

## **Creative Sewing Center**

Ingredients for the Potato Chip Bag

- 9” x 45” of fabric
- 5”- 6” beaded trim
- 5” square of Tear Away Stabilizer for decorative stitching
- 7” zipper to coordinate
- 9 “x 10” of fusible knit interfacing

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Not a food thing but you can't make just one

In 2001 I had to figure out a way to be able to stash my retainer fast so that I could speak to people. I had TMJ, a stress situation with my jaws and had to wear a retainer because I was grinding my teeth. Hence the zippered bag that hung someplace where I wouldn't sit on it. This little bag evolved into a small holder for a credit card, hotel key and a bit of money when going to conventions and out of town trips. Then it evolved into a passport and plane ticket holder with extra pockets. These are so easy to make they can match any outfit. Just use the scraps.

### Basic Information:

You will want to interface all three bag parts with some type of interfacing. I use Easy Knit 22" or French Fuse 60" because that is the only garment interfacing that I use. Once I have pre-shrunk this interfacing it is perfect for all my needs. Pre-shrinking just means that I put it in warm water, then press the excess water out, and hang it in the downstairs bathroom. That is my husband's favorite bathroom— also the one with the biggest air vent so it dries very quickly. He gently puts the interfacing on the cutting table when it is dry. The interfacing can be used for garments, T-shirt quilts, and I use it for the iron-on stabilizer when doing embroidery on t-shirts. It is wonderful. Did I say it is 60" wide and fusible. It also comes in black and white.



You might want to purchase zipper by the yard. We carry the Sullivan brand and you can get some great colors. Purchase at least 6" with one pull tab if they let you buy it that way. We sell by 1/4 yard and by the spool of 5.5 yards. You could use old zippers or buy new zippers just make sure they are longer than 5" and have a pull tab.

### Cutting the Basic Potato Chip Bag:

The bag will be approximately 4" wide, 6" long, has 20" straps, and beaded fringe on the bottom (this is optional but holds the bag down).

Cut a top front piece 4.5" wide and 2.5" high

Cut a bottom front piece 4.5" wide and 4.5" high

Cut a back piece 4.5" wide and 6.5" high

Cut a neck strap 2" x 22". If you only have 1.75" wide that will also work.

Zipper that is wider than your bag width

After the first bag you may change the width and the length. Just remember that this is designed to hang around your neck. Don't make it too heavy. It is not a purse— it is any easy and decorative way to have the most important things close and convenient.

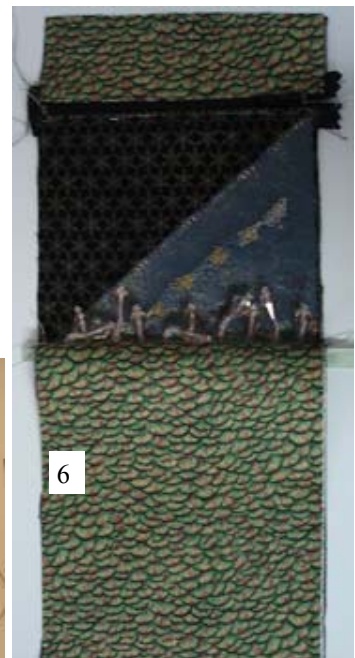
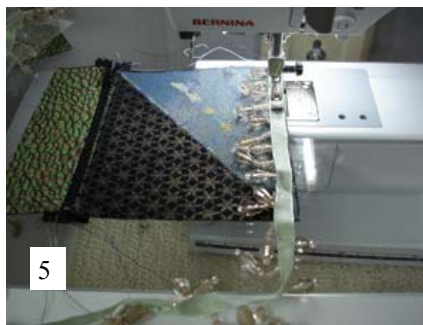
In the pictures that are on the following pages you will see Potato Chip bags with back pockets. If you wish to add a pocket then cut a pocket 4.5" wide and 4" high. Finish the top of the pocket with binding, fold down hem or doubled fabric. Just remember doubled fabric adds weight. You will see that sometimes I used vinyl mesh as the pocket. The pocket top edge is finished and then placed wrong side to the right side of the back piece and considered as one piece. If you feel it necessary to sew around the outside to hold it in place then do so.

First of let me mention that I have all the “tools” and all the feet to go with all my machines. “Tools” are the most important things to make a job go faster and easier. Men understand the word “tools”.

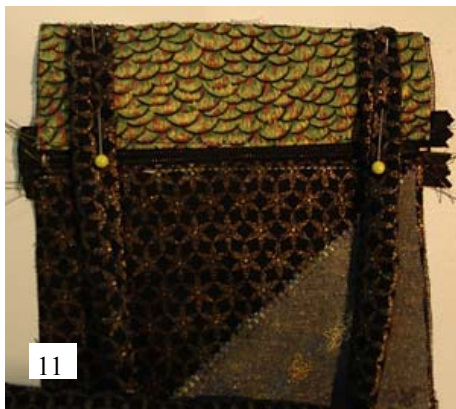
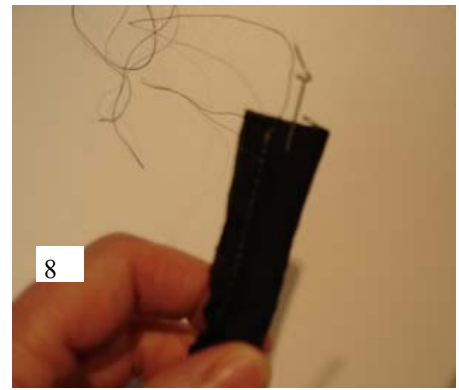
Zipper by the Yard– has no stops so you are going to make them by dropping the feed dogs and bar tacking at the end of the zipper length. I use an open toe foot and the widest zig zag available on my machine. You can see that the zipper is longer than the bottom section of the bag.

1. Stops for the zipper
2. Using the zipper foot with the needle in the right needle position. Sew the zipper to the bottom bag section. Lay the zipper right side to right side and sew near the edge of the zipper.
3. Flip the zipper so the right side is up and the zipper is flat. Stitch next to the fold formed by the fabric with the needle in the right position.
4. Do the same thing for the top section.
5. Using the zipper foot you will apply the beaded trim. My needle is on the left side sewing close to the beaded fringe.
6. Place the back right sides to the front sections and flip the beads out of the way to sew the bottom seam.
7. Have you ever heard of a Fasturn Tube?

This is a great tool to turn tubes. I have the strap sewn with right sides together . The inside is pushed onto the tube turner. You will see a long wire turner that is going to be inserted into the tube and the fabric will be turned. The Tube Turners can be used for dolls, straps almost anything where you need to turn a small or large tube. There are many sizes in the package.



8. See the turner screwed up through the end of the strap piece? You will pull down without turning and undoing the strap end. This is a master feat. When you master it you will be able to turn anything. Just remember to pull without turning.
9. See the end of the fabric with the tube turner tip on the right hand side of the picture. The seam is twisting into the hole at the end of the tube and coming out the top where the red holder is. Just keep pulling.
10. I am going to do a video. This is too much work.
11. Bag with straps pinned at the top. Seam the straps in place
12. Flip the back up and right sides to the front. Open the zipper and pull the strap out of the way. Sew across the top and then down the sides. Make sure that you sew carefully over the zipper on the sides.
13. Fray Check the bead trim along the bottom of the bag— this liquid nylon will keep the beads from falling off unless they get snagged.



This pattern is for your use.  
 You can make these bags and sell them. The pattern is mine so I have the right to sell it, give it away, and use it to make money with bags of my own.  
 Terry Soll  
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