fold it in half so that the bottom fold lies right along the seam between the back and front fabrics. Stitch through all layers on the side with the base of the zipper with a 1/4" seam allowance.



Turn the bag right side out and give it a good press. Enjoy your zippered rulerwork bag!

Unzip the bag and stitch up the other side, holding the zipper in the correct position as you come to it.

Trim the zippers flush with the raw edges of the bag.



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