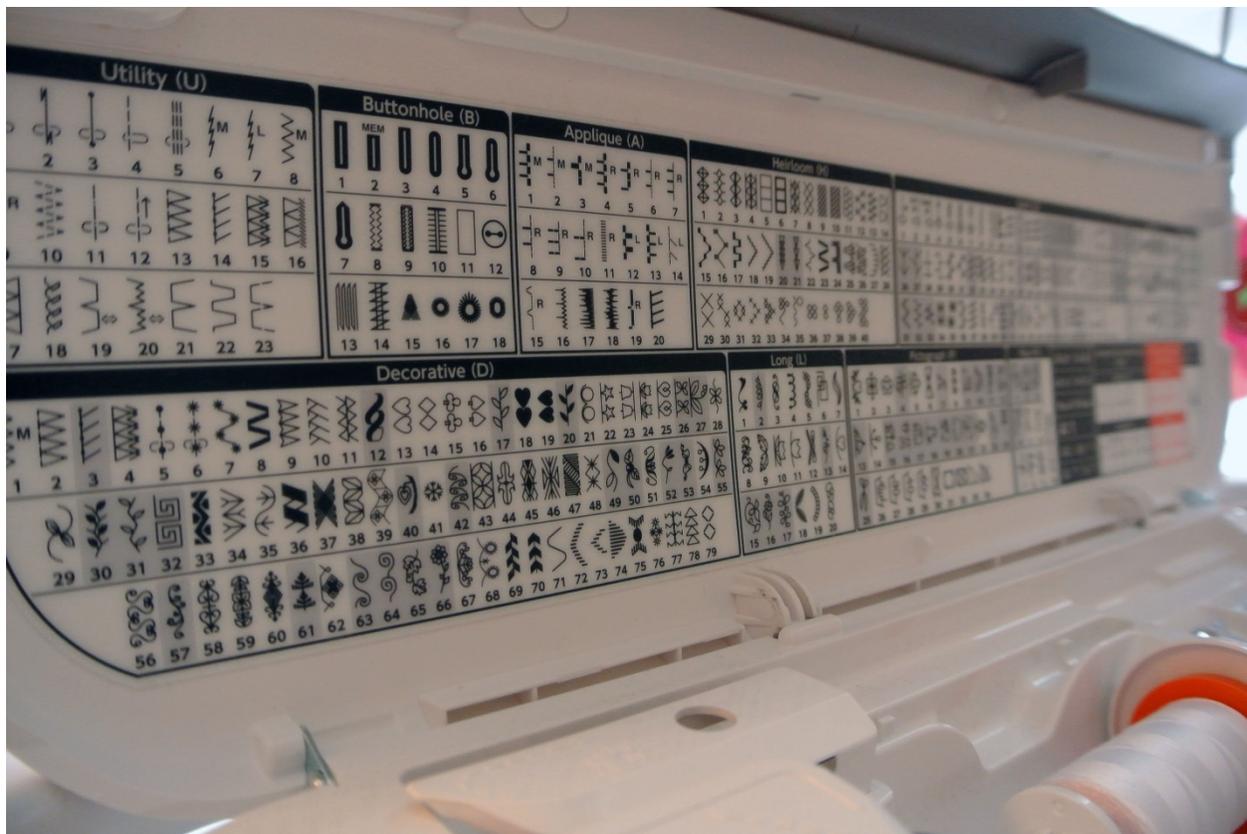


Quick Zipper Pouch from Susan Emory

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I'm so impressed with the number of stitches on the 9400QCP, over 350 stitches and alphabets built in!



A quick, small project is a great way to feature some of those decorative stitches. I created the Quick Zipper Pouch to hold my sewing tools and to make as gifts for my sewing friends. You can also use theme fabrics to make custom pencil pouches for back to school, makeup bags and more!

To make the Quick Zipper Pouch you will need:

- Outer fabric [2] 6" x 11.5" rectangles and [2] 3" x 11.5" rectangles*
- Lining fabric: [2] 7.5" x 10.5" rectangles
- Fusible Fleece: [2] 8.5" x 11.5" rectangles
- [1] 9" polyester zipper
- Decorative thread (I used Aurifil 50 wt.)
- Pins or Clover Wonder Clips

*Choose a fabric that will allow your decorative stitches to show well. Fabrics used in tutorial are from the Hello collection by Susan Emory for Michael Miller Fabrics and Cotton Couture solids from Michael Miller Fabrics.



Use the $\frac{1}{4}$ " setting (Q2) on the machine to sew outer pieces together along the 11.5" side, right sides together. Press toward 3" rectangle. Make 2.

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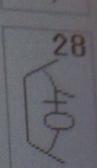
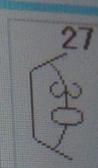
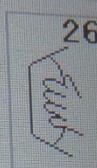
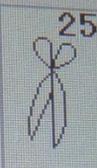
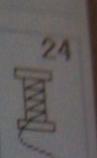
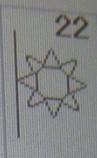
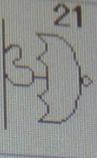
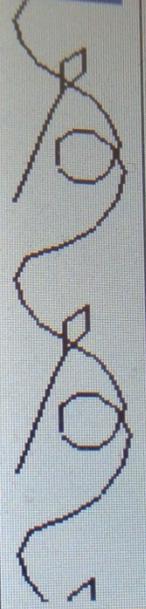
Follow the manufacturer's instructions to adhere fusible fleece to the wrong side of each pieced outer section. Note: fleece is larger than outer section, this will be trimmed after adding decorative stitching.

Now for the fun part! I always like to test decorative stitches on a scrap before sewing on my project. Because I'm making my pouch to hold my sewing tools, I chose stitches P23, P24 and P25. I was surprised at how quickly these elaborate designs stitched out.

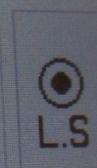
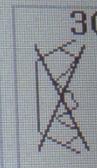
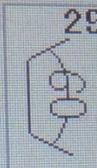
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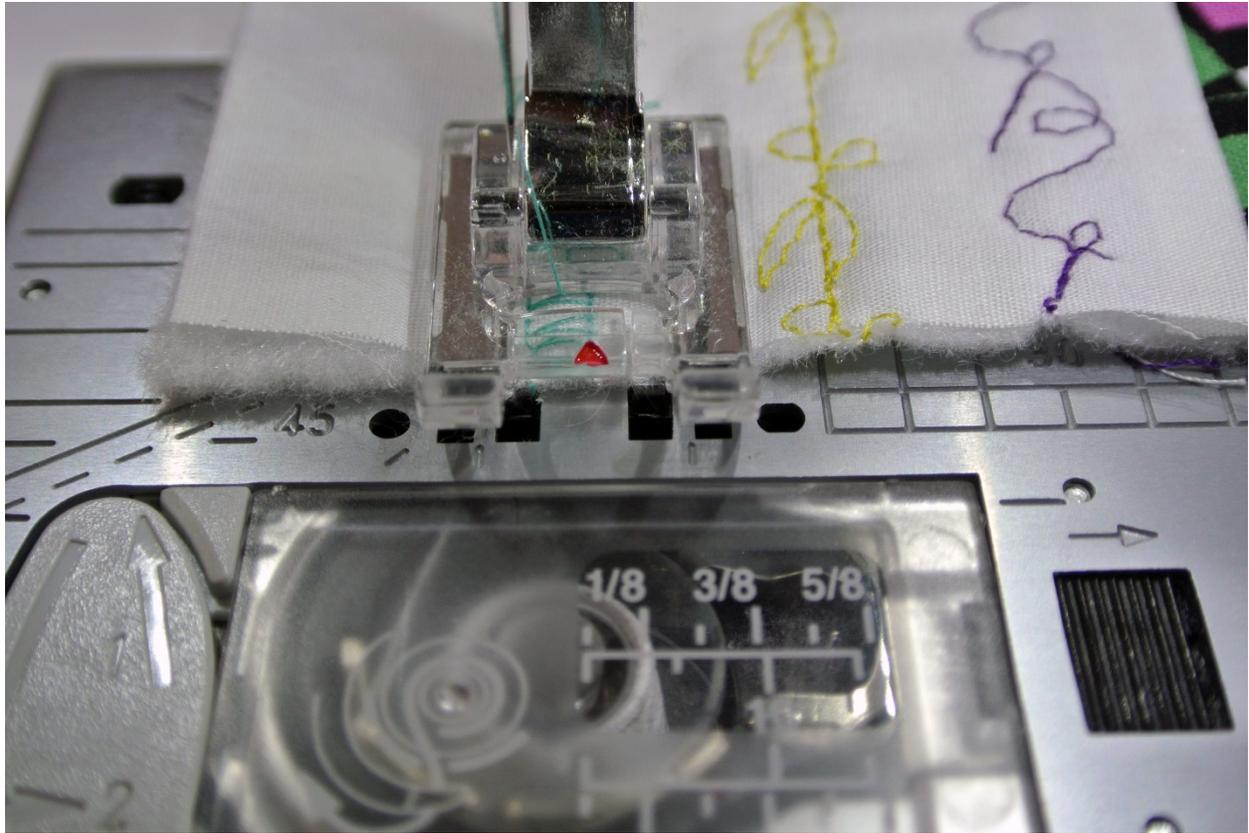


When you sew on your actual project, be sure to begin sewing at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top to allow for the zipper seam allowance.

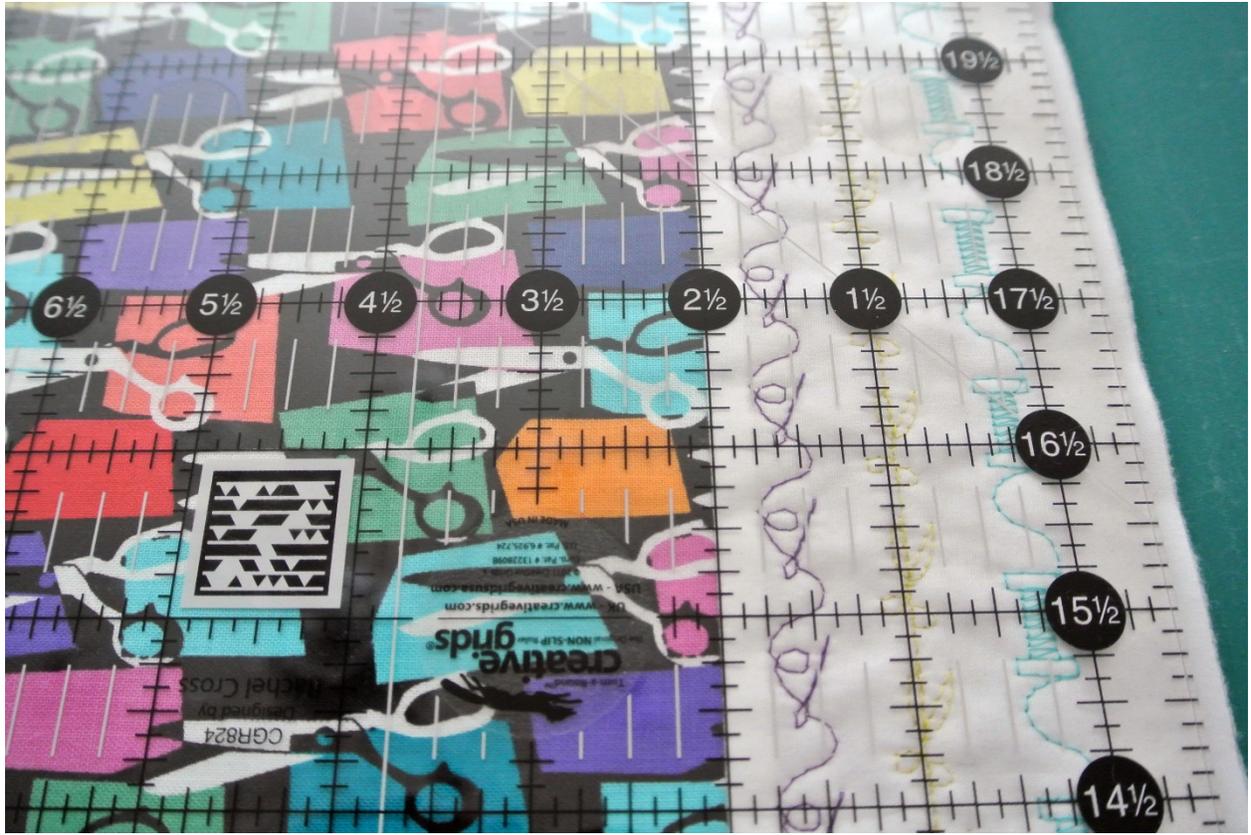
To keep my stitching lines straight, I guided the edge of the Foot F along the seam between the two outer fabrics. Then I used the first line of stitches as a guide to keep the next one straight.



Although I used different colored threads, I was able to use white thread in the bobbin for all of my stitching without adjusting the tension on the machine. I love that!



When your stitching is complete trim the outer pieces to 7.5" x 10.5". I aligned the 2.5" mark on my ruler with the seam between the outer fabrics to trim the top edge, then trimmed the remaining sides.





Center the zipper, zipper pull to the right, on the top of one outer piece. Pin or use Clover Wonder Clips to hold zipper in place.





Use machine Foot A and the ¼" stitch (Q2) to sew zipper ¼" from top edge of fabric. You need to move the zipper pull after stitching the zipper half-way. Lift the presser foot and unzip the zipper, then continue to sew remaining zipper tape.



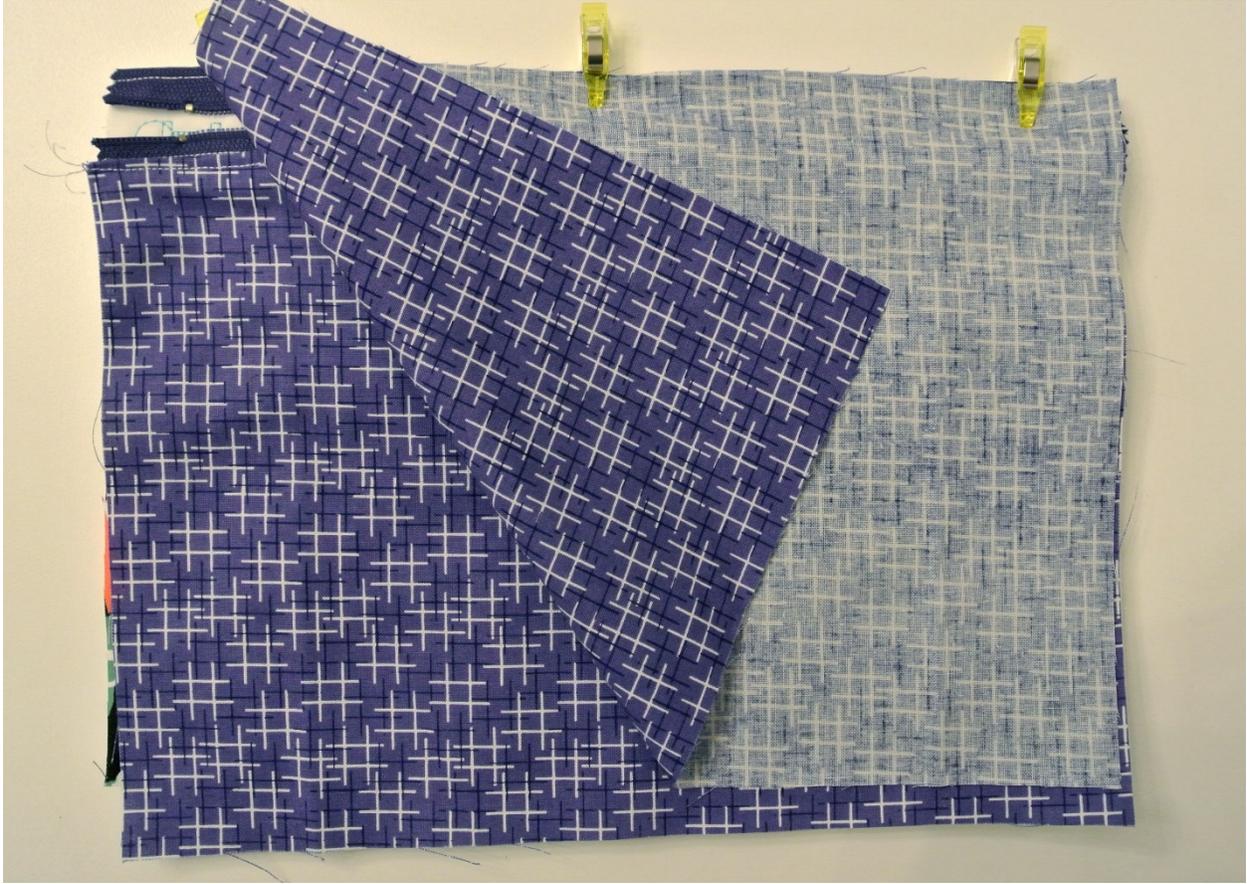
Place a lining rectangle right sides together with the fabric and on the back side of the zipper. Stitch using a ¼" seam.



Press the outer section and lining away from the zipper teeth, so the fabrics are wrong side together. Take care not to melt the polyester zipper. Top stitch the outside edge to hold zipper tape in place. I used the right side of the plastic part of Foot A as a guide to stitch about 1/8" from the zipper.



Repeat with remaining outer section and lining on opposite side of zipper tape.





Next, unzip the zipper half-way and put the outside sections right sides together and the lining rectangles right sides together. The zipper teeth should be on the lining side. Pin or clip in place.

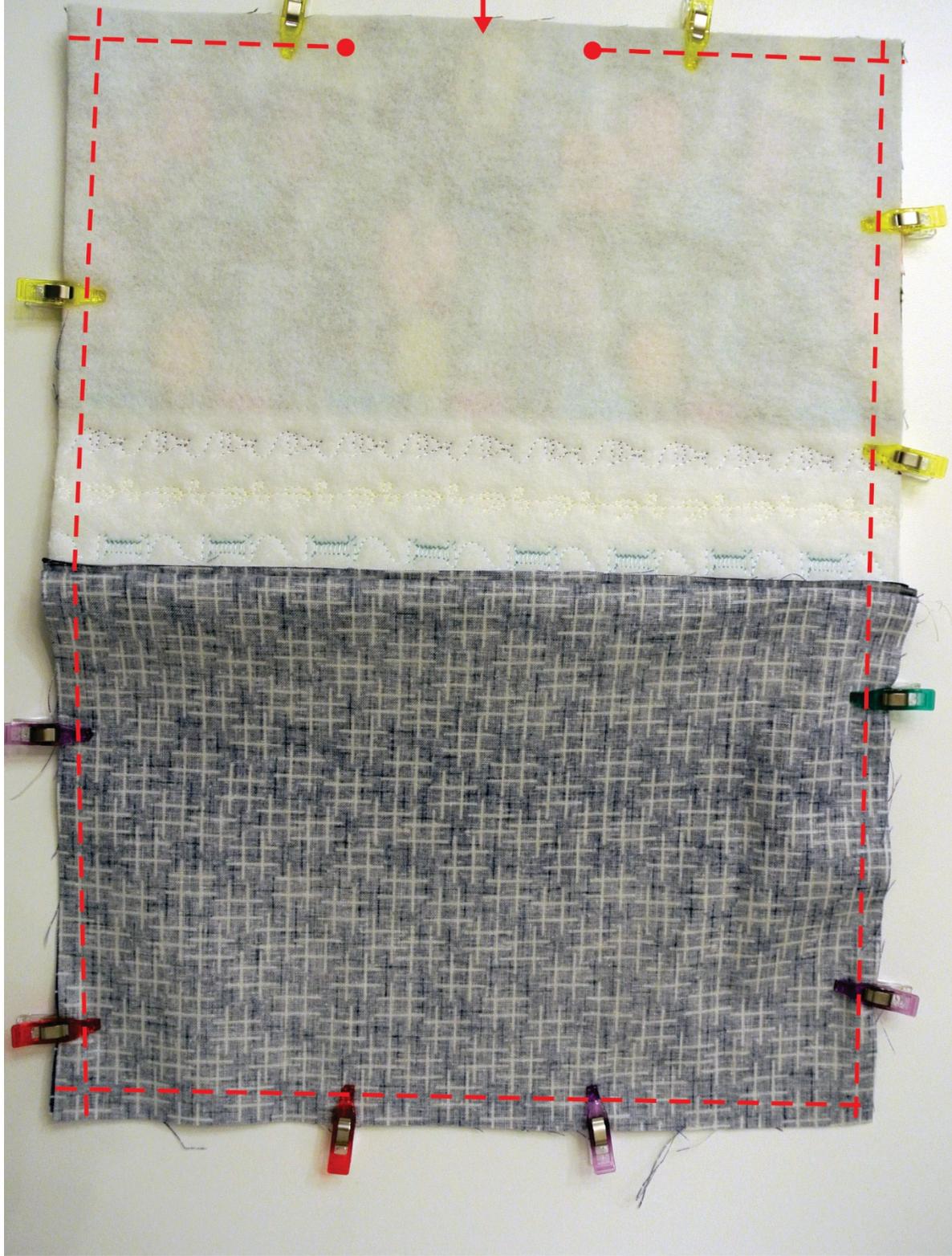


Note: If you trimmed the outer sections evenly, the seams on the outside sections will meet when right sides together.



Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " stitch and begin stitching on the bottom edge. Stitch all the way around, leaving an opening, approximately 4", for turning. Sew slowly over the zipper on the sides.

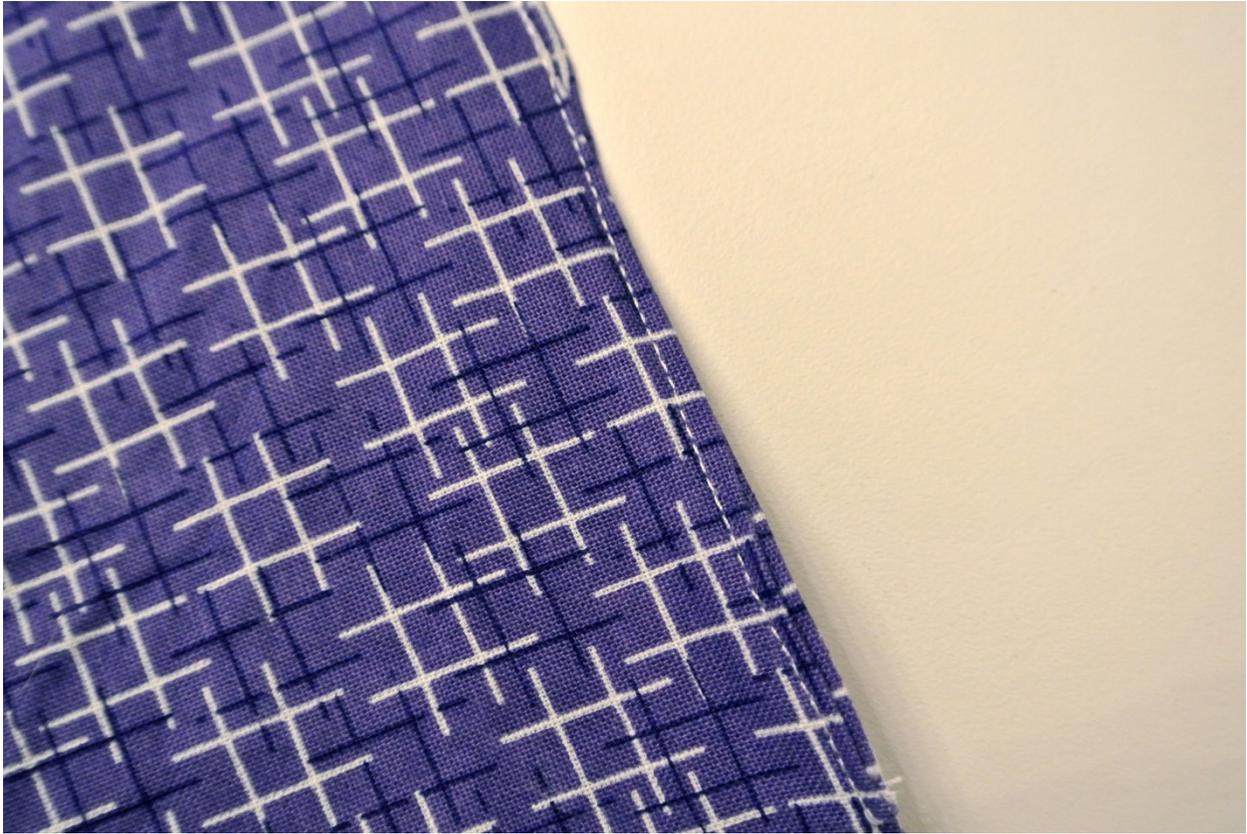
4" Opening



Clip the corners of the bag, taking care not to clip into where the seams cross. Turn the entire bag right sides out and poke out corners.



Press the bottom edge of the lining pieces and sew the lining closed using a topstitch close to the edge.



Stuff the lining into the bag and you are finished!



