

# Quilty Zip Pocket

This is my Quilty Zip Pocket perfect for all of your cute little quilty projects and supplies. I designed it in the most basic way possible so that you would have no worries about construction. If you have never put in a zipper before...this is the tutorial for you!

This zip pocket is great to use up scraps or old blocks; and makes a great Christmas gift for that quilter friend.



## Supplies:



- One 6"x6" Block of your choice
- **From outside fabric (turquoise):**
  - Cut 2 - 1½" x 6½" for block sides
  - Cut 2 - 1½" x 8½" for top and bottom of block

- Cut 1 - 8½" x 12½"
- **From lining fabric (light brown):**
  - Cut 1 - 8½" x 8½" for lining behind block
  - Cut 1 - 8½" x 12½" for lining
- **From tab fabric (optional):**
  - Cut 1 - 2" x 4"
- 1 - 12" to 14" zipper (it could be longer... you just cut off the ends anyway)

## Directions

**NOTE:** All seams are ¼".

1. Start by sewing the borders around the block. It should measure 8½" square at this point.

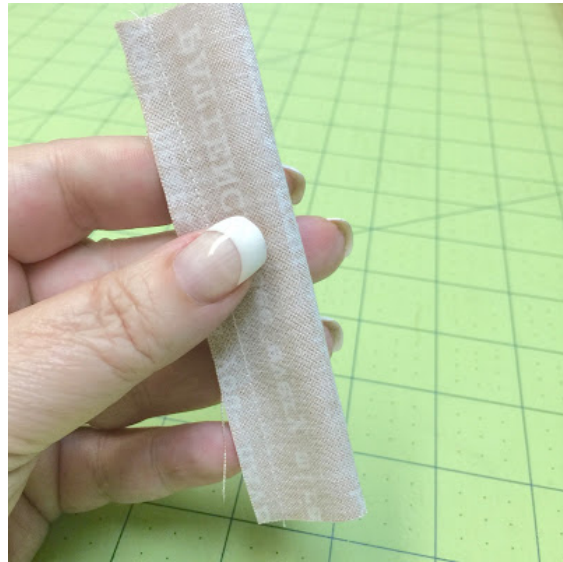


2. Sew the block lining to the block top like this.
3. Also sew the two 8½" x 12½" fabrics together at the top.





4. Fold the tab like this and stitch down one side.



5. Turn it right side out by pinning a safety pin into the two layers of the seam allowance for stability...



6. Then turn the head of the pin inside like this...



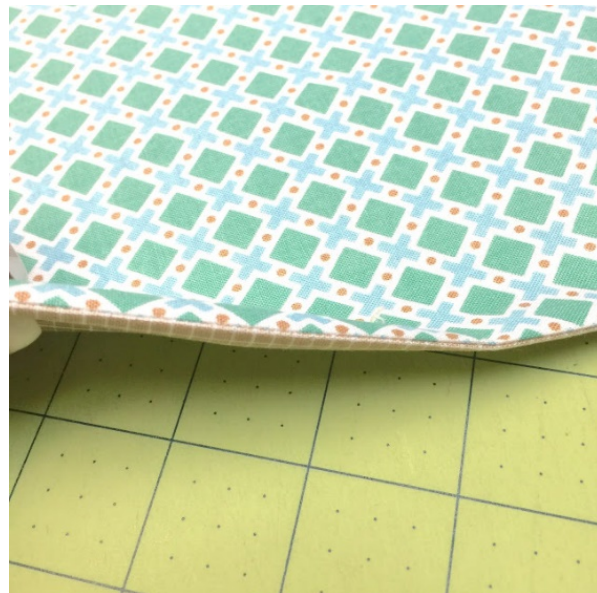
7. And push it out the other end until it's turned.



8. Remove the safety pin and press. Fold in half like this and pin it. Set aside for a minute.



9. Press the top edges of the outside fabric and lining fabric where you sewed them together so it's nice and flat.



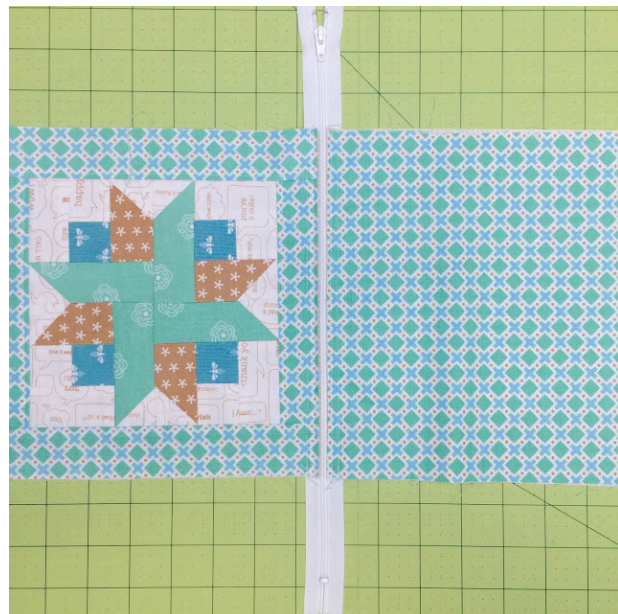
10. Do the same with the block and block lining.



11. At this point I like to topstitch around the outside edge of the block (through both the block and block lining layers) like this... but it's not necessarily needed.



12. Sew the block/lining segment onto one side of the zipper and the outside fabric/lining segments on the other side of the zipper... approximately in the center so that you have the zipper hanging over each side.

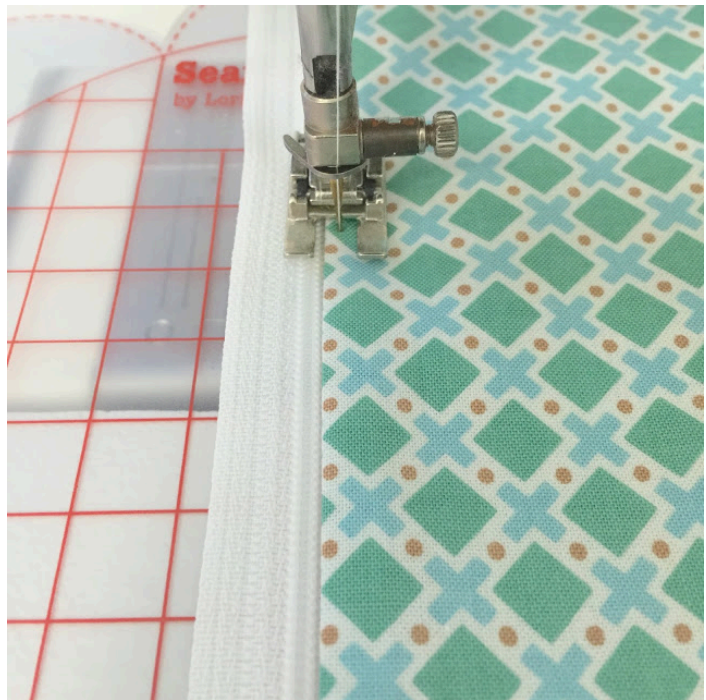




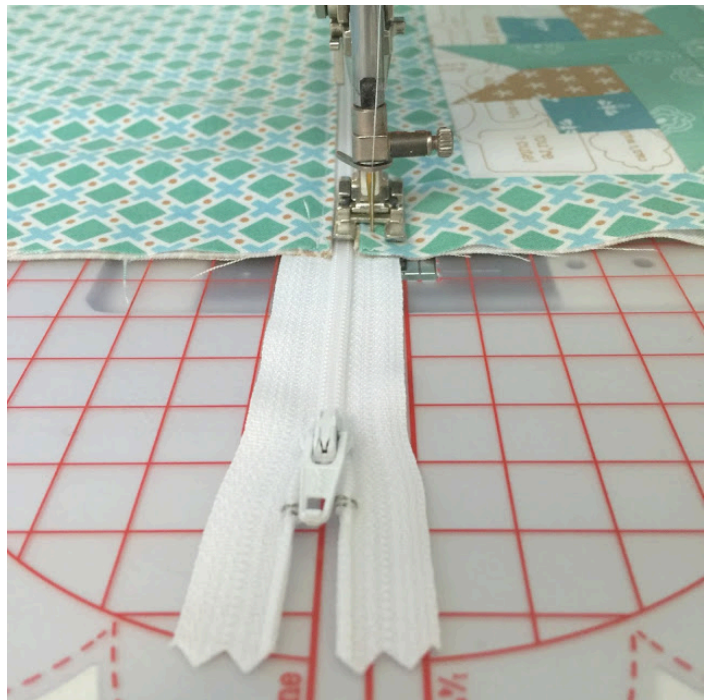
13. To do this...simply top stitch it right next to the zipper teeth. I use an open toed foot so that I can see what I'm doing, and it doesn't get in the way of the zipper.

I also DO NOT pin because it gets distorted.

I just start at the end, hold it down into place, and just take one stitch at a time!



14. When one side is finished, I line up the edges and do the other side.

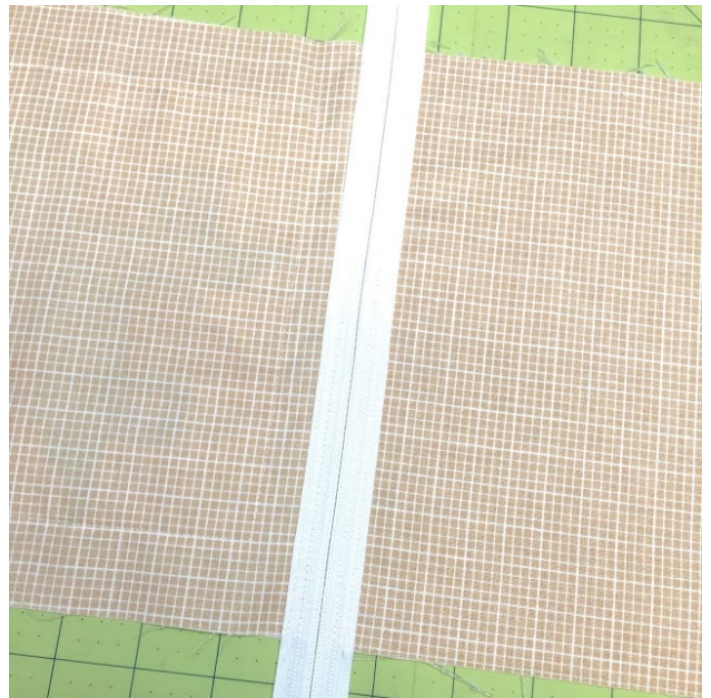


15. I also top stitch next to my first stitching lines to secure the zipper even more and because I like the way that it looks!

Make sure to backstitch when you start and stop.



16. This is what it looks like on the back.





17. This next step is very important. **OPEN YOUR ZIPPER HALFWAY** so that you can turn it inside out after sewing the sides of the pocket.

Pin the zipper together on the open end so that the teeth touch and they lie flat.

Now cut the extra zipper ends off even with the side edges.

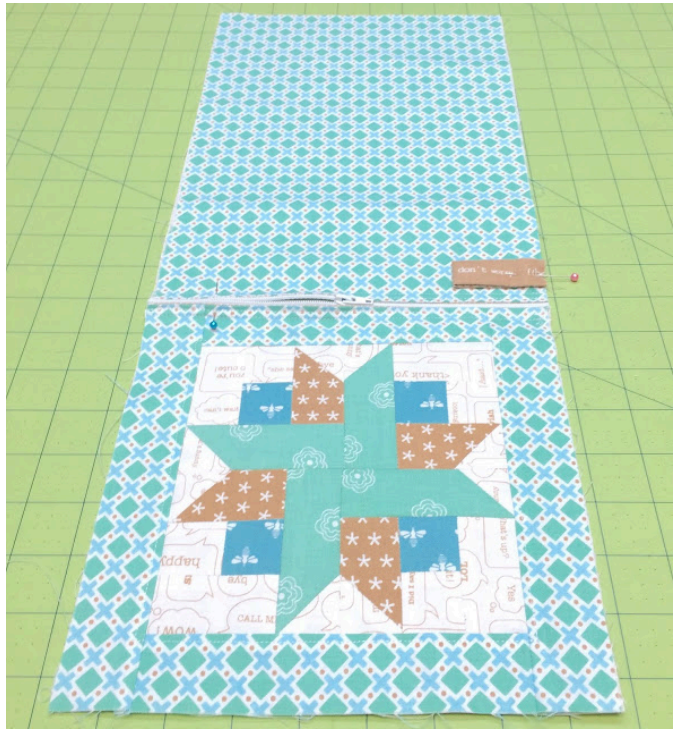


18. Pin the tab on the left side above the zipper with the raw edges aligned like this.

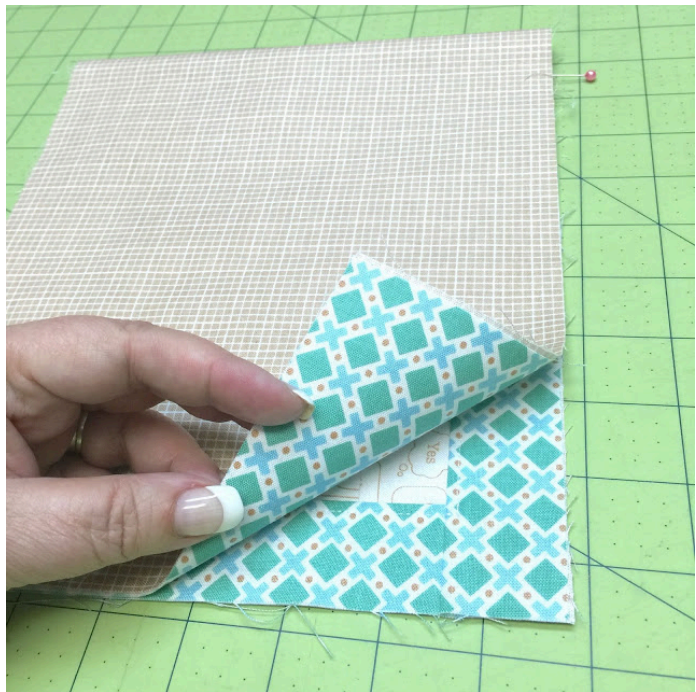




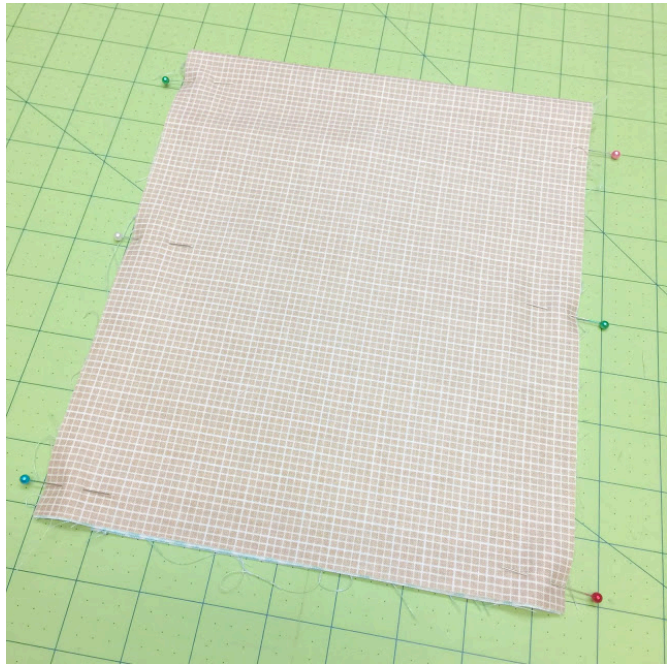
19. Here's what the entire pocket should look like at this point.



20. Now bring right sides together and align the raw edges of all 4 layers of fabric on the bottom and the sides like this...

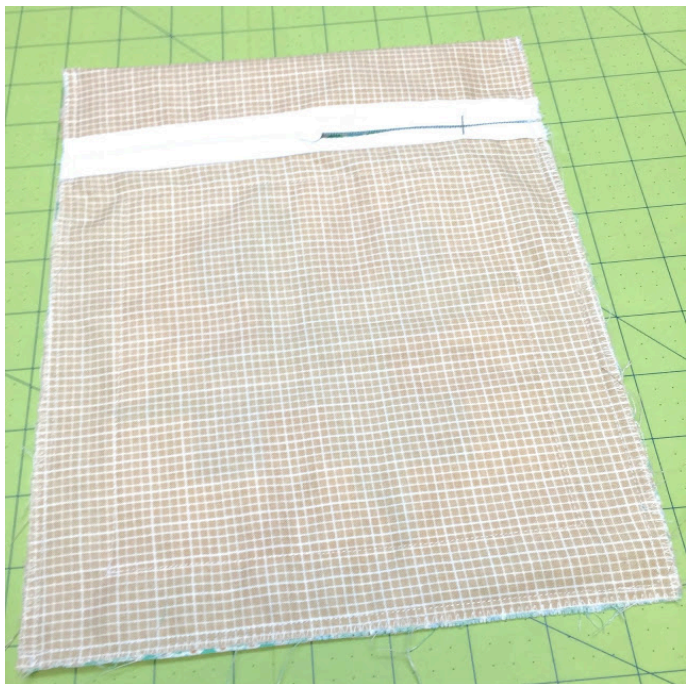


21. And pin into place for stitching.



22. Now simply sew down the two sides and along the bottom edge, (not the top folded edge) catching the edges of the tab as you go. Backstitch when starting and stopping, and also across the zipper edge on both sides a few times just for extra security.

I like to zig zag the sides and bottom edges to keep them from fraying.





23. Now turn your pocket right side out through the zipper opening.



24. Open the zipper all the way and push all 4 corners out so that they look nice.



These zip pockets finish at a cute 8" x 10" size.

They can hold notions and more and are easy to carry around.

These other versions to the right show how you can use up scraps. Let your imagination run!

