



Spring Fling Quilt as You Go Pouch

Supplies needed

Backing fabric: 1/2 yard

Batting: 1/2 yard

Focal fabric: I'm using a jelly roll (2 1/2 inch wide strips). You'll need about eight or nine strips.

Zipper: a length of zipper tape (I'm using size #5), about 2 inches longer than your quilted fabric, and one zipper pull.

Instructions:

Lay your backing fabric down, wrong side up, and place your batting on top of the backing. You can do this on your long arm machine, or on a domestic machine.

Lay one fabric strip on the edge of your batting, right side up. Place a second strip on top of the first, right side down. Sew **through all layers** with a 1/4 inch seam. This does not have to be perfect! Open the fabric and iron in place. Place a third strip of fabric on top of the second, right side down, lining up raw edges. Repeat sewing and ironing until your batting is covered.

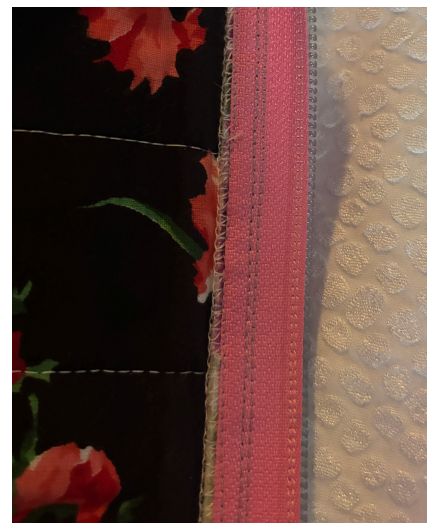
Trim your piece to whatever size you'd like. I will usually just make sure I trim off everything evenly, then use whatever size I end up with. If you'd like, serge or zigzag the four sides of your bag to prevent fraying.

To turn the quilted fabric into a bag, we'll start with the zipper. Place the zipper tape, *right side down* (the side with the raised zipper teeth will be facing the fabric), on one short edge of the fabric. The fabric should be *right side up*. Stitch about 1/4 inch from the edge of the zipper tape, backstitching at beginning and end.



Fold the quilted fabric in half (right sides together), and attach the other side of the zipper tape to the other end of the quilted piece.

Now, you'll separate the two sides of the zipper tape so you can topstitch that seam. Pull the zipper teeth apart at one end to separate the zipper tape. From the back of the quilted fabric, and with the seam folded to the backside of the quilted fabric, stitch close to the edge of the zipper tape through all layers so that the zipper tape lays neatly against the back of the quilted fabric.



Put the zipper pull onto the zipper tape. This will take practice and patience! You may need to trim the ends of the zipper tape a tiny bit to get rid of any fraying before putting the zipper pull on. Once you get it on one end, pull it all the way off the other end so that the zipper tape is closed. Then put the zipper pull back on at one end and slide it to the center of the zipper tape.

To make a wrist strap, cut a length of fabric and fold the long raw edges into the center of the strip. Fold in half again, so that the raw edges are in the middle of the strip. Top stitch down both long folded edges.



Fold the quilted piece in half, with the zipper about one inch from one folded edge. Sew one side seam, backstitching at the folded edge, where you cross the zipper tape, and the other folded edge. Before sewing the other side seam, insert your wrist strap lining up the raw edges of the bag with the raw edges of the strap. Finish these seams however you'd like: serging, binding, or a zig zag stitch to prevent it from fraying.

Turn your bag inside out and you're all done!! I'd love to see what you make with this project! Tag me on instagram or Facebook: @crankykangaroo

Happy sewing!