

# Easy Zipper Purse

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**Skill Level: Easy - Basic sewing skills**

There are many patterns out there for zippered purses. Carol created a quick and easy tutorial for all types of sewists.

**Materials Needed:**

- 12" x 18" purse fabric - Carol used repurposed decorator fabric rescued from the landfill
- 12" x 18" lining fabric if used
- 8" zipper - Carol used a sparkly gold zipper

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## Instructions:

The finished size of Carol's purse is 8" x 6". It is a super quick and easy project and can make for an excellent gift for someone. This project can also be great for a beginning sewist. You could embroider or make the front from one fabric and the back from another. Use your imagination!

Many of the decorator samples are fabrics you don't need to line. Carol lined hers just to show you how, in case you ever need to do it. If you don't line your fabric, skip the instructions for lining.

Determine what size you want your purse to be. Allow for a 1/4" seam allowance and cut two purse pieces (two lining pieces).



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With the right sides together (RST), sew the lining to the purse fabric, leaving 3" open on the bottom to turn. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance and press the seams. Turn open the seam allowance to the inside and press the entire piece. It isn't necessary to stitch open the seam because that will be stitched up as you sew the bottom purse seam. Repeat for the other piece.



Pin the zipper in between the two pieces per the photograph to the right. Carol used a sparkly gold zipper so she purposely let more of it show.

Open the zipper (otherwise you won't be able to turn it right side out) and with the right sides together, pin and stitch the sides and bottom of the purse, making sure the zipper tabs are stitched too. If possible, press the seams open. Turn right side out and press again.

Your Easy Zipper Purse is now finished!

