

the SATURN SLING BAG

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Pattern Details

The Saturn Sling Bag is a slouchy shoulder bag with adjustable side cinch details, vertical front zip pocket, and interior zip pocket. The adjustable strap makes the bag comfortable to wear crossbody or over one shoulder.

The large size features an optional laptop pocket (customizable to fit your laptop perfectly) and is a great companion for a trip to the office or on a roadtrip, while the small size is your go-to day-to-day bag, with more than enough space for the essentials.

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Sew-Along Video Tutorial

Click the link to watch the sew-along tutorial on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/BjpMHaeXN1I>

Difficulty level

This is an INTERMEDIATE sewing pattern but the detailed instructions and sew-along tutorial make it suitable for confident beginners who feel ready to level up their sewing!

Finished Measurements

Size	Measurements
Small	8" x 10" x 5" (20 cm x 23 cm x 11.5 cm)
Large	12" x 16.5" x 6" (30 cm x 39 cm x 14 cm)

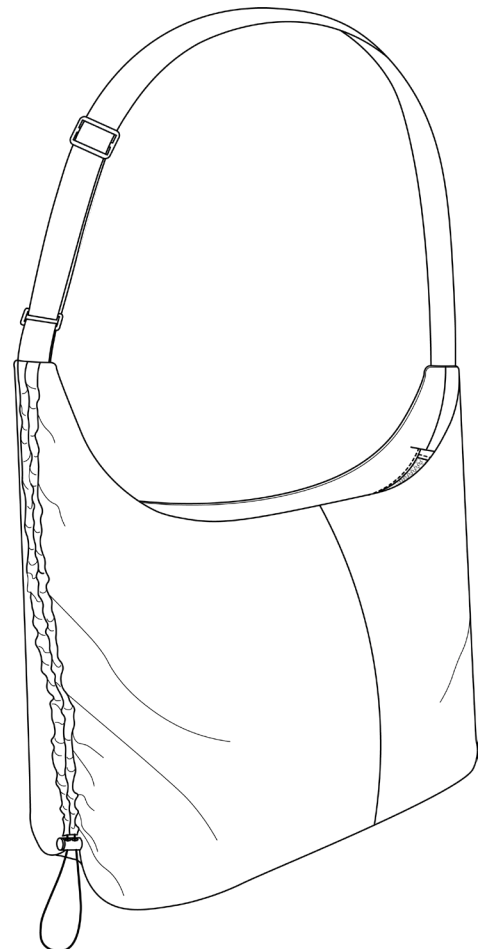
Seam Allowances

All seam allowances are 3/8" (1 cm) unless otherwise stated. All pattern pieces include seam allowance.

Fabric Recommendations

You can choose nearly any woven, non-stretch fabric for the exterior of your bag. I recommend midweight fabrics such as canvas, twill, or nylon. I do not recommend fabrics heavier than 10oz as the seams may become too bulky and the cinch detail may not work.

For the lining, I recommend something light like quilting cotton so as not to add too much weight or bulk to the bag but again, any woven, non-stretch fabric will work.



Fabric Requirements

Small Size

Fabric width	Main Fabric	Lining Fabric
45" (114 cm)	0.6 yards (0.6 m)	0.8 yards (0.8 m)
58" (147 cm)	0.4 yards (0.4 m)	0.8 yards (0.8 m)

Large Size

Fabric width	Main Fabric	Lining Fabric
45" (114 cm)	1 yard (0.9 m)	1.9 yards (1.7 m)
58" (147 cm)	0.8 yards (0.8 m)	1.5 yards (1.4 m)

Strap

You only need the additional fabric below if you are making your own strap.

Fabric width	Main Fabric	Lining Fabric
at least 45" (114 cm)	0.2 yards (0.2 m)	X

Padding

- Padding is used for the laptop pocket (large size only) and for the strap if you are making your own (it is optional even if you are making your own strap).
- I highly recommend a fusible padding such as Fusible Fleece (the construction is easier and the finish is cleaner) but you can also use a non-fusible padding like quilt batting or regular fleece (instructions included for both options).

Fabric width	Feature	Padding Size
at least 45" (114 cm)	Laptop pocket	0.5 yards (0.45 m) (need one piece that is 17.5" x 23" (45 cm x 58 cm))
	Strap	0.1 yards (0.1 m)

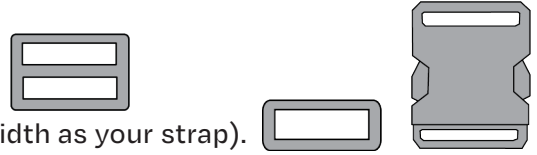
Notions

→ Strap

* The pattern includes options for a 1" (25 mm), 1.5" (38 mm) or 2" (50 mm) wide strap. You can make your own strap (pattern pieces and instructions included) or buy one.

* For both options you need:

- 1 Tri-glide adjuster (same width as your strap).
- 1 rectangle D ring or parachute buckle (same width as your strap).



* If you are not making your own strap:

- 44" (112 cm) of webbing (whatever kind you want - nylon, polypropylene, cotton, etc.)

→ Snap, button, or small velcro piece for laptop pocket closure (large size only)

→ Side cinch channels

* Cord or elastic (if you are using a heavier fabric like canvas, consider using a non-stretchy cord like paracord or a thicker elastic)

- Small Size: 50" (128 cm)
- Large Size: 64" (164 cm)

* 2 cord locks (make sure your chosen cord/elastic fits in your cord lock)

* You could also make your own thin straps from fabric and tie them in bows or knots (pattern pieces and instructions not included).

→ Zippers

* Tip: If you have a shorter zipper that you want to use, you can increase the length of the zipper tabs to account for the shorter zipper.

* For the front pocket zipper, if you use a double sided zipper pull, you can fit the whole bag into it's own front pocket and zip it up as a little pouch for convenient travel! (This also works with a regular zipper, it's just hard to unzip a regular zipper if the zipper pull is on the inside).

	Small Size	Large Size
Front pocket zipper	7" (18 cm)	11" (28 cm)
Top zipper	12" (30.5 cm)	18" (46 cm)
Interior pocket zipper	7" (18 cm)	9" (23 cm)

Printing Your Pattern

Printing at Home

- The SATURN_SLING_PRINT_AT_HOME_SMALL and SATURN_SLING_PRINT_AT_HOME_LARGE files are designed to be printed at home on either Letter or A4 paper.
- In your printer settings, make sure you choose "actual size" or print with 100% scale (do not select "fit to paper").
- Print page 1 before printing the other pages and make sure that the scale square measures 4 cm (outer square) or 1 inch (inner square).
- Large size:
 - * Because of the way the pattern pieces are layed out, you do not need to tape all 20 pages together. The layouts on the next page show the pages that need to be taped together.
 - * If you are not making your own strap, you do not need to print pages 13 and 18.
 - * If you are not making the laptop pocket or are choosing to size your own laptop pocket (instructions on page 28 of this document), you do you need to print pages 14, 15, 19, and 20.

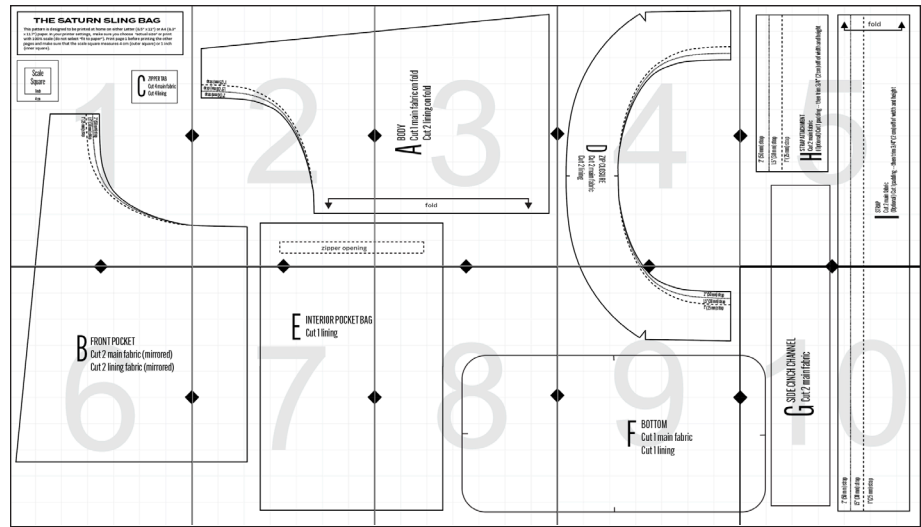
Print at a Copy Shop

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Assembling Your Pattern

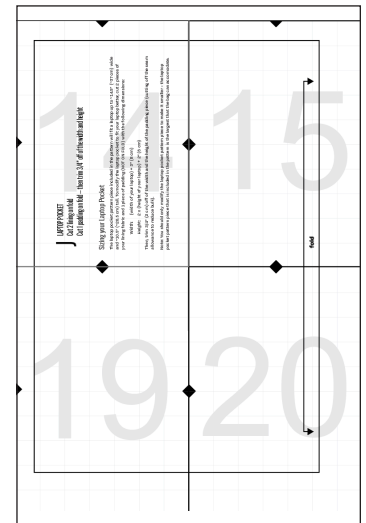
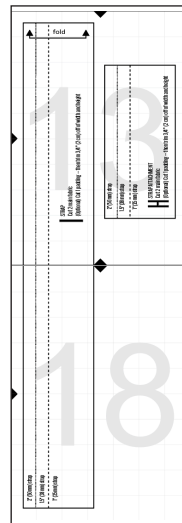
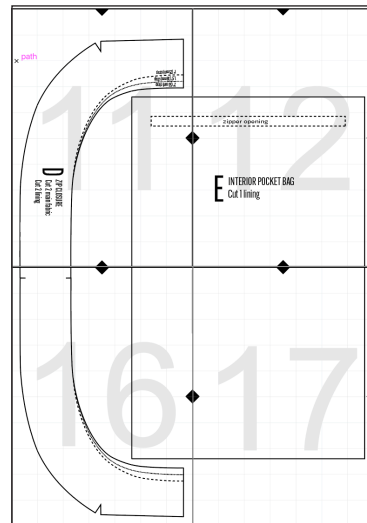
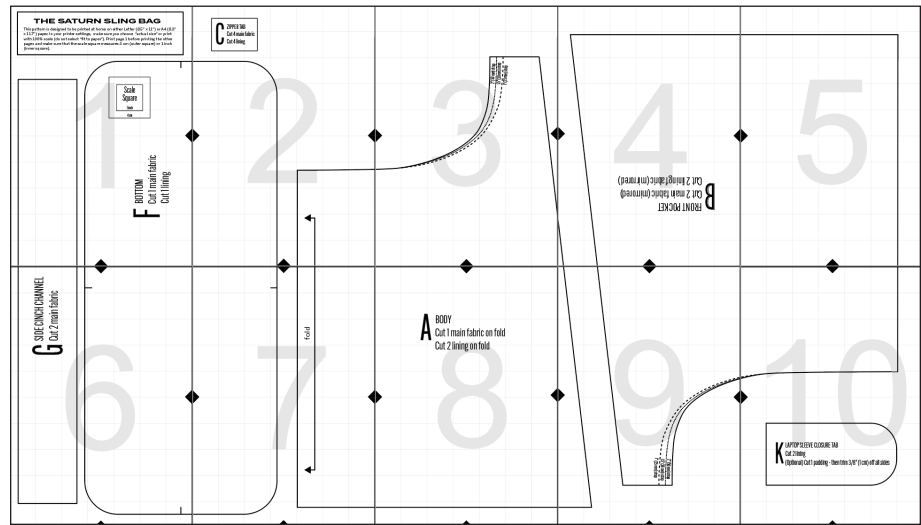
If you printed the pattern at home, assemble your pages using the following guides.

Small Size



Large Size

Note: not all pages need to be taped together. The diagram shows the 4 blocks of pages that you need to tape together.

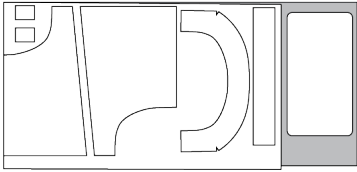


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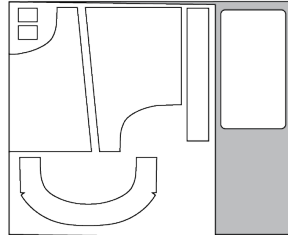
Small Size

Main fabric

58" (147 cm) width

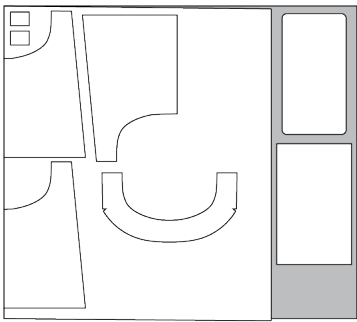


45" (114 cm) width

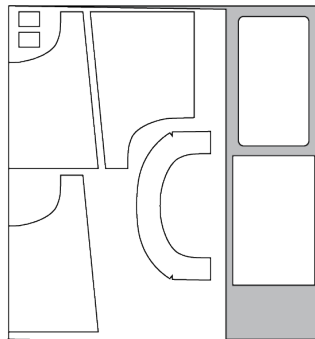


Lining

58" (147 cm) width



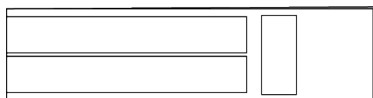
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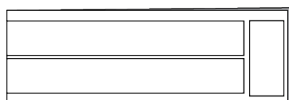
Strap (both sizes)

Main fabric

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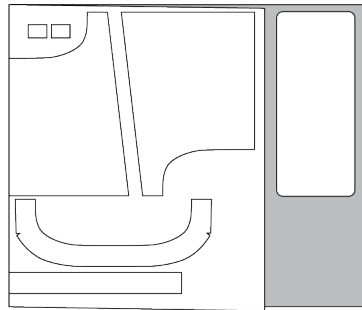
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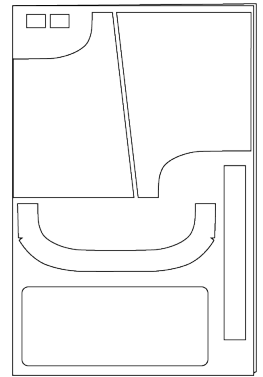
Large Size

Main fabric

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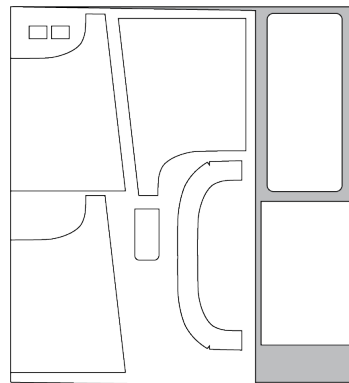


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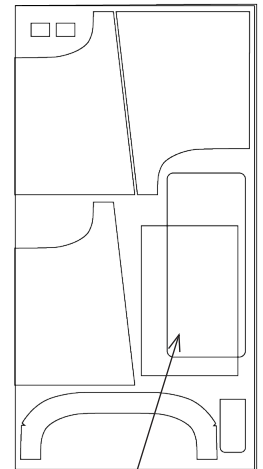


Lining

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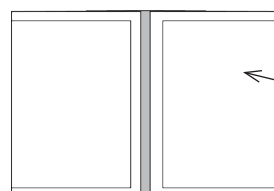


45" (114 cm) width



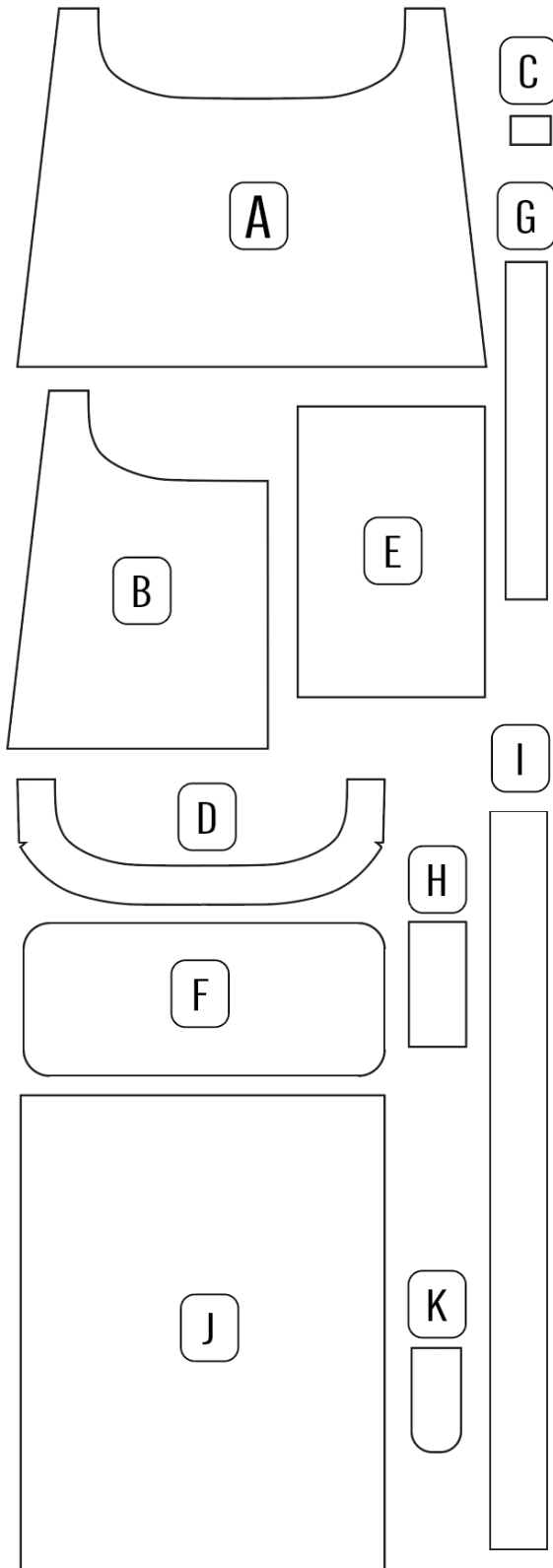
*Interior pocket bag (E) and bottom (F) each cut on one layer

Laptop Pocket (both sizes)



Selvedge edges folded to center so both laptop pocket pieces can be cut on the fold.

Pattern Pieces



- A. Main fabric back body and lining body
 - * 1 main fabric, 2 lining
- B. Main fabric front and front pocket lining
 - * 2 main fabric, 2 lining
- C. Zipper tab
 - * 4 main fabric, 4 lining
- D. Zip closure
 - * 2 main fabric, 2 lining
- E. Interior pocket bag
 - * 1 lining
- F. Bottom
 - * 1 main fabric, 1 lining
- G. Side cinch channel
 - * 2 main fabric
- H. Strap attachment (only if making own strap)
 - * 2 main fabric
 - * 1 padding (optional) -- cut 3/4" (2 cm) off of the width and height (cutting off seam allowance to reduce bulk)
- I. Strap (only if making own strap)
 - * 2 main fabric
 - * 1 padding (optional) -- cut 3/4" (2 cm) off of the width and height
- J. Laptop pocket (large size only)
 - * 2 lining
 - * 1 padding -- cut 3/4" (2 cm) off of the width and height
 - * See page 34 for instructions on customizing laptop pocket size.
- K. Laptop pocket closure tab (large size only, cut on fold)
 - * 2 lining
 - * 1 padding (optional) - cut 3/8" off all sides

Instructions

- The steps are the same for the both sizes.
- Seam allowances are 3/8" (1 cm) unless otherwise stated.
- The steps are organized into sections - if you are omitting a feature, you can simply skip that section and proceed with the following section as normal. See the table of contents on page 2 for the list of sections.
- If you don't understand a step, check out the sew along tutorial: <https://youtu.be/BjpMHaeXN1I>

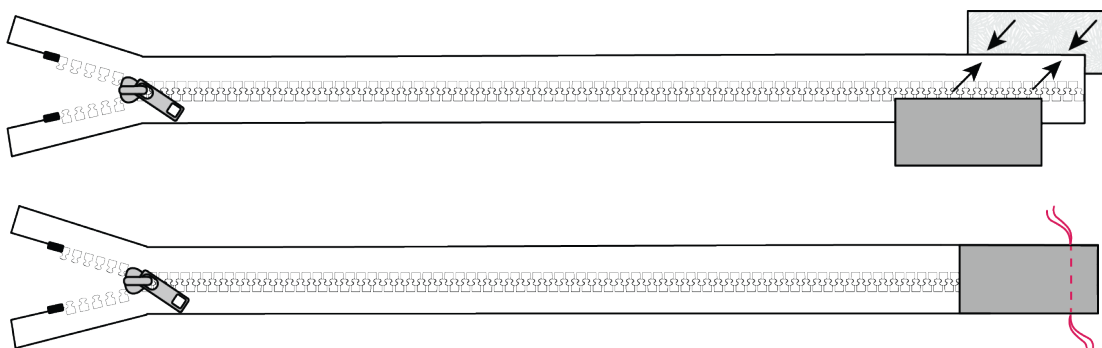
Front Zip Pocket

1 Trim the front pocket zipper so that it is

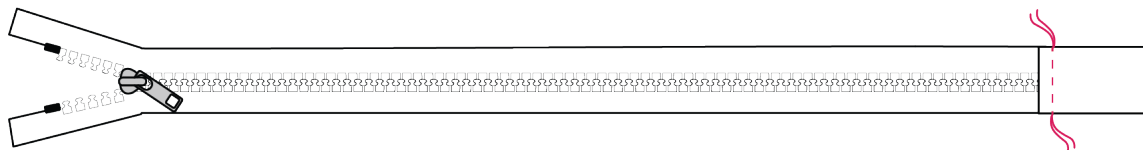
- 7" (18 cm) for the small size
- 11" (28 cm) for the large size

2 Sandwich the zipper between the lining zipper tab and the main fabric zipper tab (right side of lining tab to wrong side of zipper and right side of zipper to right side of main fabric tab). The shorter side of the zipper tab should be aligned with the end of the zipper. Stitch across the zipper 3/8" (1 cm) away from end of the zipper. If your zipper is metal or plastic, use the handwheel when sewing over the zipper so you don't break the needle.

Tip: If you lost the tiny zipper tab pattern piece or forgot to cut it out, the zipper tabs should be 1.75" (4.5 cm) long and as wide as your zipper tape (cut 2 lining and 2 main fabric).



3 Press the zipper tab pieces open so the wrong sides are together and topstitch $1/8''$ away from the seam.



4 Repeat steps 3 and 4 on the other side. Your zipper should look like:



Double check your zipper length!

You will follow steps 3 and 4 to attach the zipper tabs for the front pocket zipper and the main zipper (zip closure).

For the front pocket zipper, the total length of the zipper + zipper tabs should be:

- Small size: 9" (23 cm)
- Large size: 13" (33 cm)

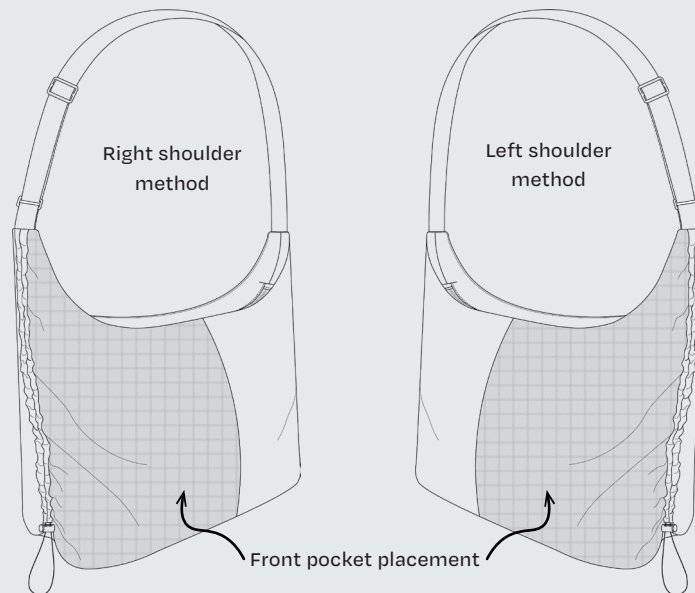
For the main zipper (zip closure) the total length of the zipper + zipper tabs should be:

- Small size: 14" (35.5 cm)
- Large size: 20" (51 cm)

Choosing a side for your front pocket

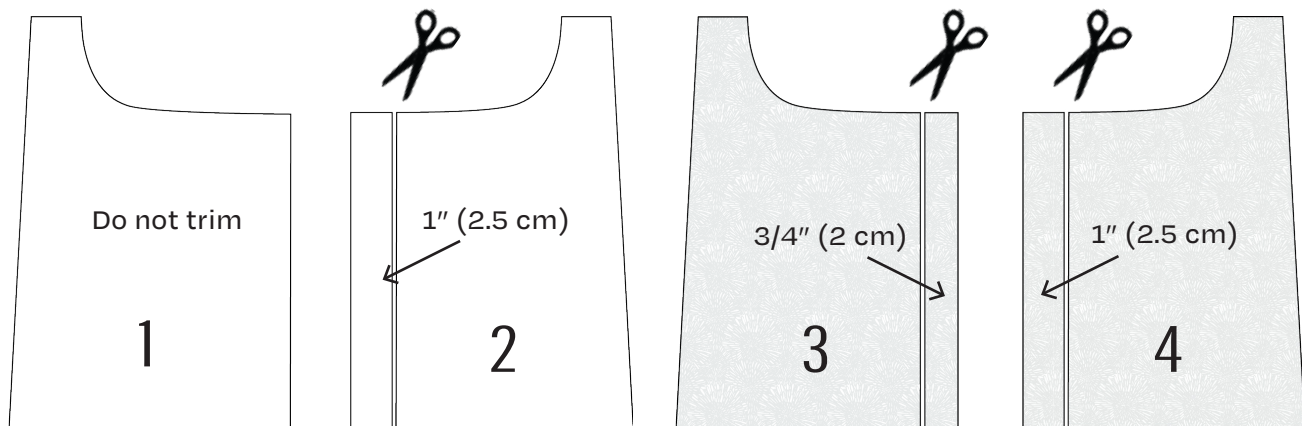
The front pocket will end up on either the right side or the left side of the bag and it's best if it opens towards the front when you are wearing the bag across one shoulder (see the photo on page 2 for an example).

- If you prefer to wear your bag over your right shoulder, continue with step 5 and follow the "Right Shoulder Method".
- If you prefer to wear your bag over your left shoulder, skip to step 14 and follow the "Left Shoulder Method".

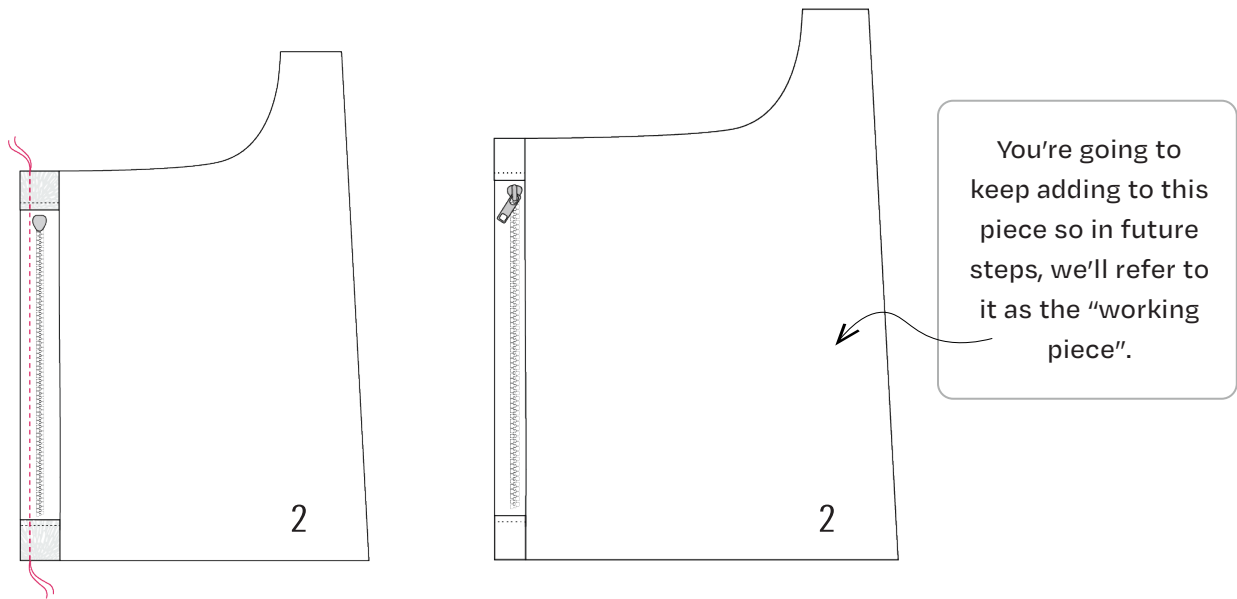


Front Pocket: Right Shoulder Method

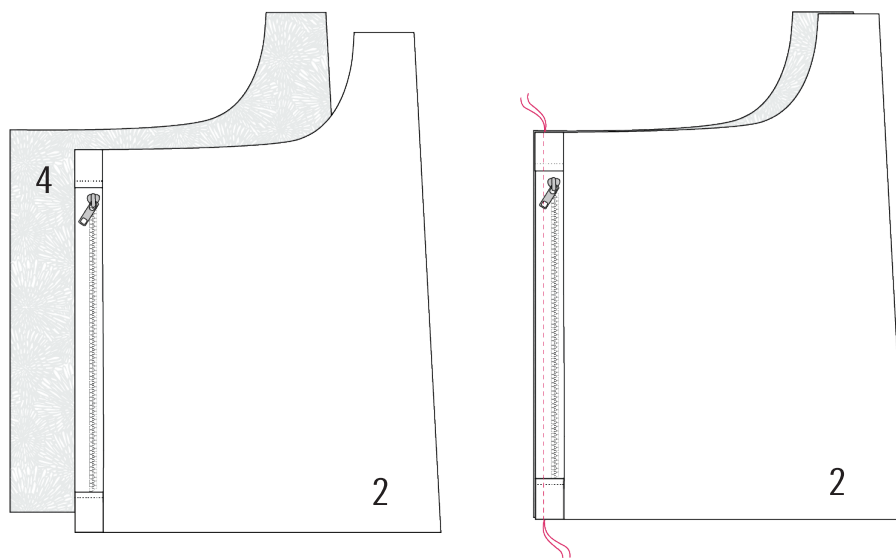
- 5** Lay the front main fabric and front pocket pieces in front of you with right sides up. Trim a full strip off of the inner edges of each piece following the guide below. Note: the number labels on each piece will be used in the following steps to make it obvious which piece you should be sewing. Marking each piece with it's label on the wrong side or within the SA so that you can refer back to them (especially if your fabric does not have an obvious right and wrong side).



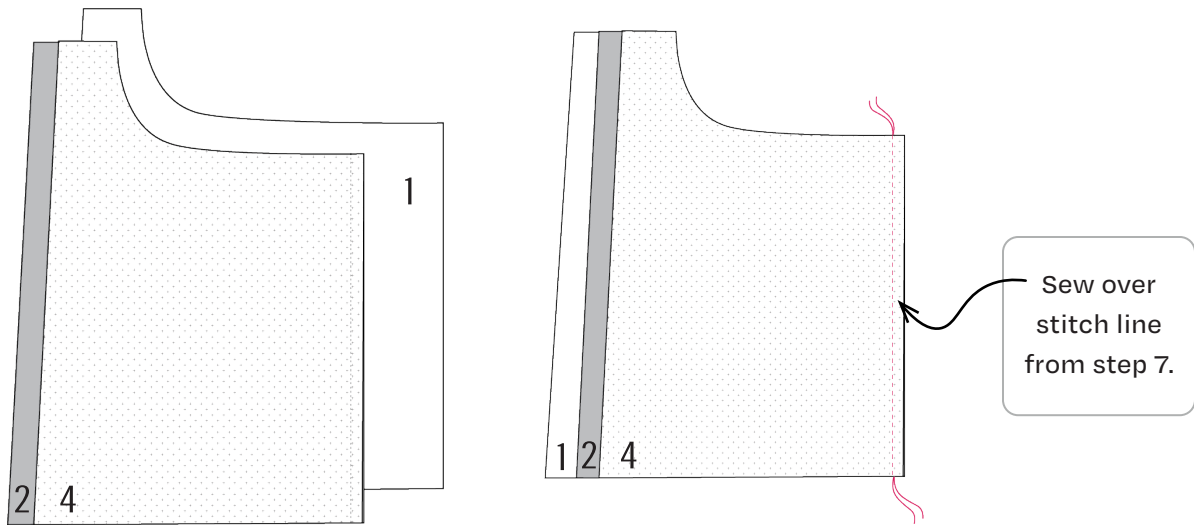
- 6** With right sides together, align the zipper with the inner edge of the right main fabric piece (2). Using a zipper foot, sew along the zipper with $\sim 3/8"$ (1cm) SA (seam allowance). Fold the zipper open and press (do not topstitch yet).



- 7** Align the unsewn edge of the zipper with the inner edge of the right pocket lining (4) so that the wrong side of the zipper is facing the right side of the pocket lining. Using a zipper foot, sew along zipper with $\sim 3/8"$ (1cm) SA.

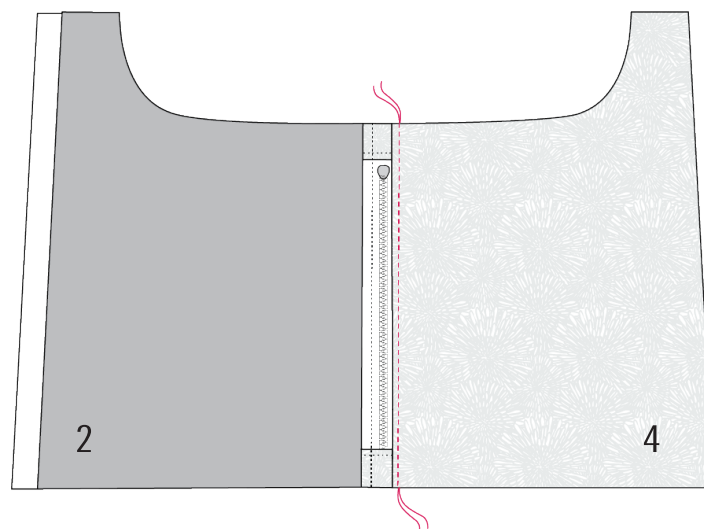


- 8 Flip the working piece over so that the wrong side of piece 4 is facing up. With right sides together, align the inner edge of the working piece with the inner edge of the front left main piece (1). Using a zipper foot, sew over the stitch line from the last step.

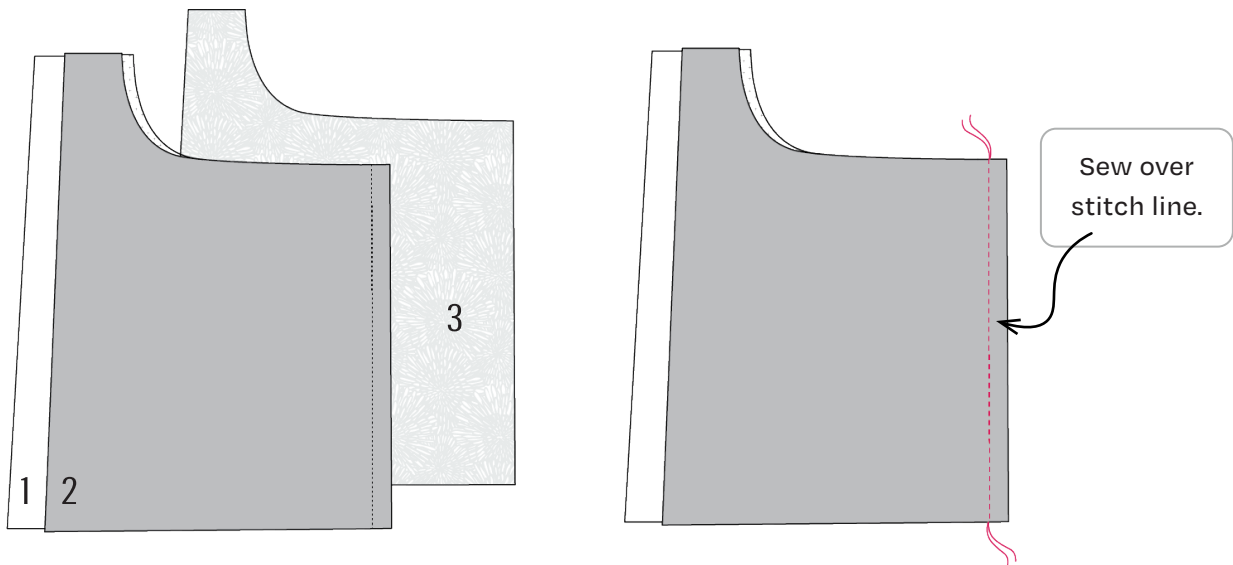


- 9 Fold the right pocket lining piece (4) open. You should be looking at the wrong side of the zipper with piece 4 to the right of the zipper, and pieces 1 and 2 to the left. Press the pocket lining piece (4) so that it lies flat. Stitch through piece 4 the zipper tape 1/8" (0.3 cm) away from the edge of the zipper.

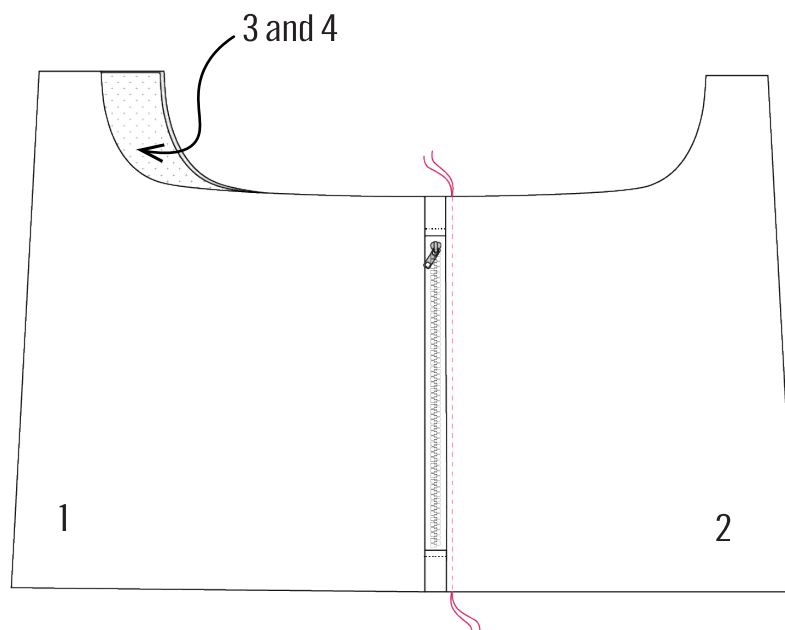
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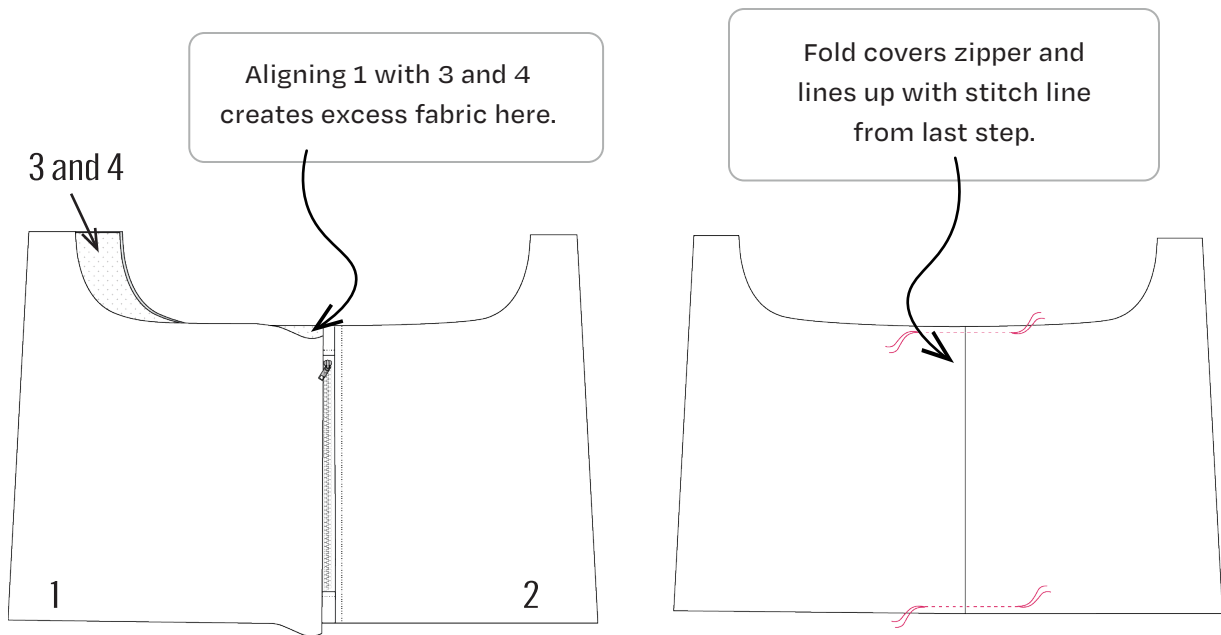
- 10** Fold the pocket lining piece (4) under the working piece so that it is on the bottom with right side facing down. With right sides together, align the inner edge of the working piece with the inner edge of the left pocket lining piece (3). With a zipper foot, sew over the visible stitch line.



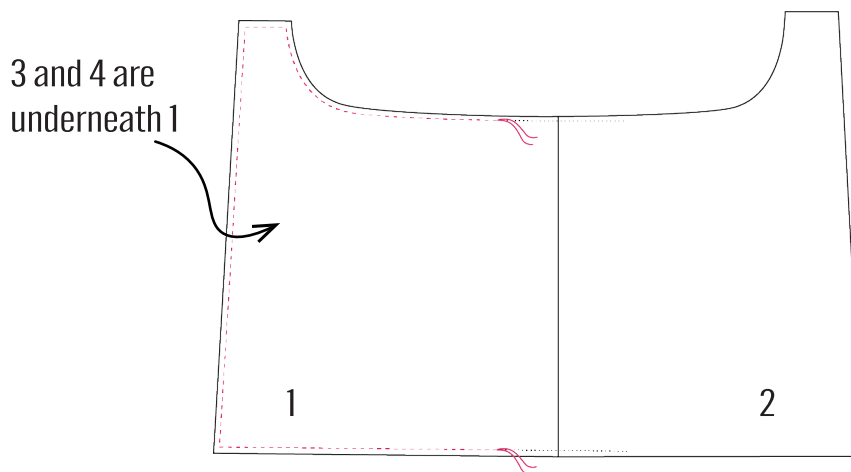
- 11** Open the working piece so that the right sides of both main fabric pieces (1 and 2) are facing you. The pocket lining pieces (3 and 4) should both be under 1 and have right sides together. Top stitch through piece 2 ~1/8" (3 mm) away from the edge of the zipper.



- 12** Line up the outside edges of pieces 1, 3 and 4. This will create excess fabric in piece 1 so that it does not lie flat. Fold and press piece 1 so that it covers the zipper and lies flat. The edge of the fold should line up with (or just barely cover) the topstitching line from the last step. Press the fold and sew $1/4''$ (0.5 cm) away from top and bottom edges to hold the fold in place.



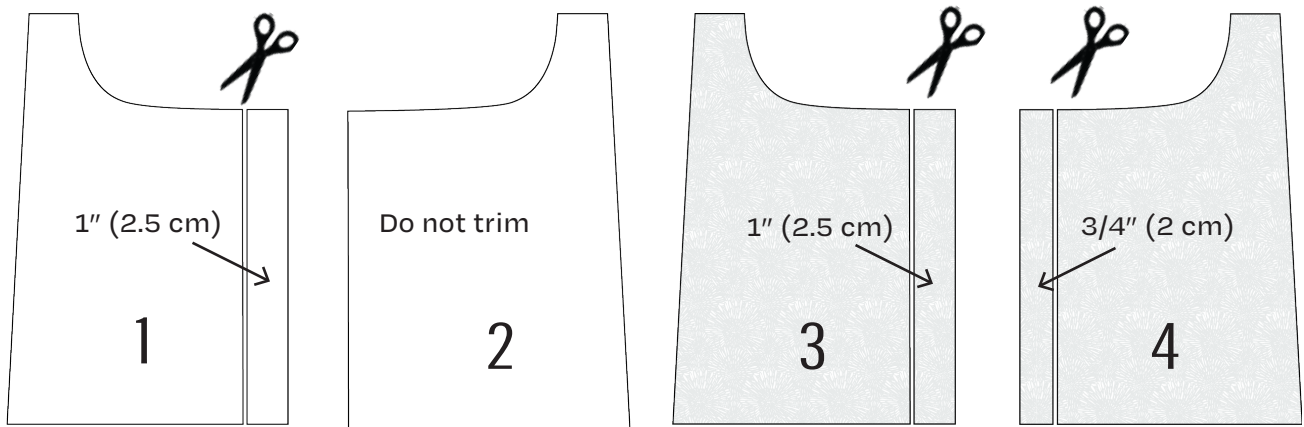
- 13** Baste the 3 layers on the left side (1, 3, and 4) together by sewing close to the edge all around the left side. You can use a long stitch length here since we are just basting these layers together to make the piece easier to work with in the future.



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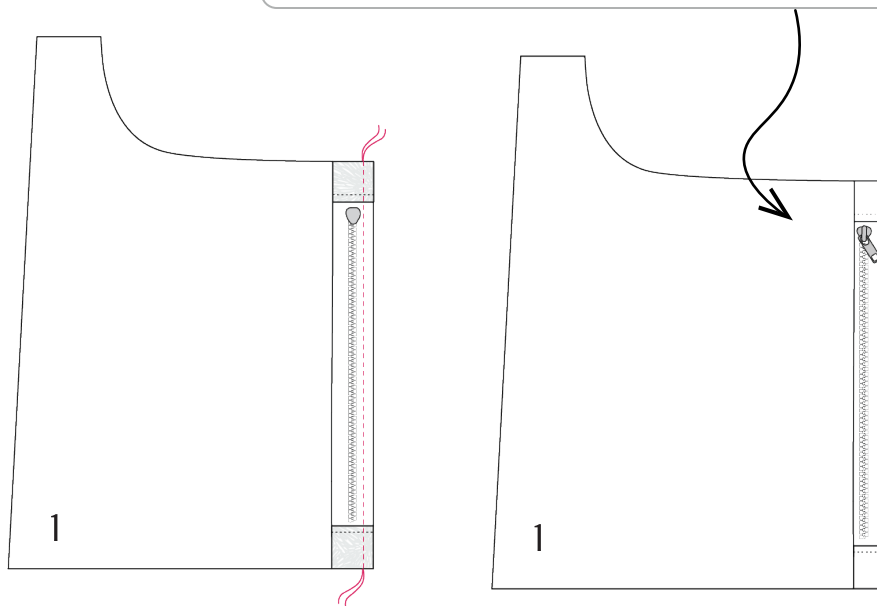
Front Pocket: Left Shoulder Method

- 14** Lay the front main fabric and front pocket pieces in front of you with right sides up. Trim a strip off of the inner edges of each piece following the guide below. Note: the letter labels on each piece will be used in the following steps to make it obvious which piece you should be sewing. Consider marking each piece with it's letter label so that you can refer back to them.

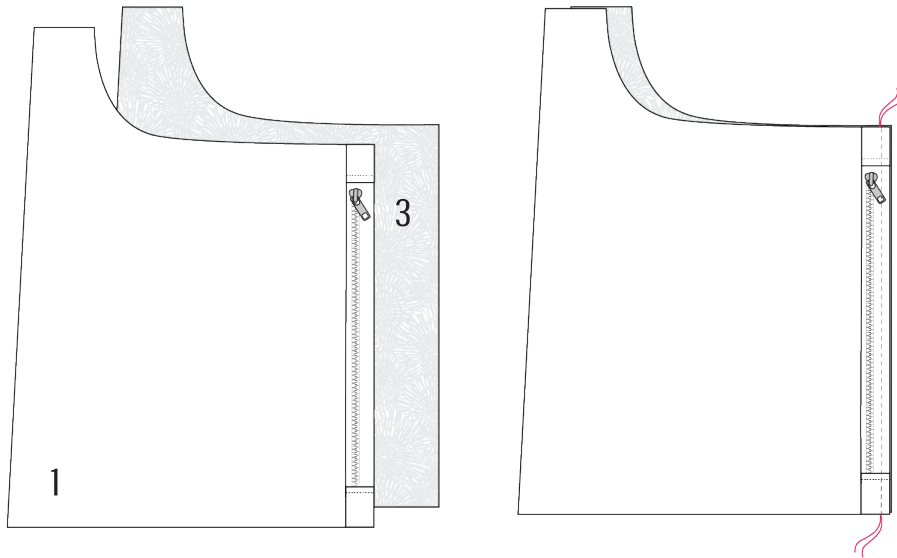


- 15** With right sides together, align the zipper with the inner edge of the left main fabric piece (1). Using a zipper foot, sew along the zipper with $\sim 3/8''$ (1cm) SA (seam allowance). Fold the zipper open and press (do not topstitch yet).

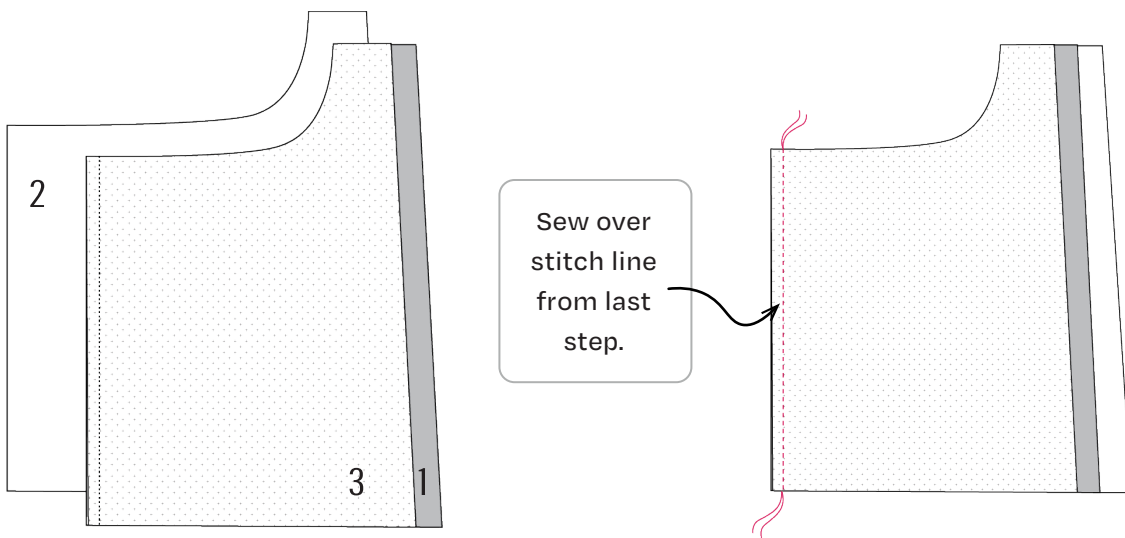
You're going to keep adding to this piece so in future steps, we'll refer to it as the "working piece".



- 16** Align the unsewn edge of the zipper with the inner edge of the left pocket lining (3) so that the wrong side of the zipper is facing the right side of the pocket lining. Using a zipper foot, sew along zipper with $\sim 3/8''$ (1cm) SA.

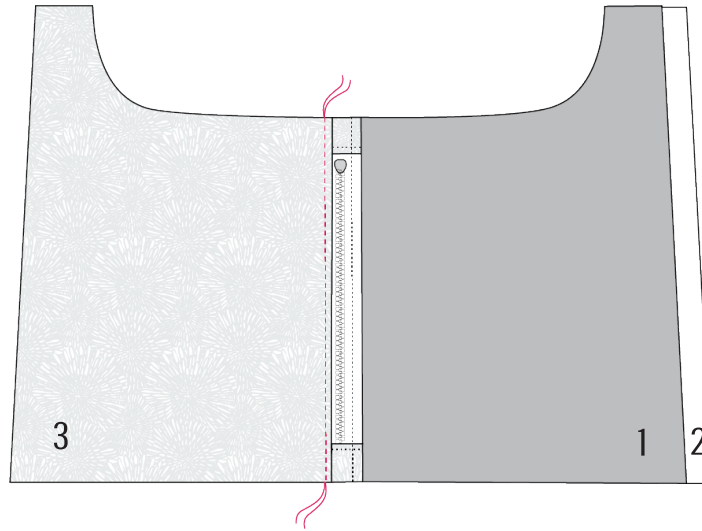


- 17** Flip the working piece over so that the wrong side of piece 3 is facing up. With right sides together, align the inner edge of the working piece with the inner edge of the front right main piece (2). Using a zipper foot, sew over the stitch line from the last step.

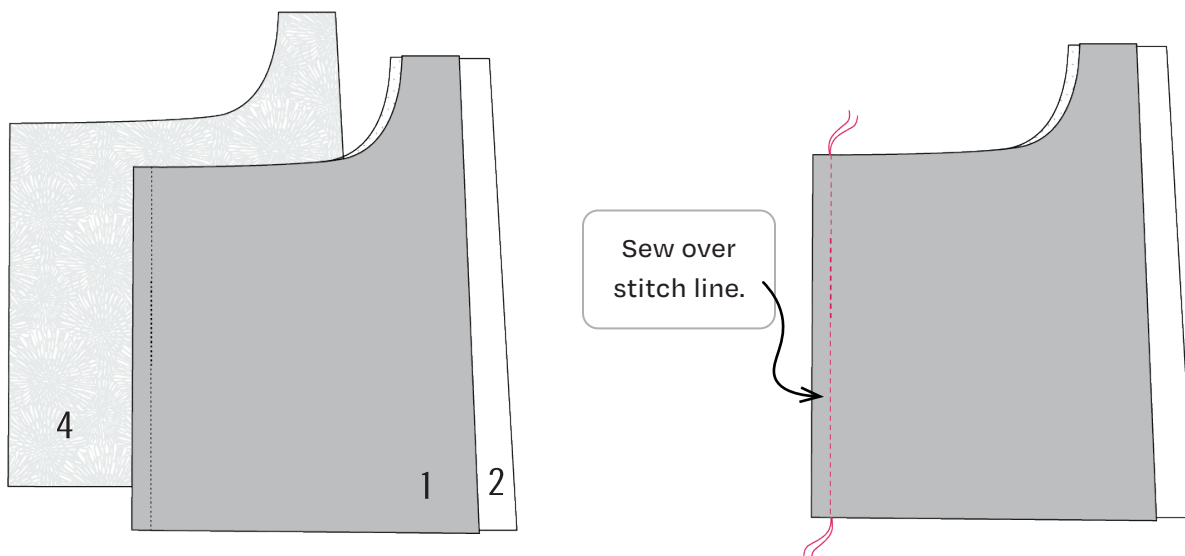


- 18** Fold the right pocket lining piece (3) open. You should be looking at the wrong side of the zipper with piece 3 to the left of the zipper, and pieces 1 and 2 to the left. Press the pocket lining piece (3) so that it lies flat. Stitch through piece 3 the zipper tape $1/8''$ (0.3 cm) away from the edge of the zipper.

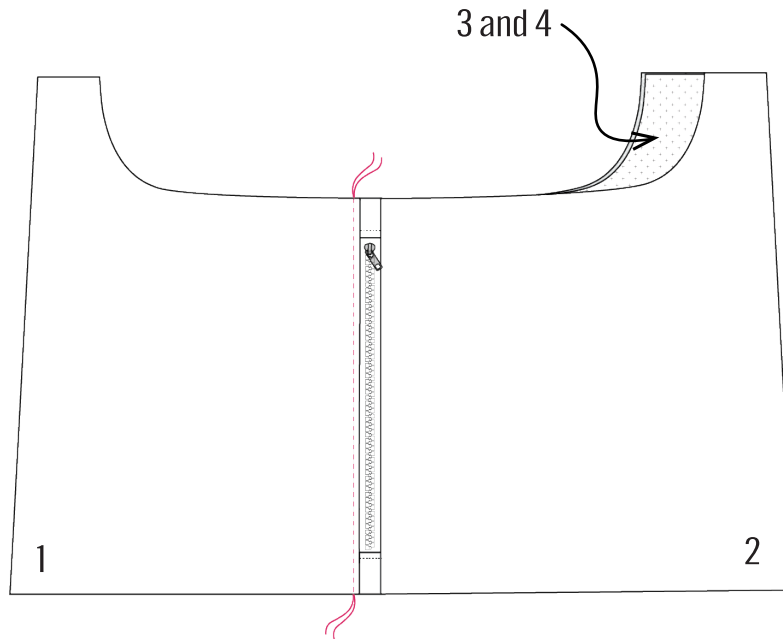
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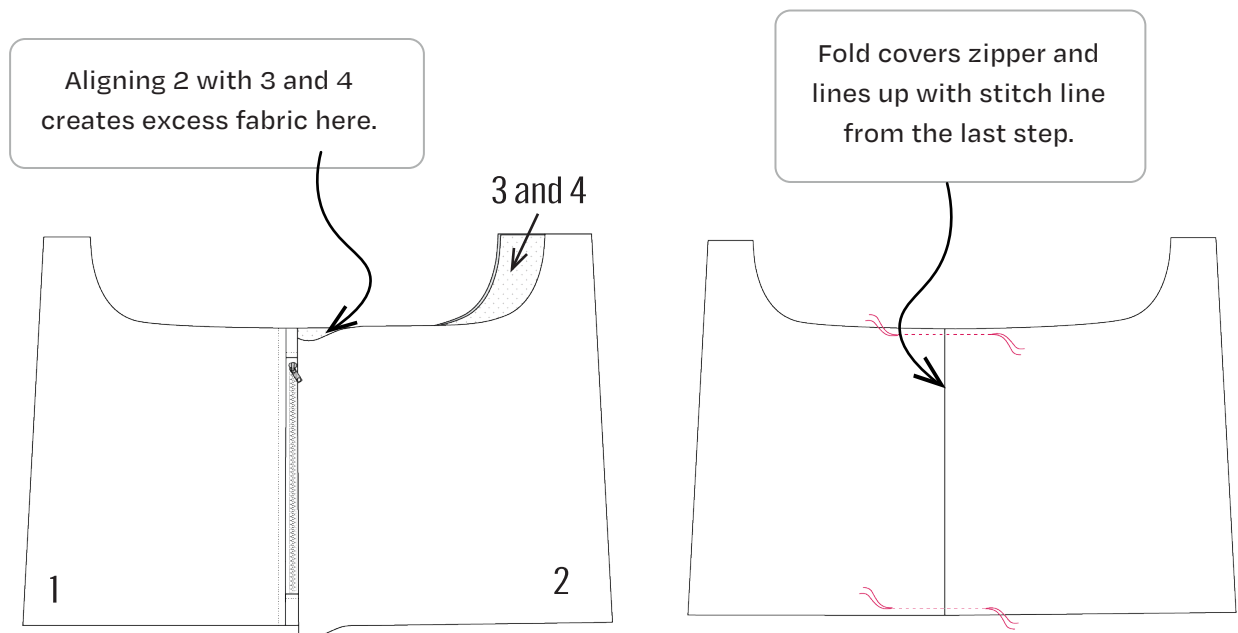
- 19** Fold the pocket lining piece (3) under the working piece so that it is on the bottom with right side facing down. With right sides together, align the inner edge of the working piece with the inner edge of the right pocket lining piece (4). With a zipper foot, sew over the visible stitch line.



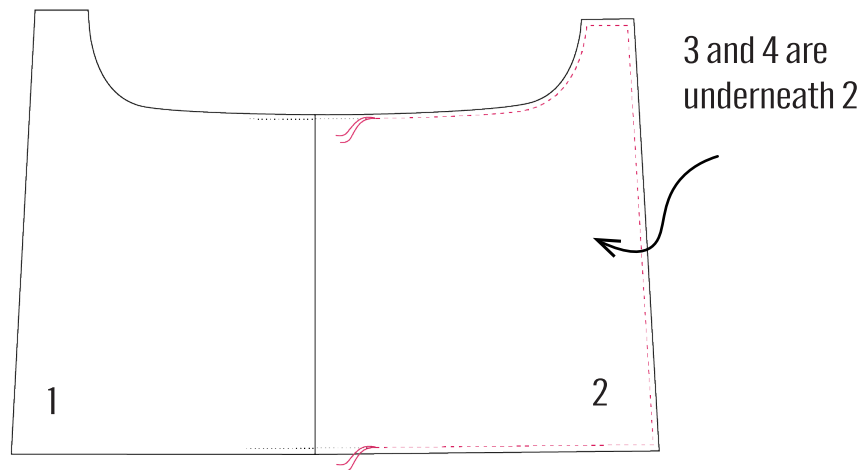
- 20** Open the working piece so that the right sides of both main fabric pieces (1 and 2) are facing you. The pocket lining pieces (3 and 4) should both be under the right main fabric piece (2) and have right sides together. Top stitch through 1 \sim 1/8" (3 mm) away from the edge of the zipper.



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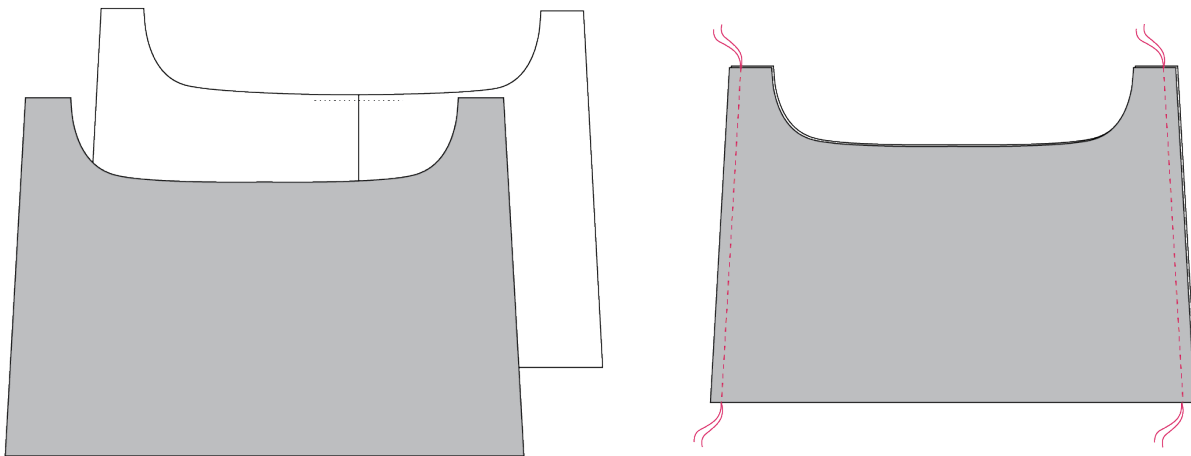


- 22** Baste the 3 layers on the right side (2, 3, and 4) together by sewing close to the edge all around the right side. You can use a long stitch length here since we are just basting these layers together to make the piece easier to work with in the future.



Main Body

- 23** With right sides together, sew the main fabric front (the piece with the front pocket) and main fabric back body together along the outer edges. Press the seam allowances open.



Side Cinch Channels

If you haven't already, cut your cord or elastic into

- Two 25" (64 cm) pieces (small size)
- Two 32" (81 cm) pieces (large size)

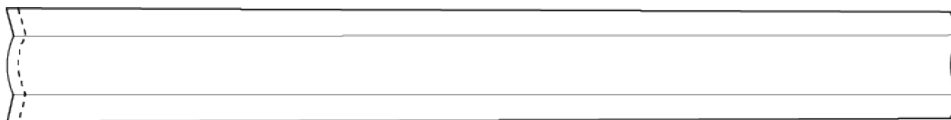
24 Turn one end of the side cinch channel under by 1/4" (0.5 cm). Sew fold down along raw edge.



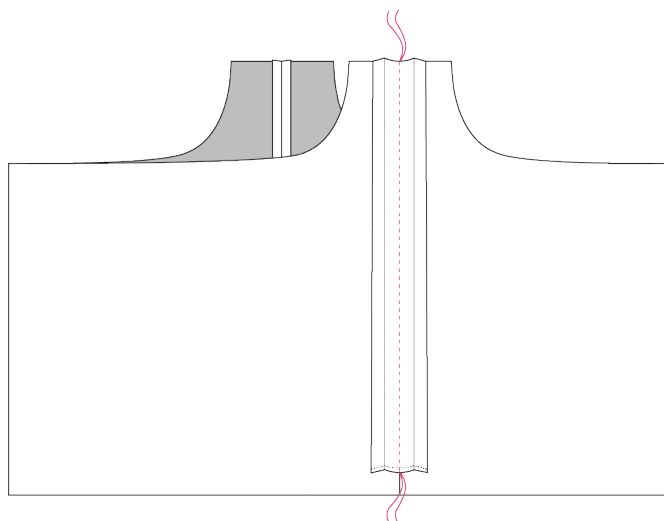
25 Fold and press long edges of side cinch channels to center. If you are using particularly thick or wide cord/elastic in your cinch channels, you can turn the edges under slightly less (not right to the center) so that you have more space to topstitch the channels down in step 30.



26 Unfold the edges that you just pressed. Mark a line down the center of the cinch channel on the right side of the fabric. Use a tracing wheel, erasable pen, pins, or other non-permanent marking method since you're marking the right side of the fabric.

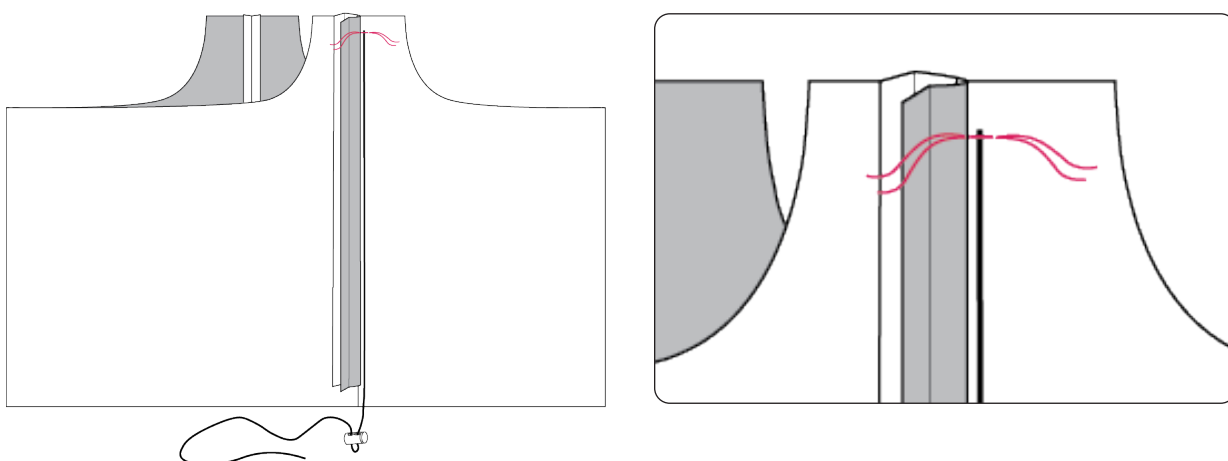


- 27** Align the non finished edge of cinch channel with the top edge of the main body so that it is centered on the seam between the front and back body and pin in place. Sew down the center of channel, ideally sewing right in the seam between the front and back body (but don't worry if it's a bit off).

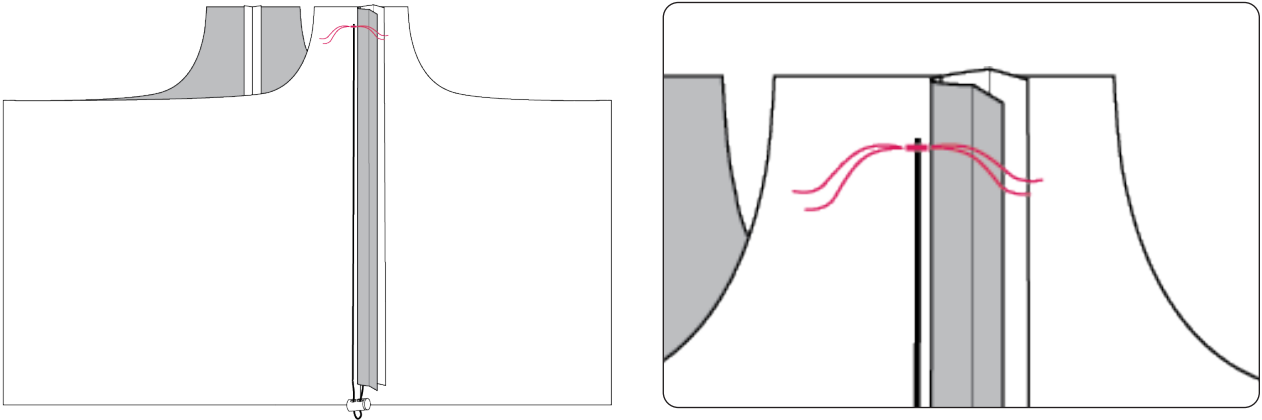


Tip: make sure you are only sewing through one layer of the main body when sewing the cinch channel down. It is easy to get the opposite side of the body caught underneath if you're not careful.

- 28** Fold the right side of the cinch channel to the left so it is out of the way. Sew one end of your cord/elastic down 1/2" (1.25 cm) down from the top edge as close to the center of the cinch channel as you can. Sew over it several times to secure it (you will be pulling on the cord/elastic to adjust the side cinches so you want it to be secured well). Put the other end of the cord/elastic through the cord lock and slide the cord lock so it is in the middle of the cord/elastic.

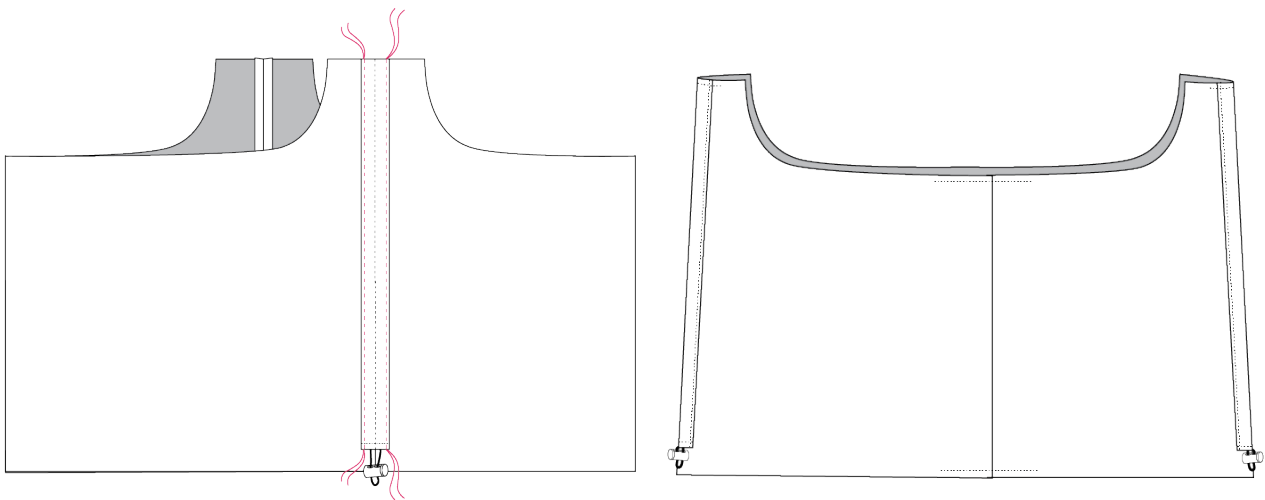


- 29** Fold the left side of the cinch channel out of the way and sew the free end of the cord/elastic on the left side of the cinch channel close to the center, $1/2''$ (1.25 cm) down from the top edge. Sew over the cord/elastic several times to secure it.



- 30** Fold the edges of the cinch channel under so that they cover the elastic/cord. Sew the cinch channel down as close to each edge as possible, making sure not to sew through the elastic/cord. Repeat steps 13 to 19 on the other side.

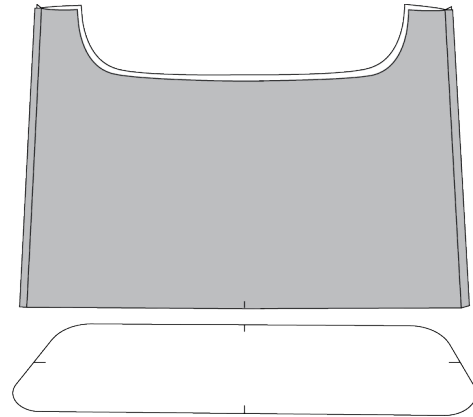
Tip: Use a zipper foot to sew the cinch channel down so that the cord/elastic inside the channel isn't in the way of your presser foot.



Main Body (continued)

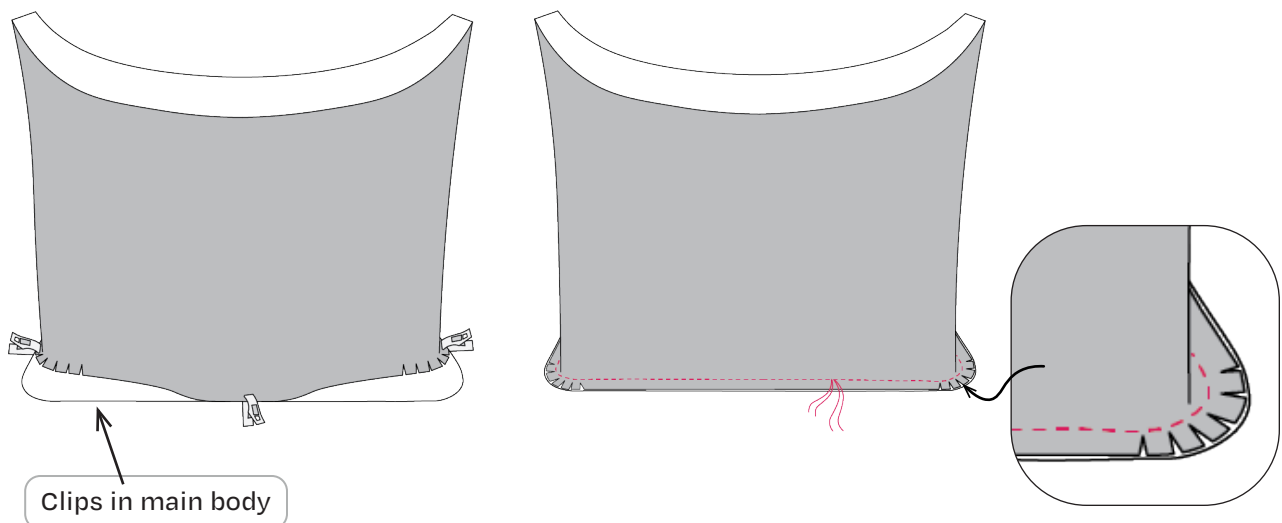
- 31** Mark the center on all sides of the main fabric bottom and mark the center on each side of the main body.

Tip: to find the center of each piece, fold the piece in half and make small clips at the fold line.



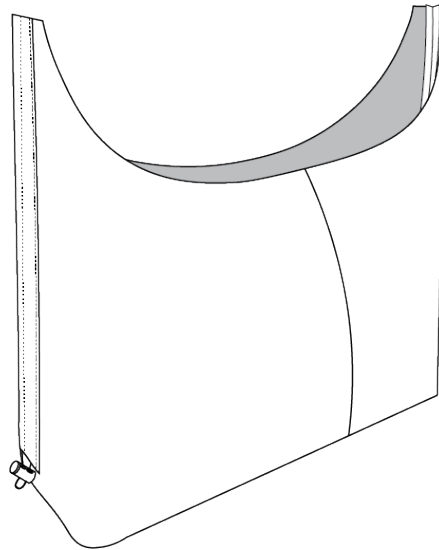
- 32** Line up the center marks you made in the last step: the center marks on the short sides of the bottom piece will line up with the side seams in the main body and the center marks on the long sides of the bottom will line up with the center marks on the main body.

Then, make small clips (~3/8" (1cm) apart) in the main body where it has to curve around the bottom corners. Make sure your clips are less than 3/8" (1cm) deep. Use lots of pins or clips to align the main body with the bottom at the corners. Sew around the entire bottom edge with 3/8" (1 cm) SA.



Tip: if you can't get the bottom to align perfectly with the body, align it as best you can and then trim off the excess at the corners on the bottom. Depending on your fabric, you may have more or less stretch to work with which will affect how the bottom fits.

33 Turn the body right side out and press the bottom seam.



Strap

Making your own strap, no padding: go to step 36.

Making your own strap, fusible padding: go to step 34.

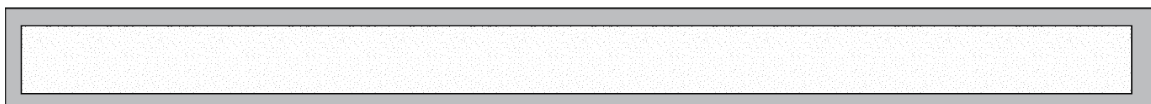
Making your own strap, non-fusible padding: go to step 38

Not making your own strap: go to step 45.

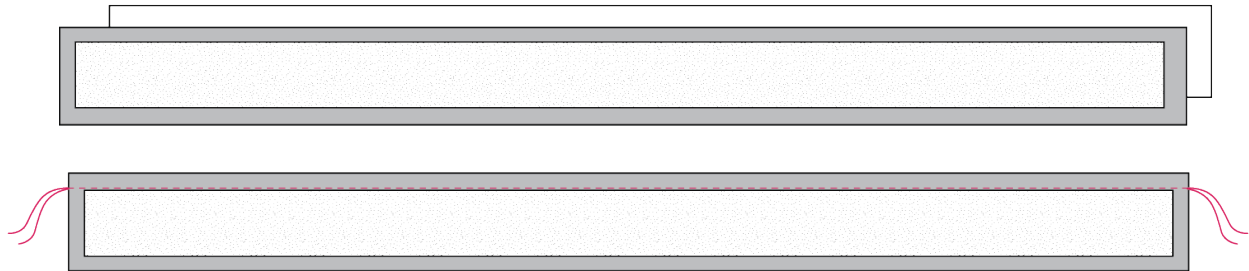
Strap: No padding or fusible padding method

34 If you are using a fusible padding and haven't already done so, trim $3/4$ " (2 cm) off of the width and height of the padding piece.

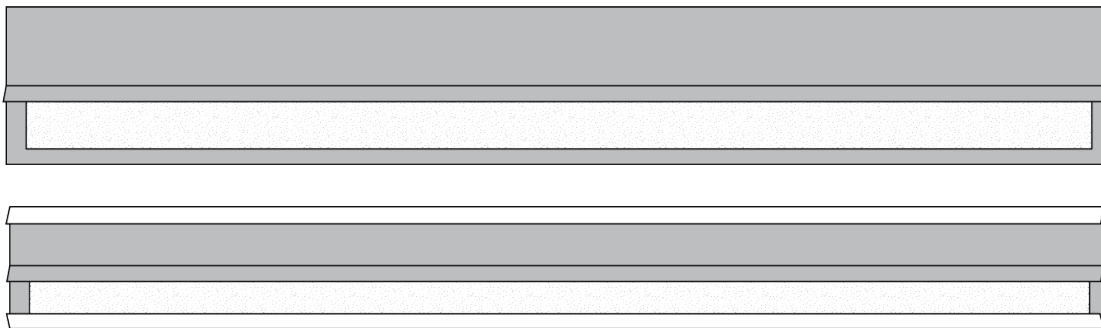
35 Fuse your padding to the wrong side of one of the strap pieces in the center. There should be a $3/8$ " (1 cm) border on all sides that is not interfaced (including the ends, which will reduce bulk in the seam allowance when assembling the body of the bag later on).



- 36** (If you aren't using fusible padding, ignore it in the illustrations in steps 36 and 37) With right sides together, sew the strap pieces together along one of the long edges with $3/8''$ (1cm) SA. If you are using a fusible padding, you should be sewing right along the edge of the padding but not through it.



- 37** Open the strap so that you're looking at the wrong sides of each strap piece and press the seam allowance to one side. Fold the long edges under by $3/8''$ (1 cm) and press.



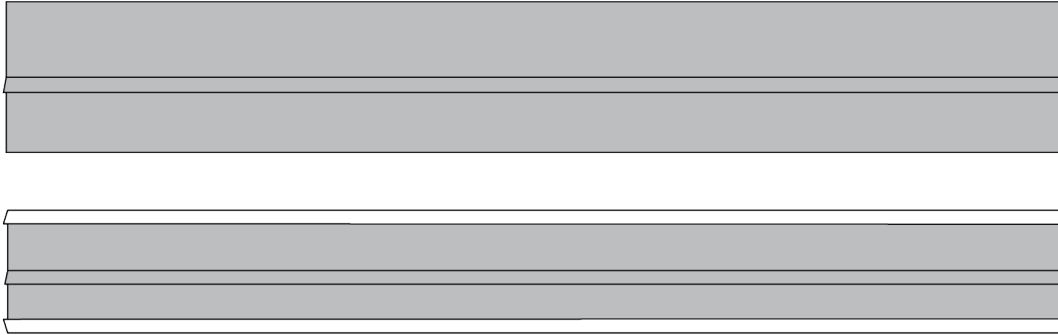
Skip to step 42

Strap: Non-fusible padding method

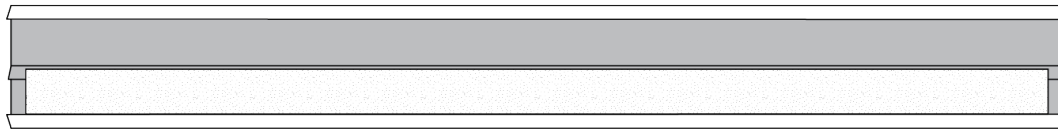
- 38** Trim $3/4''$ (2 cm) off of the width and height of the padding piece.
- 39** With right sides together, sew the strap pieces together along one of the long edges with $3/8''$ (1cm) SA.



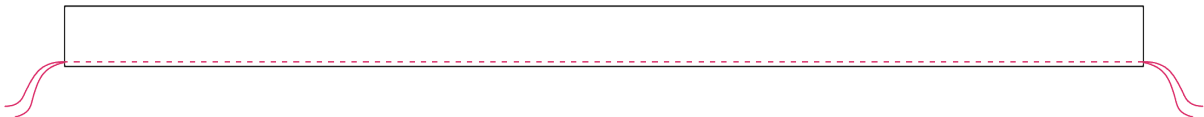
- 40** Open the strap so that you're looking at the wrong sides of each strap piece and press seam allowance to one side. Fold the long edges under by $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) and press.



- 41** Place the strip of padding on one side of the strap and tuck it under the long folded edge. There should be $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1-1.25 cm) of un-padded strap at each end (to reduce bulk in the seam allowance when assembling the body of the bag later on).



- 42** Fold the strap in half lengthwise so that the wrong sides are facing. Close the strap by sewing $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) away from the open edge through all layers. Press the strap flat.



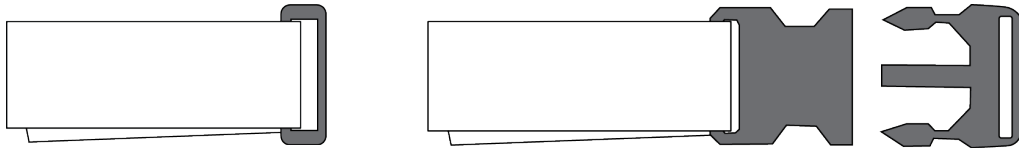
- 43** Add optional top stitching to the strap. I recommend a line of stitching $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from each edge, and 2 other lines evenly spaced between them, but you can choose to top stitch as you please!



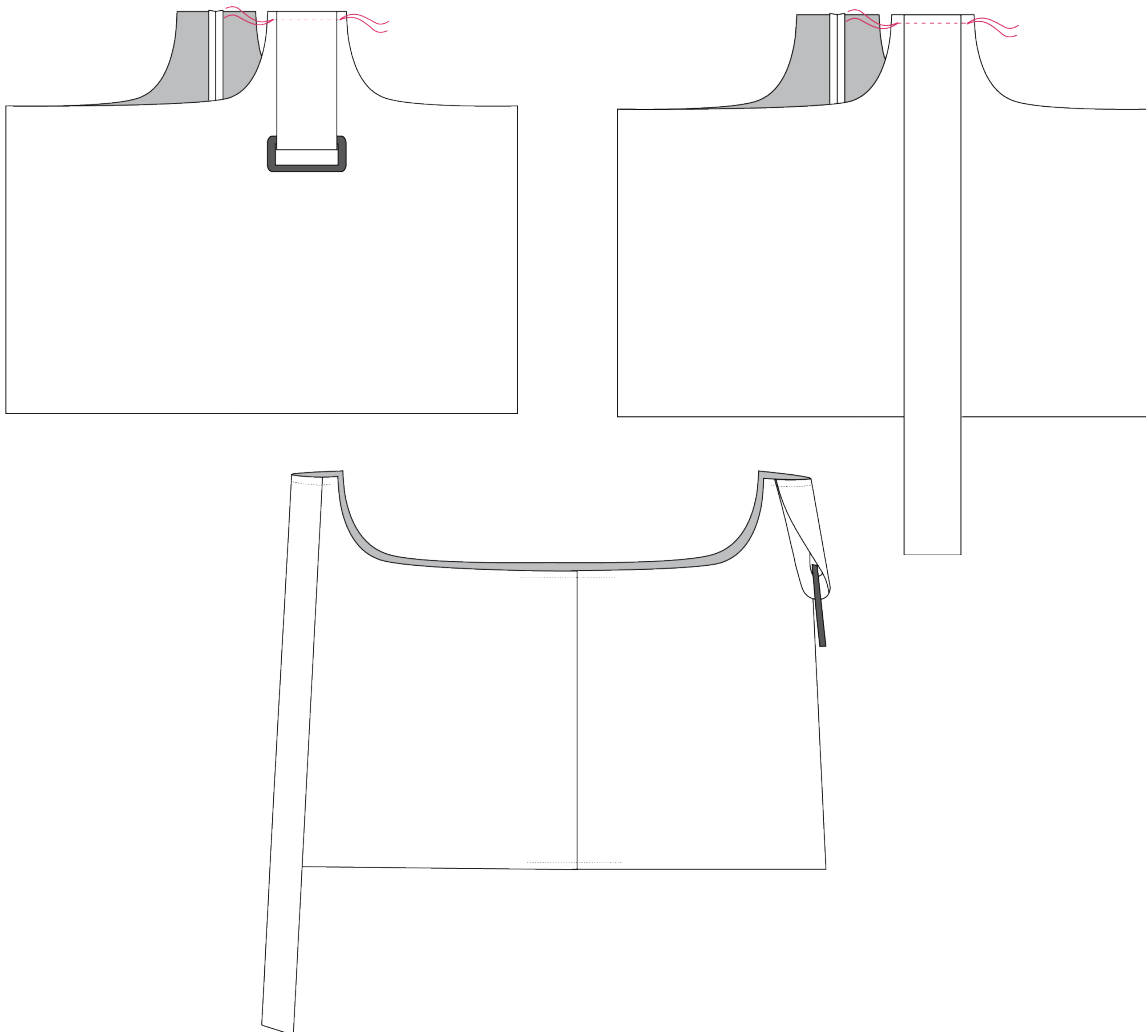
- 44** Repeat your chosen strap method for the strap attachment.



- 45** If you are using webbing for your strap and haven't cut it yet, cut a 6" (15 cm) piece for the strap attachment. The main strap should be ~40" (100 cm). Feed the strap attachment through the rectangle ring or one end of the parachute buckle.



- 46** Center the ends of the strap attachment with one of the strap openings on the right side of the main body. If one side of your strap is nicer (for example, your topstitching looks better from one side), make sure that side is against the main body. I prefer to put the strap attachment on the side that will be facing forward when I wear the bag over one shoulder, but you can put it on whichever side you prefer. Sew the strap attachment to the main body 1/4" (0.5 cm) away from the top edge. Sew back and forth a few times to make sure the strap is secure. Repeat on the other side with the main strap.



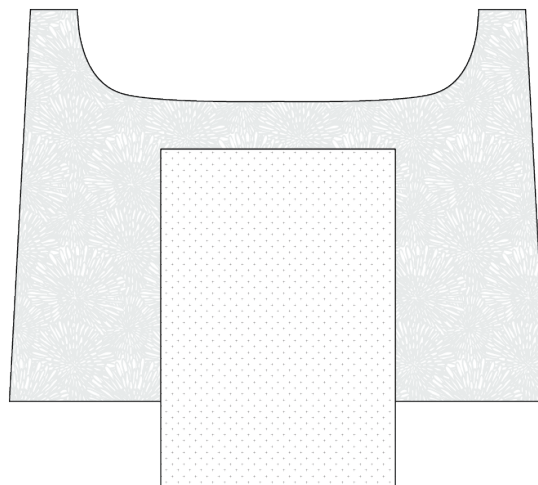
Interior Zip Pocket

47 With right sides together, align the centre of the interior pocket bag

→ 1.5" (4 cm) for small size

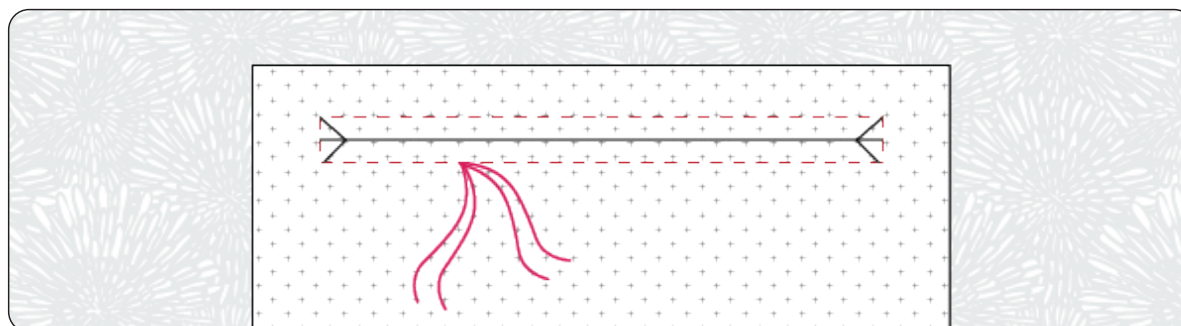
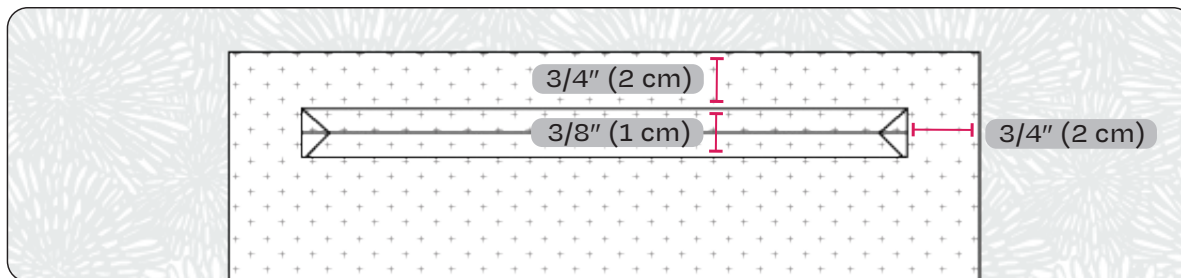
→ 2.5" (6.5 cm) for large size

below the centre of one of the lining body piece and pin in place.

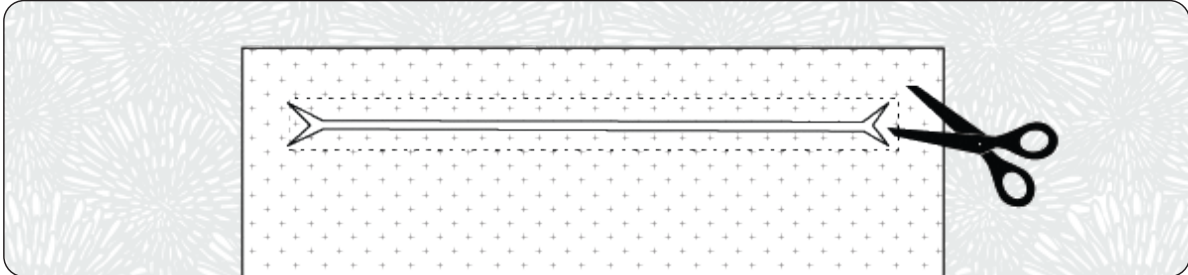


48 On the wrong side of the pocket bag, mark the zipper opening rectangle including the centre line and corner triangles (see pocket bag pattern piece or diagram below for placement of the zipper opening). Sew around the rectangle through both layers (do not sew down the center line or corner triangles).

Tip: You can use any kind of pen to mark the opening on the wrong side of the pocket bag.



- 49** Cut through both layers down the centre line of the rectangle and along the triangles to each corner, snipping as close to each corner as possible without cutting the stitches.

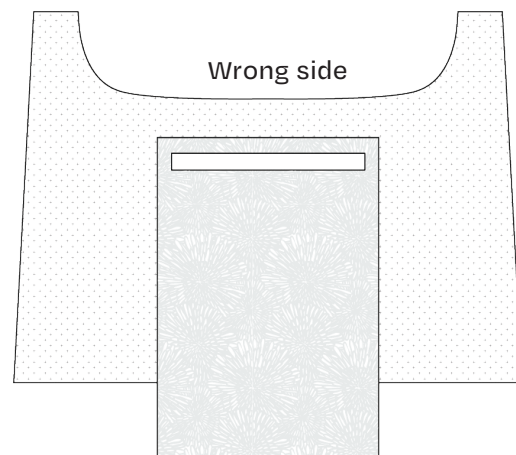
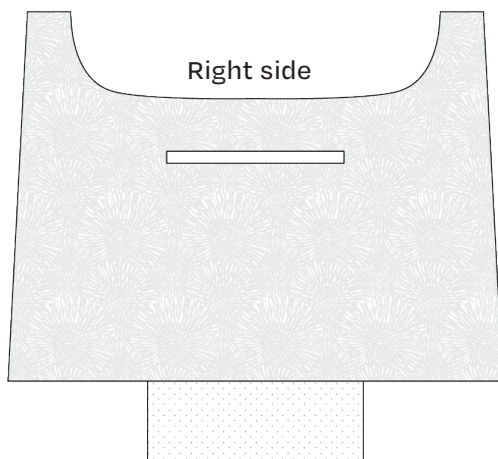


Tip: Use your seam ripper to make a small tear in the center line so that you can insert your scissors.

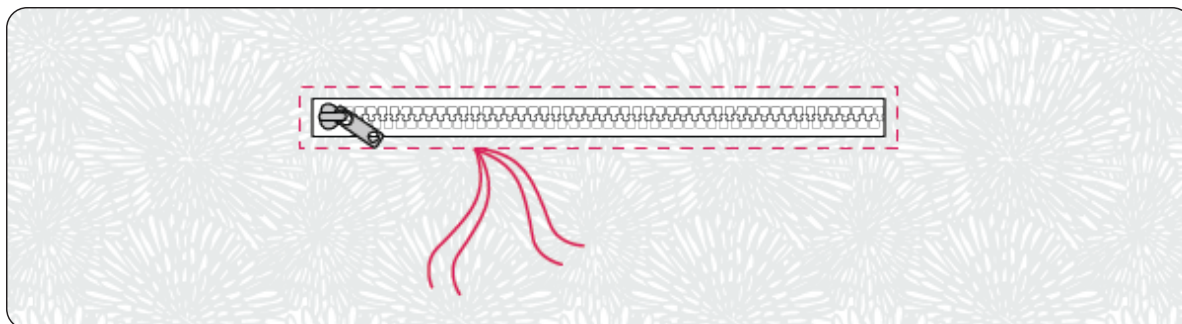
- 50** To make it easier to press the zipper opening flat, first press up the edges of the pocket bag inside the rectangle that you just cut.



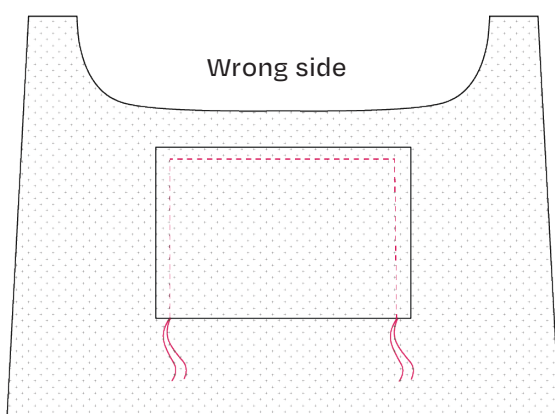
- 51** Pull the pocket bag through the zipper opening to the inside of the lining body and press the zipper opening flat.



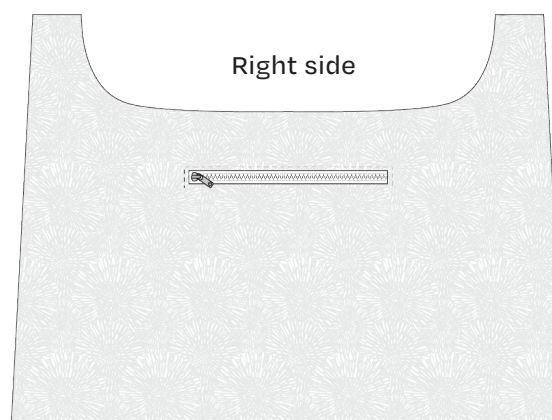
- 52** Line up the interior pocket zipper in the zipper opening and top stitch it in place from the right side. You will need to move the zipper tab partway through to keep it out of the way.



- 53** Fold the pocket bag in half and sew closed on the 3 open sides. You should only be stitching through the pocket bag, not through the lining body piece. Press the finished pocket.



Wrong side



Right side

Laptop Pocket

Sizing your Laptop Pocket

The laptop pocket pattern piece included in the pattern will fit a laptop up to ~14.5" (~37 cm) wide and ~10.5" (~26.5 cm) tall. To modify the laptop pocket to fit your laptop better, cut 2 pieces of your lining fabric and 1 piece of padding (NOT ON FOLD) with the following dimensions:

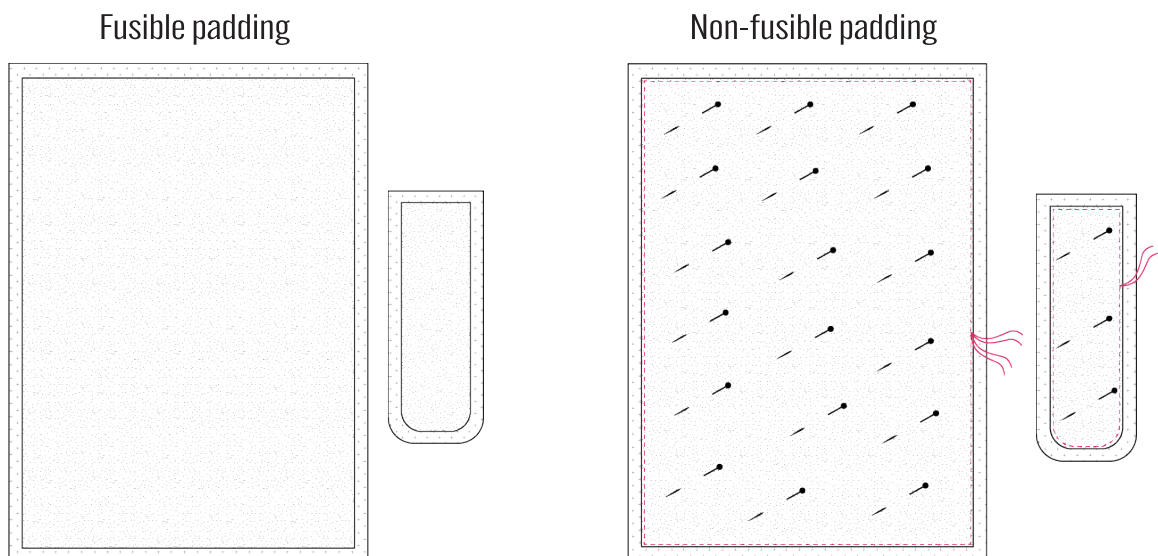
- * Width: (width of your laptop) + 3" (8 cm)
- * Height: 2 x (height of your laptop) + 2" (8 cm)

Note: You should only modify the laptop pocket pattern piece to make it smaller - the laptop pocket pattern piece that is included in the pattern is the largest that the bag can accommodate.

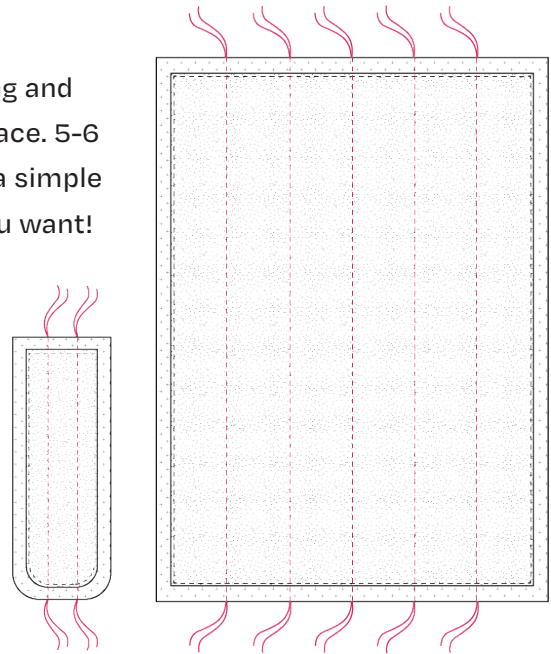
54 If you haven't already done so, trim 3/4" (2 cm) off of the width and height of your laptop pocket padding piece. Trim 3/8" (1 cm) off of all sides of the laptop pocket closure tab piece.

55 Fusible padding method: fuse the laptop pocket padding to the wrong side of one of the laptop sleeve pieces, leaving a 3/8" (1 cm) non-padded border on all sides. Repeat with the laptop pocket closure tab.

Non-fusible padding method: pin the laptop pocket padding to the wrong side of one of the laptop sleeve pieces, leaving a 3/8" (1 cm) non-padded border on all sides. Sew through both layers ~1/8" (3 mm) away from the edge of the padding on all sides. Repeat with the laptop pocket closure tab.

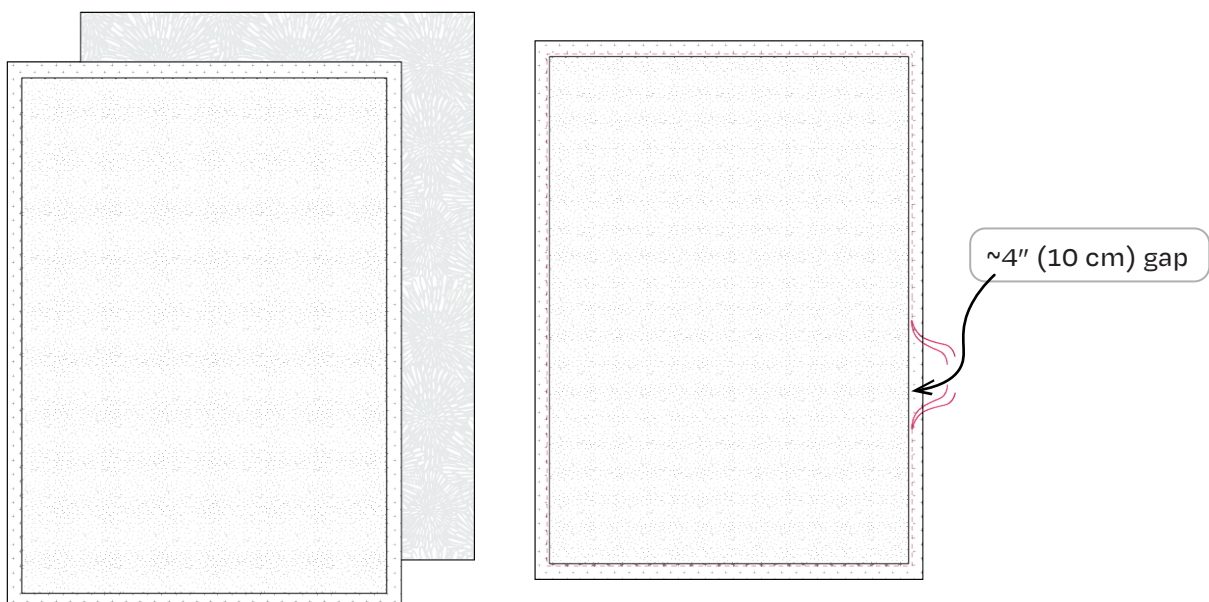


- 56** (Optional if you used fusible padding) Quilt the padding and laptop pocket piece together to hold the padding in place. 5-6 equally spaced vertical lines (as in the illustration) is a simple option, but you can choose to do whatever quilting you want! Repeat with the laptop pocket closure tab.

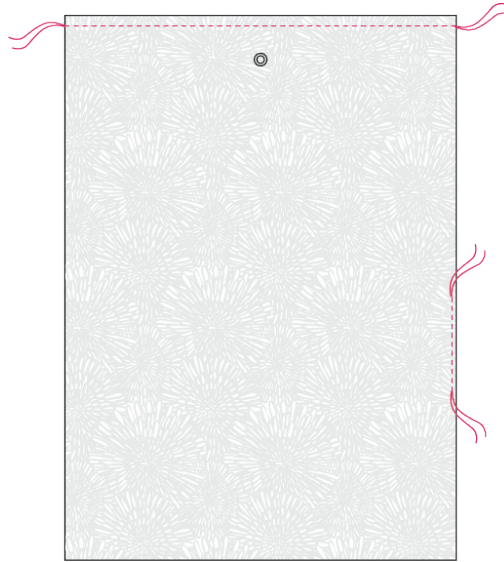


- 57** With right sides together, sew the laptop pocket pieces together on all sides but leave at ~4" (10 cm) gap one side. Backstitch at the edges of the gap. You should be sewing right along the edge of the padding but not through it. Trim the seam allowance at the corners.

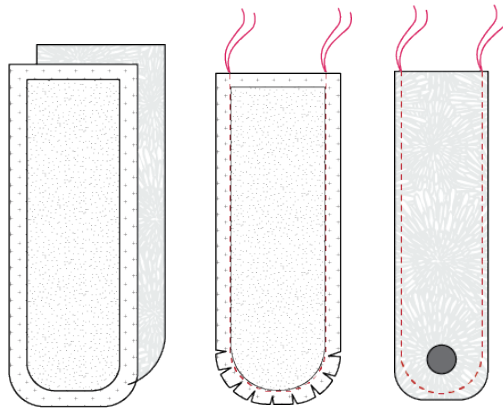
The quilting lines from the last step are not shown in the illustrations below but the step is exactly the same if you followed step X.



- 58** Carefully turn the laptop pocket right side out by pulling it through the gap left in the side. Poke in the corners with a long dull object like a chopstick or pencil to help turn them out. Press the laptop pocket flat. Close the gap by turning the seam allowance under and top stitching close to the edge. Sew a line of top stitching $\sim 1/4"$ (6 mm) away from the top edge of the pocket. Install your snap, button, or small velcro piece 1.75" (4.5 cm) down from the top edge in the center.



- 59** With right sides together, sew the laptop pocket closure tab pieces together on all sides except the top edge. You should be sewing right along the edge of the padding but not through it. Make small clips in the seam allowance around the curved end of the closure tab. Turn the closure tab right side out, press, and top stitch $1/8"$ (30 mm) away from the sewn edges of the tab. Install your snap, button hole, or velcro piece at the end of the tab.

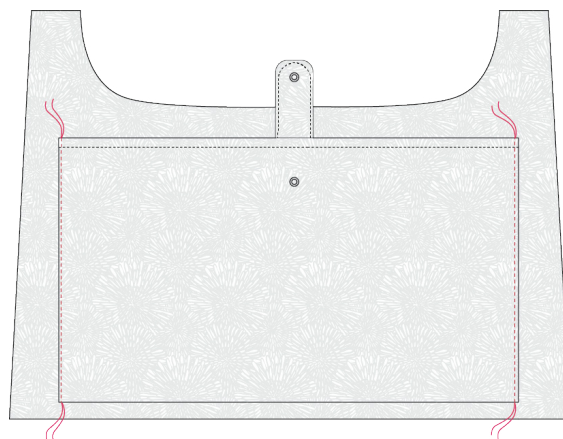


60 Align the laptop pocket with the center of the lining body $\sim 1.5''$ (3.5 cm) below the top edge (you can place it lower if your laptop pocket is a lot smaller than the original size, just make sure the pocket ends at least $3/4''$ (2 cm) above the bottom of the lining body when folded in half). If you quilted the padding to your laptop pocket, you can decide whether you want the quilting on the inside or outside of the pocket.

With right side facing down, tuck the raw edge of the closure tab $1/4''$ (6 mm) under the top edge of the laptop pocket in the center. Sew through the laptop sleeve and lining body along the top edge of the laptop sleeve $1/8''$ (3 mm) away from the edge. Sew a second line of stitching through the laptop pocket and the lining body halfway down the laptop pocket.



61 Fold the laptop pocket in half and sew through all layers down the left and right sides $1/8''$ (3mm) away from the edge (you will be sewing through 2 layers of the laptop pocket and the lining body).

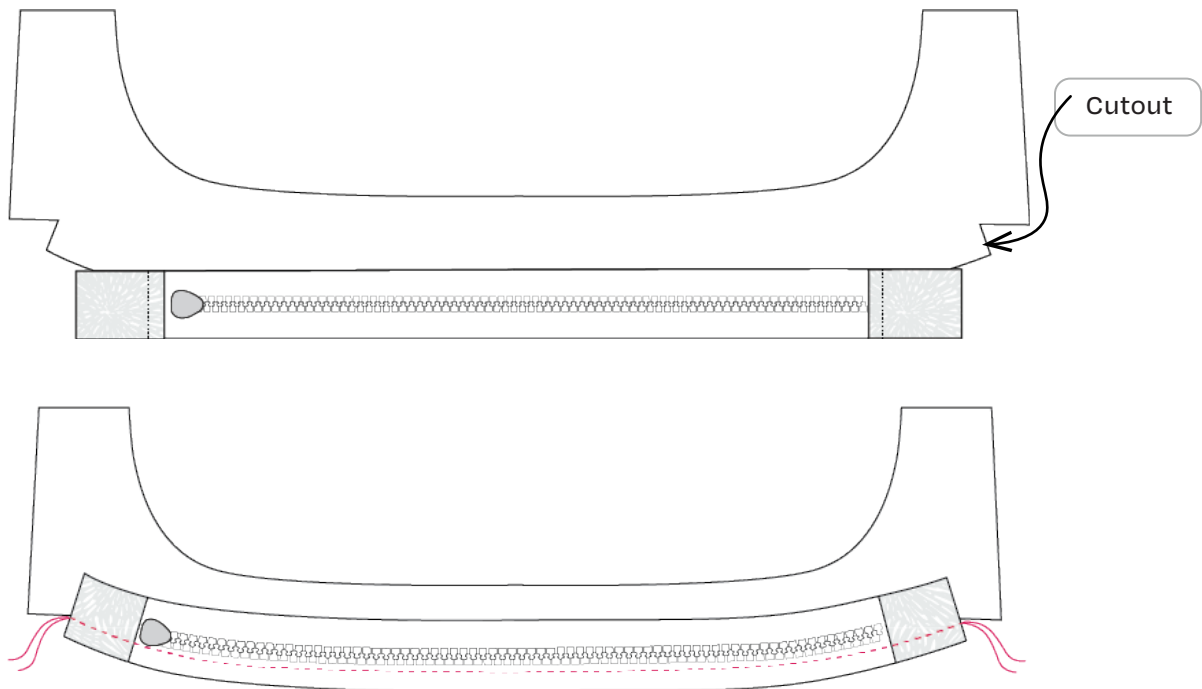


Zip Closure

- 62** Trim the main zipper so that it is
- 12" (30.5 cm) for the small size
 - 18" (46 cm) for the large size

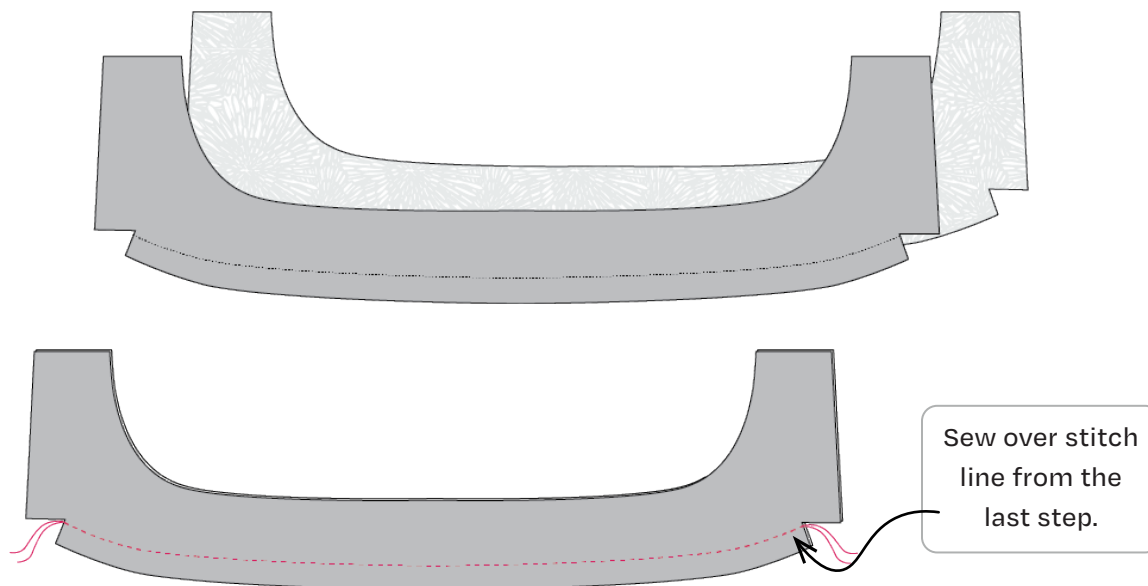
- 63** Follow step 2-4 on page 11 and 12 to attach the zipper tabs to the zipper.

- 64** With right sides together, align the zipper with bottom edge of main fabric zip closure piece. The ends of the zipper tabs should line up with the edge of the V shaped cutouts in the zip closure. Using a zipper foot, sew along the zipper with a $\sim 3/8"$ (1 cm) SA.

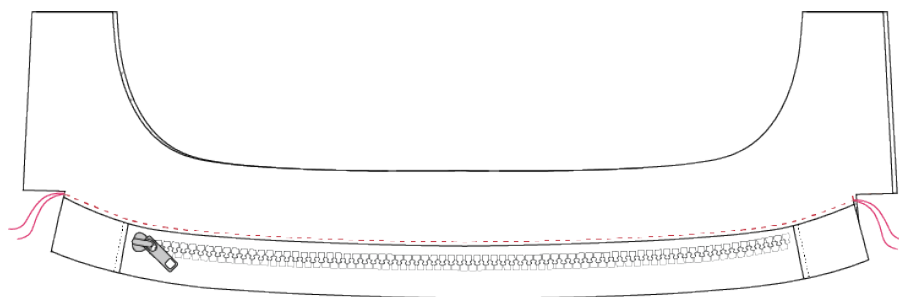


Tip: if you're having trouble aligning the straight zipper with the curved edge, you can make small cuts (no more than $1/8$ - $1/4"$ (0.3-0.5 cm) deep) on the edge of the zipper tape. These cuts will allow the zipper to curve more easily.

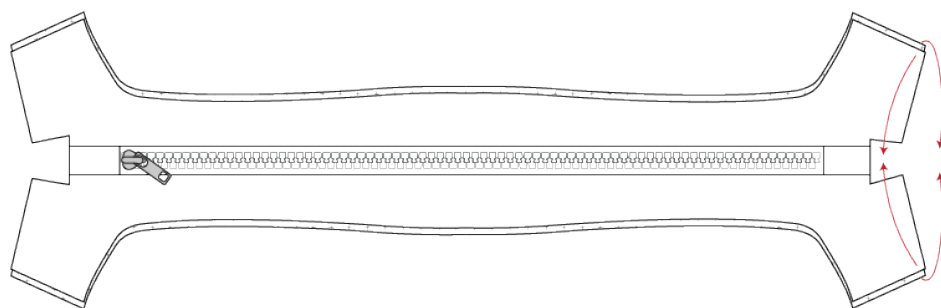
- 65** With the wrong side of the zipper to right side of the zip closure lining, sew over the same seam that you sewed in step 58.



- 66** Fold main fabric and lining open so that the wrong sides are together and press. Top stitch through all layers $1/8''$ (30mm) away from edge of zipper.

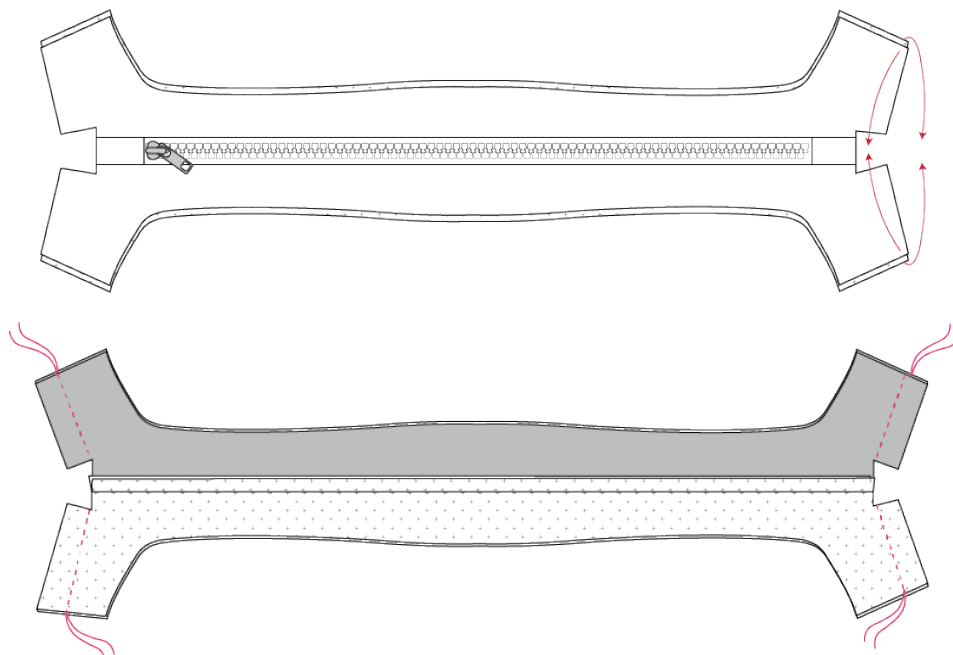


- 67** Repeat steps 64 to 66 for the other side of zipper.

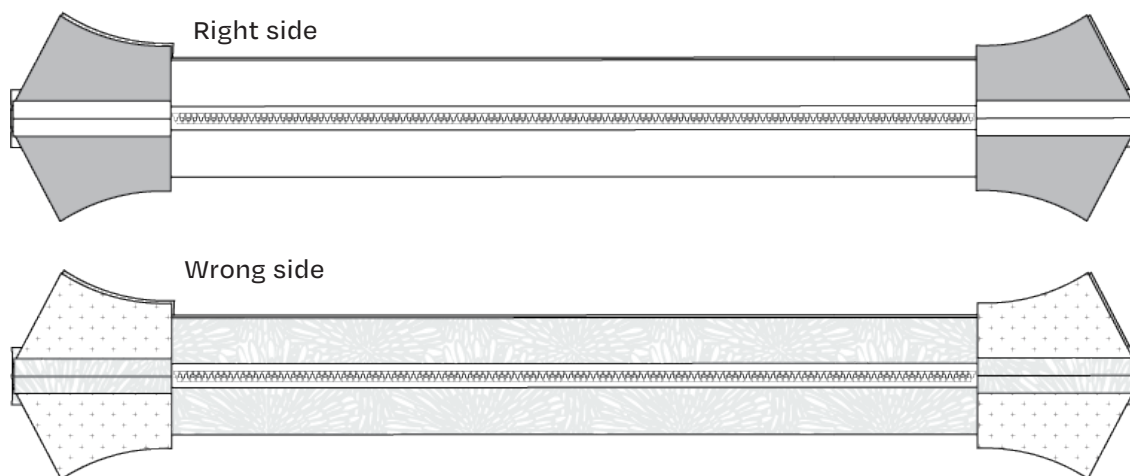


Steps 68-70 are unintuitive if you've never sewn a recessed zipper before - check out the sew-along youtube tutorial if you're confused: <https://youtu.be/BjpmHaeXN1I>

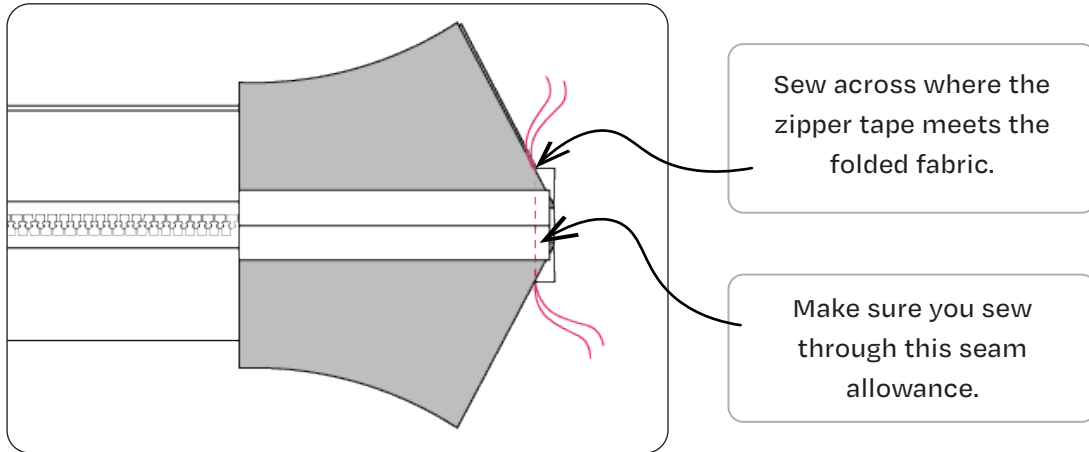
- 68** Fold the two main fabric pieces up so that right sides are together, and fold the two lining pieces down so that right sides are together. Sew the main fabric pieces together along the outer edges. Sew the lining fabric pieces together along the outer edges. Repeat on the other end.



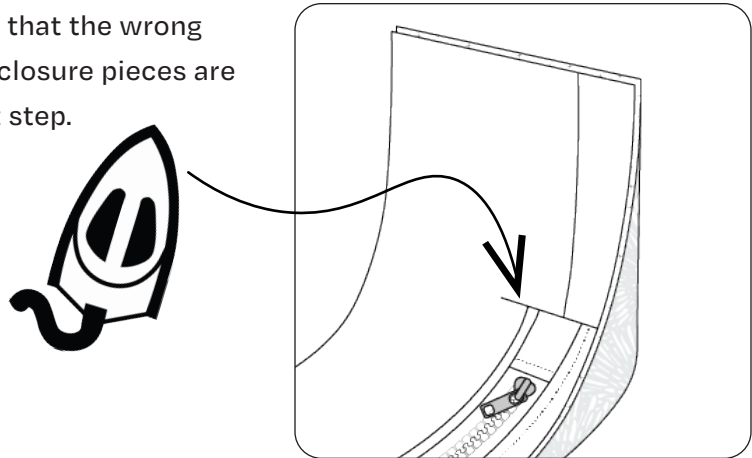
- 69** Press the seams that you sewed in the last step open. Fold the main fabric zip closure pieces so that the right side of the seam is against the right side of the zipper and the end of the seam allowance is in line with the end of the zipper. Fold the lining fabric zip closure pieces so that the right side of the seam is against the wrong side of the zipper and the end of the seam allowance is in line with the end of the zipper. Press.



- 70** Sew through all layers (main fabric, zipper, and lining) parallel to the end of the zipper. You want to seam to start and finish in the notch where the zipper tape meets the folded zip closure (so that the seam is as long as the zipper tape width).



- 71** Turn the lining pieces right side out so that the wrong sides of the main fabric and lining zip closure pieces are together. Press the seam from the last step.

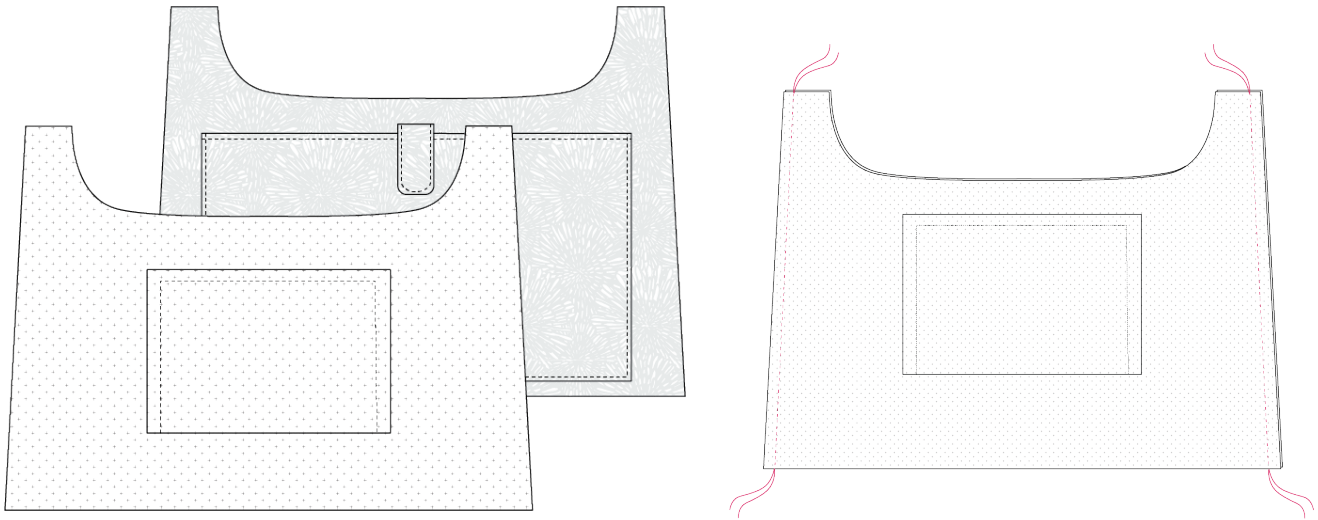


- 72** Repeat steps 70 and 71 on the other side. Your zip closure should now have this "boat" shape.

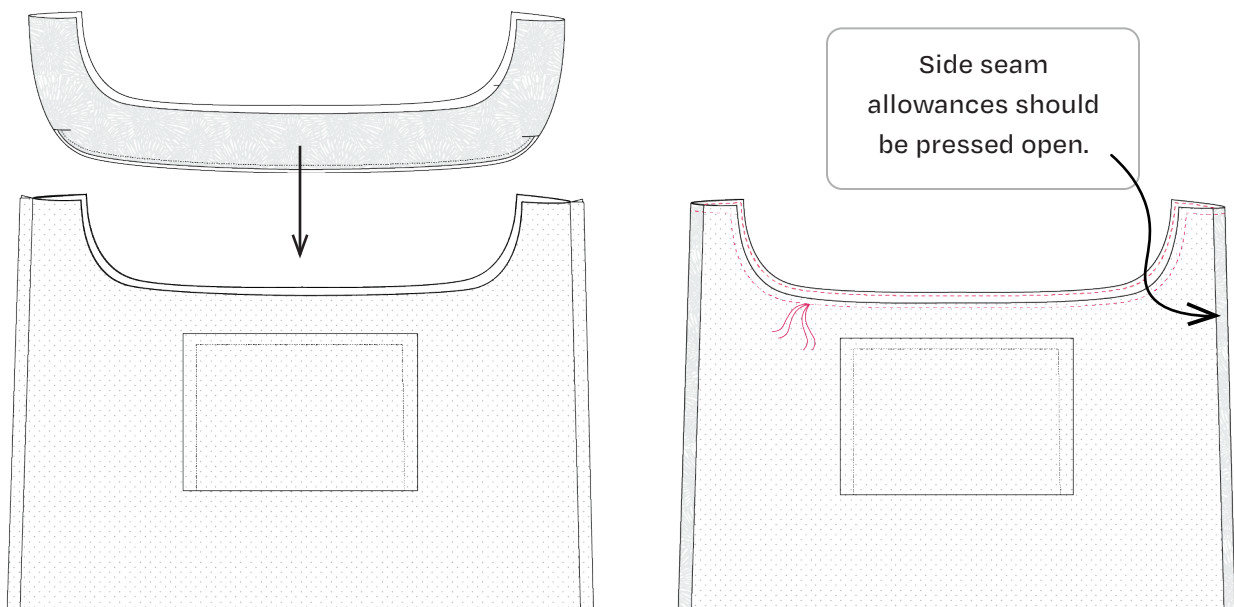


Lining Body

- 73** With right sides together, sew the lining fabric body pieces together along the outer edges. Press the seam allowances open.

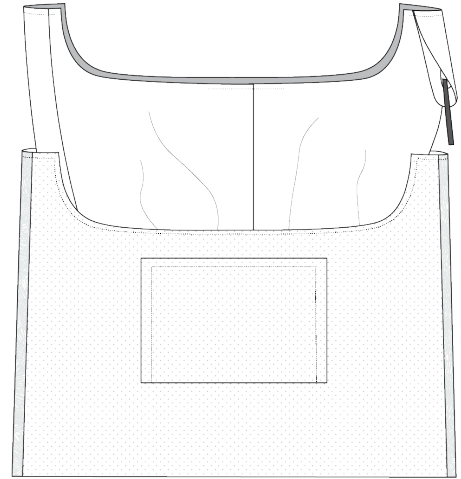


- 74** Put the zip closure inside the lining body so that right side of lining body and the lining side of the closure are together. Sew around the whole top edge 1/4" (0.5 cm) away from the edge to attach the zip closure and lining body together. You can use a long stitch length since this seam is just meant to hold the pieces together so they are easier to work with in the next step.



Assembling the Body

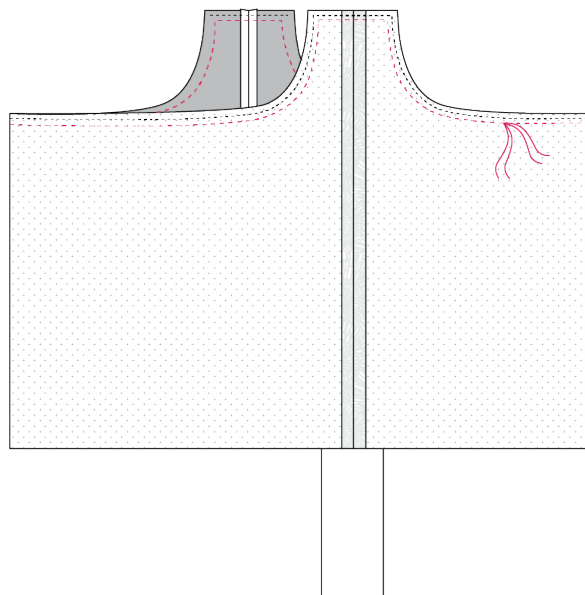
- 75** Open the zipper in the zip closure. With the main body right side out and the lining body wrong side out, put the main body inside the lining body. The main body should go through the zipper opening. Put the side of the lining body with the laptop pocket against the back of the main body if you're making the large size.



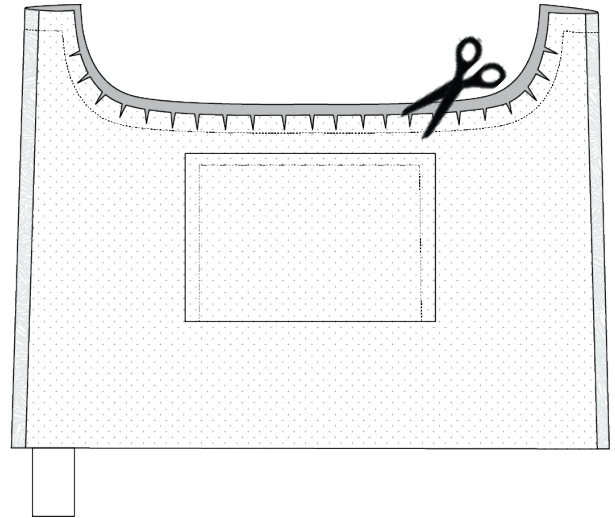
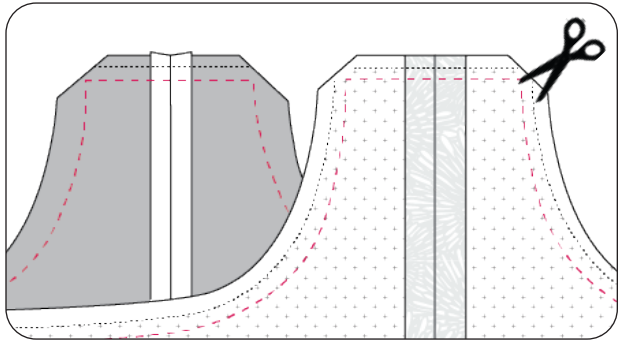
- 76** Line up the top edge of the main body and lining body. Sew around the entire top edge with 3/8" (1cm) SA.

Depending on your machine, the thickness of your fabric/strap, and whether or not you included the side cinch channels, it can be tricky to sew through all layers when sewing across the straps. To make it easier to sew through the thick layers:

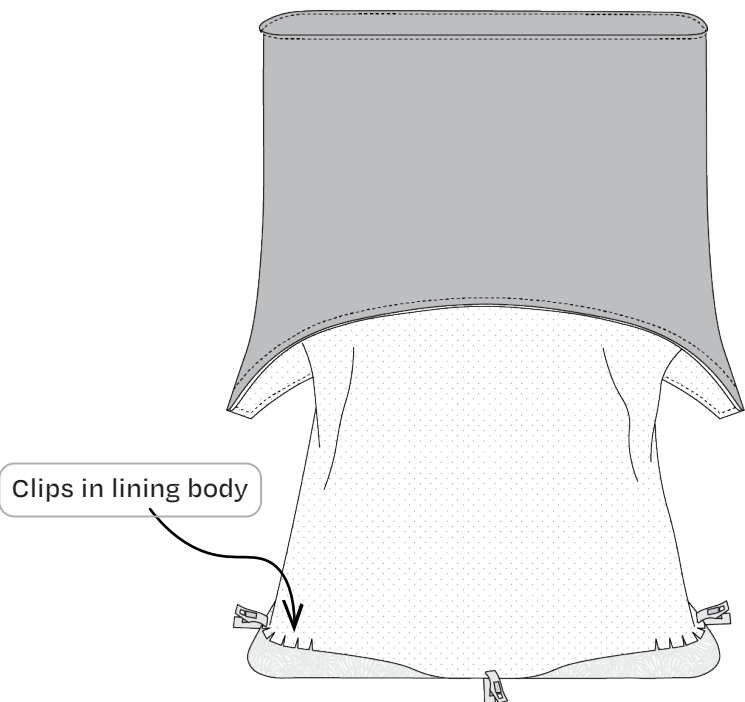
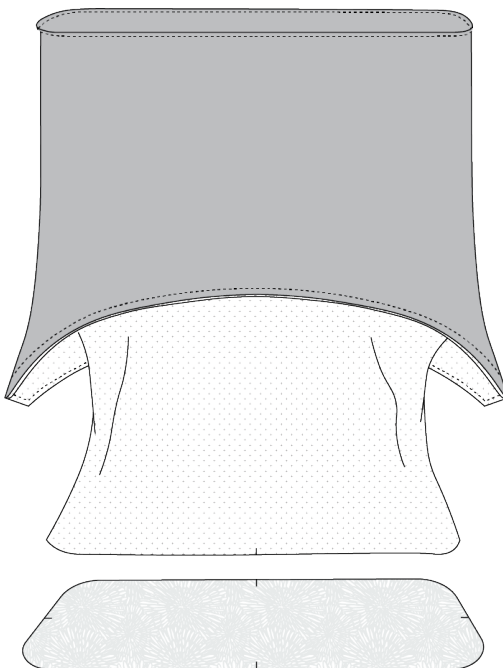
- Sew slowly (use the handwheel if necessary!)
- Increase the thread tension and/or stitch length
- Use a walking foot if you have one



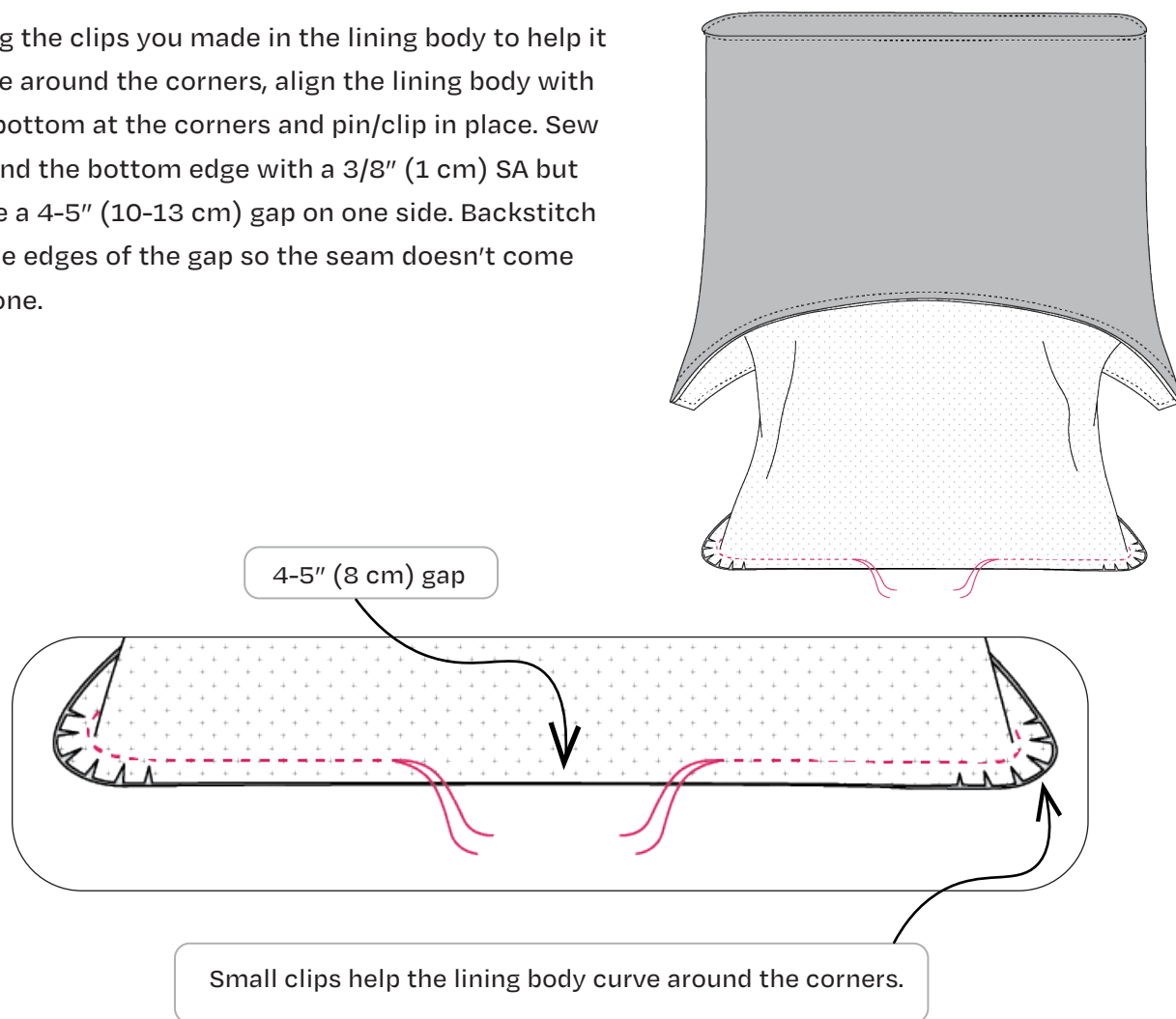
- 77** Trim the corners of the seam allowance at the strap ends. Make small clips in the seam allowance around the rest of the top edge, making sure not to cut the stitches. These clips help the curved edge lay flat when the bag is turned right side out.



- 78** Pull the main body up so it is out of the way of the lining. Mark the center on all sides of the lining bottom and on each side of the lining body. Pin the lining body to the lining bottom at the center marks on all 4 sides of the bottom. Make small clips (~3/8" (1cm) apart) in the lining body where it has to curve around the bottom corners. Make sure your clips are less than 3/8" (1cm) deep.

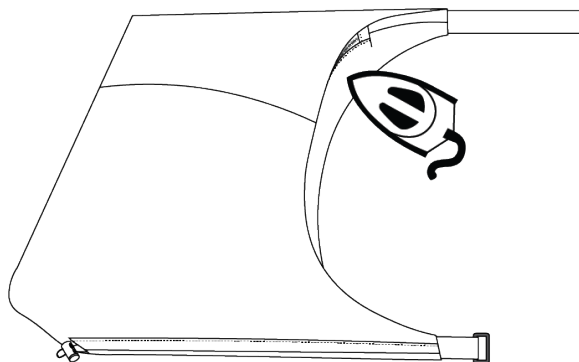


- 79** Using the clips you made in the lining body to help it curve around the corners, align the lining body with the bottom at the corners and pin/clip in place. Sew around the bottom edge with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) SA but leave a 4-5" (10-13 cm) gap on one side. Backstitch at the edges of the gap so the seam doesn't come undone.



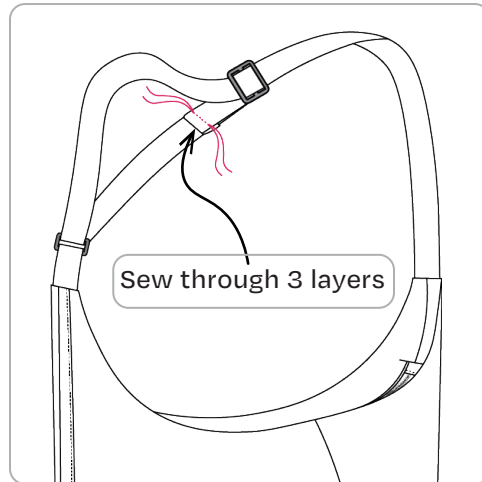
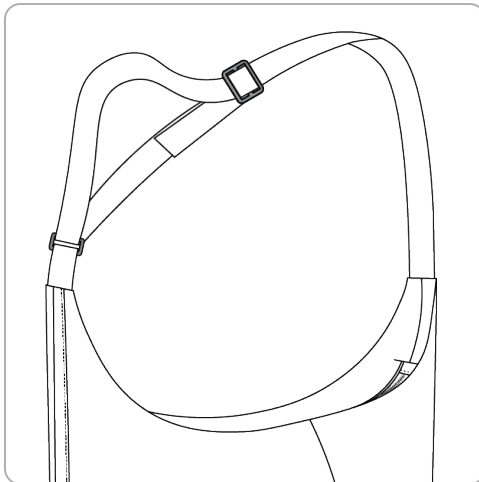
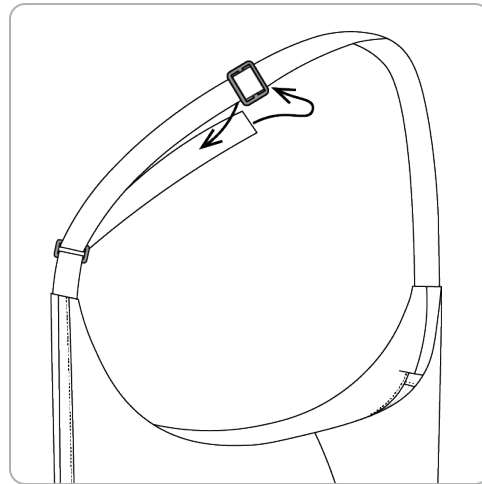
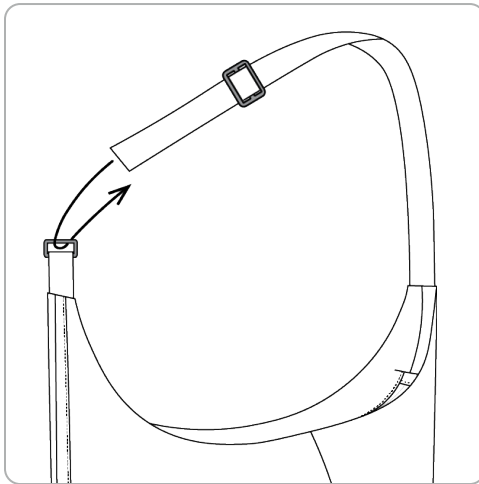
- 80** Carefully turn the bag right side out by pulling it through the gap in the lining. Use a long object like a dull pencil or chopstick to help turn the corners of the straps out. Close the gap in the lining by folding the seam allowance inside and top stitching very close to the edge. If you want a really clean finish, you can blind stitch the gap closed by hand.

- 81** Give the whole top edge a good press.



Finishing the Strap

82 Feed the end of the strap through the tri-glide adjuster so that the end is coming towards you. Then, feed the end through the rectangle ring (or other end of parachute buckle) so that it comes out on the bottom and it going away from you. Feed the strap end through the adjuster again so that it is coming back towards you and is wrapped around the center bar of the adjuster (you will be feeding it underneath the layer of strap that already goes through the adjuster). Fold the end of the strap under by $\sim 1/2''$ (~ 1.25 cm) and use a straight stitch or narrow zig zag stitch to sew the fold to the bottom layer of strap close to the slide adjuster.



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