

The City Tote: Adding a recessed Zipper

In lieu of Adding the Magnetic Snap on Page 7.

Materials Needed:

Zipper Panels: 13" x 4" - Cut 2 Lining Fabric, 2 Heavy (Décor Bond) Interfacing

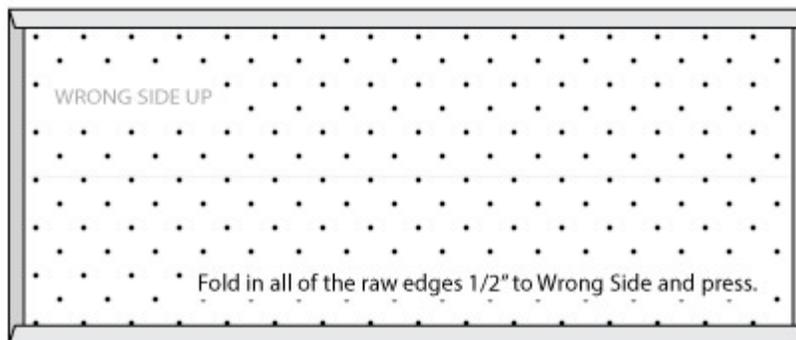
1- 12" **Separating** Zipper

***CHECK:** This tutorial is written for the Everyday sized (Small) City Tote.

If you would like to add a recessed zipper to the Daytripper (Large Size) you can follow the same method but cut your Zipper Panels and interfacing 17" x 5" and you will need a 16" Separating Zipper.

Preparing the Pieces:

1. Fold a Zipper Panel in half lengthwise, **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** and press at the fold. **REPEAT** with the second Zipper Panel Piece.
2. Open each of the Zipper Panels and place **WRONG SIDE UP**. Fold the short outer edges in (towards the interfacing) $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press.
3. Fold in the long sides in $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press.



4. Fold the pieces in half again and crease making sure all of the raw edges are tucked inside and all of the edges are aligned.

***CHECK:** The piece should now measure 12" long.

Adding the Zipper:

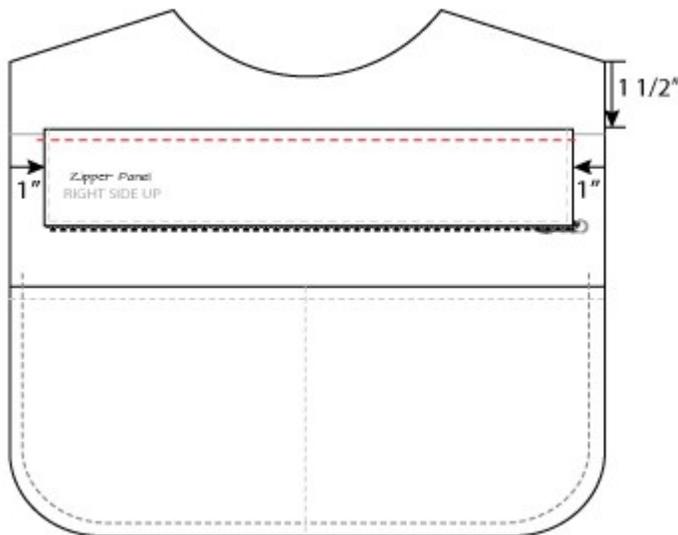
5. Separate your 12" zipper into two pieces. Place one of the zipper pieces into the long edge of one of your Zipper Panels, in between the two layers aligning with the folded in edges on both sides. Pin in place. Repeat with the second zipper to sandwich it between the long outer edges of the other Zipper Panel.
6. Sew down the short edge and across the bottom, then up the second short edge side with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on both pieces.



Zipper sandwiched between two layers of fabric. Sew down the short sides and along the zipper edge with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Attaching Zipper Panels:

1. Place one of the Lining Fabric Main Panel (Piece C) pieces RIGHT SIDE UP. From the top raw edge measure down $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and mark a horizontal line across the piece.
2. Align one of the Completed Zipper Panels, RIGHT SIDE UP, along the vertical line you just drew and 1" in from both sides. Pin in place.



3. Sew across with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to attach.
4. REPEAT STEPS 1-3 to attach the other completed Zipper Panel to the second Lining Piece. Be sure that the zipper pieces match so you can zip it closed.

-Now you are ready to continue with the instructions to finish your City Tote, **starting on Page 7: Side Panels.**