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Pet Mesh Bags

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Hello all...it's Jo from Jo's Country Junction. Recently I made a couple totes for my son so he could store his jumper cables and keep his league softball goodies all in one place. Then my teenage daughter wanted a set too. Being she is a cheerleader and our school colors are red, white and black, Sweetwater's new fabric line, "Mama Said Sew," was perfect. She is using hers a lunch bag and a cheerleading bag. I thought I would share these great versatile bag patterns with you. They make a great gift for just about anyone on your list!

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Ingredients:

Momma Said Sew Jelly Roll

Scraps of Deco Bond or heavy interfacing

Zippers 22" red and 12" red

Pet Mesh Screen: This may be hard to find locally. Here is an Amazon link for it:

New York Wire 70587 Pet D-Fence Screening, 36-Inch by 84-Inch

Instructions:

Let's start by making the square bag. Of course you can use it for many different things...storing your grocery bags, packing a few goodies to take to the park, anything you can think of.

Start by unrolling your pet screening. This is a plastic product. Don't worry about cutting it with a scissors or sewing with it. It works wonderfully.

Cut:

2 - 12" x 12" pieces of pet screen

4 - 12" x 4" pieces of pet screen



Take your 12" zipper. Take your favorite black jelly roll strip and cut two pieces the length of the zipper. Take a different jelly roll strip and cut two more pieces the length of the zipper.

Take one of each of the two different pieces and sandwich the zipper between them as shown making sure the right sides of the fabric face the zipper. Make sure your favorite fabric piece is on the top of the zipper as it is the only fabric that people will see.



Pin in place as shown.

Sew along the pinned edge.

Press the fabric as shown.



Top stitch along the zipper.

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Repeat for the other side of the zipper making sure the fabric that you want to be shown faces the top of the zipper.

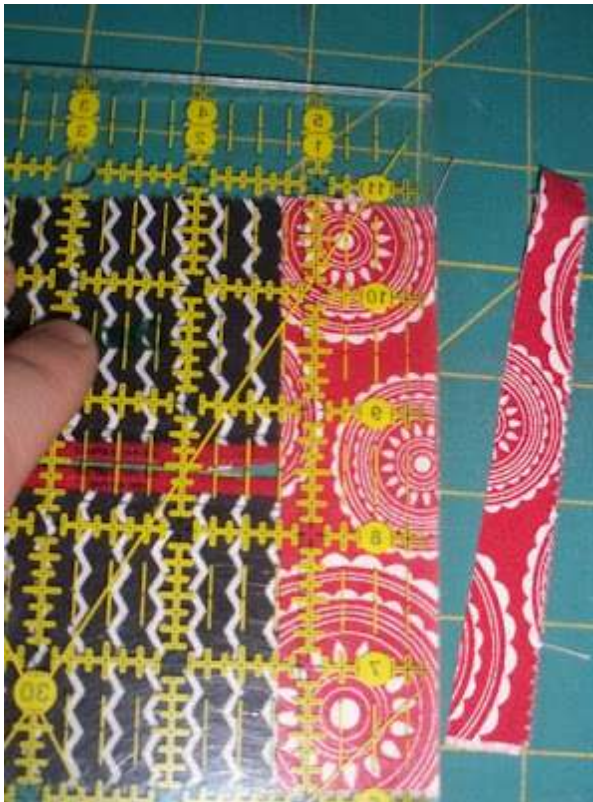
Take a jelly roll strip. Cut four pieces of fabric that are the width of the newly made zipper unit. Sandwich two the pieces as shown, pinning in place.



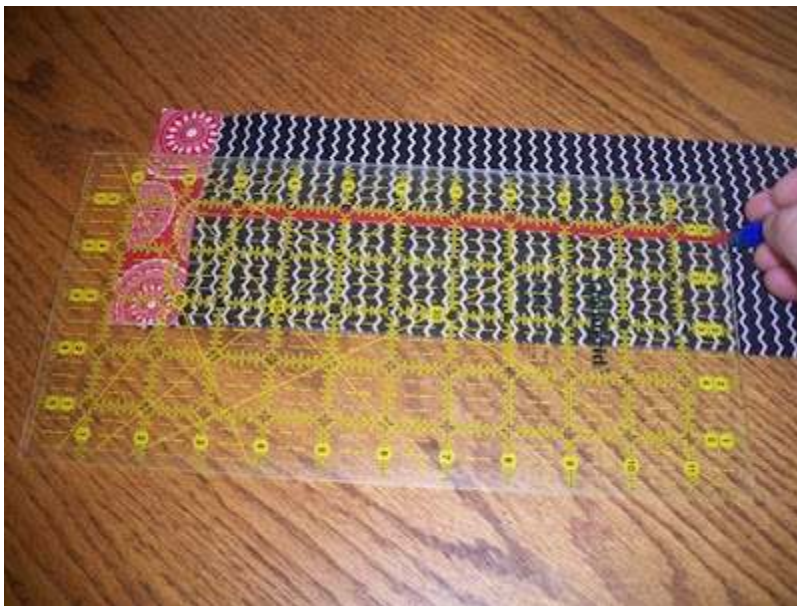
Sew along the pinned edge using a 5/8" seam. Press and top stitch in place just as you did along the zipper.

Trim the edge of the fabric by placing the ruler along the edge and lining the 1 1/4" line along the seam as shown.

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Take a ruler and measure 10" (the picture shows 11" but use 10"). Mark the line with a pen.



Tack the zipper as shown; sewing on the line previously made.

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Trim the extra fabric away as shown cutting through the zipper. Being the zipper is tacked, it is okay to cut it.



Sandwich the remaining two pieces of red fabric on the end. Sew using a $5/8$ " seam, press and top stitch as you did with the first end.

Trim the pieces so it is four inches wide. It is easy to do this if you line the 2" ruler marker along the zipper and trim.



Set this piece aside. Now onto the handle.

Take a jelly roll strip. Cut it 13" long. Cut a piece of Deco Bond 2 1/2" x 13". Place the Deco Bond on the wrong side of the jelly roll piece and fold in half. Pin.

Sew along the edge as shown using a 1/4" seam.



Turn the piece right side out. Press and top stitch.

Align the handles between the top of the zipper area as shown. Tack in place.

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Sew the 4" x 12" mesh pieces and zipper piece together as shown using a 5/8" seam.



Bring the remaining zipper edge and the mesh edge together keeping right sides together. Pin. Sew using a 5/8" seam.



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Take the piece you just complete and one of the 12" x 12" mesh pieces. Align it as shown pinning in place making sure the first and last pin is 5/8" away from the edge.



Sew BETWEEN THE PINS using a 5/8" seam.



Align the next edge. Again pinning in place making sure the first and last pin is 5/8" away from the edge. Sew BETWEEN THE PINS using a 5/8" seam.

Continue on each side. Unzip the zipper.

Then repeat adding the other 12" x 12" piece.

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Trim the corners. Turn the bag right side out and you're finished.



To make the long bag:
Cut one piece of mesh 24" x 26".

Make the handle using the directions above only this time make it 16 inches long. Set aside.

Prepare a zipper using the directions above. Please note that when using a jelly roll to make these, the pieces along the zipper will be different prints. The zipper for this bag will not need to be tacked and cut. It is already the right length.

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Place the edge of the mesh along the edge of the zipper piece. Pin and sew using a 1/4" seam.



DO NOT TOP STITCH.

Bring the opposite edge of the pet mesh around aligning the wrong side of the zipper. Pin and sew using a 1/4" seam.

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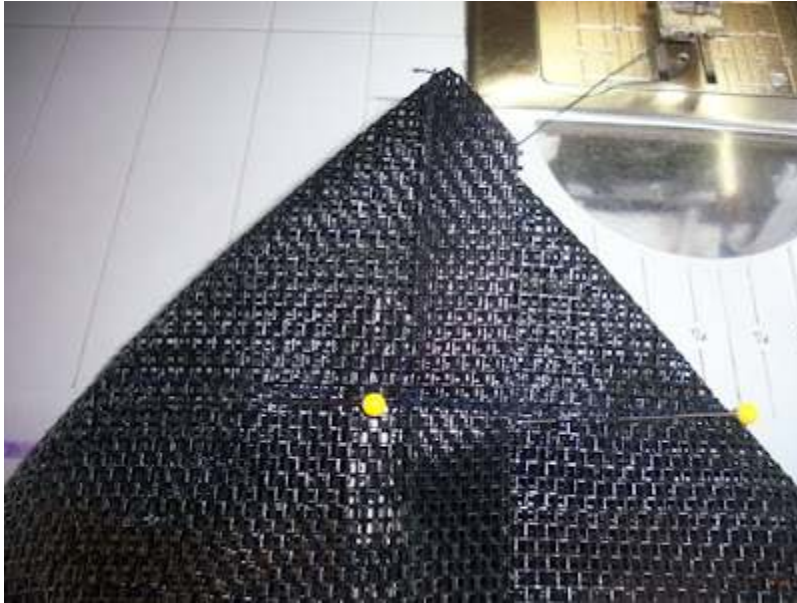
Unzip the zipper half way.

Fold the bag as shown. It should be about 14" wide when folded so the zipper should line up at the 7" mark or half the distance. Pin and sew using a 5/8" seam allowance.



Do the same for the opposite end. Now it is time to box the corners. Start with the end of the bag that DOES NOT have the beginning of the zipper. Fold as shown, place your ruler and measure 2 1/2" from the tip of the corner.

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Cut the corner off.

Do the corner on the opposite side the same way. The handle needs to be added first.

Now it is time to add the handle. The handle is added as you box the corner. Fold the bag the same way you did on the previous end only this time, slide the handle end in place. Pin and sew. I back stitched over the handle to make it more secure. Clip.

If you look closely you can see the handle in between the mesh pieces under the seam.



Do the same for the other side.



Turn your bag right side out and you're ready to go.



Yield:

Two bags that are sure to make organizing your goodies just a little easier.

As soon as the bags were finished, our daughter put them right to use!



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