

Uptown Saddlebag

Concealing the Flap Zipper end– steps 48-50



If the separating zipper you installed is more than 12” long, it will need to be shortened now. This zipper does not need to be cut, but I stitched across it ~2” away from the corner of the bag anyway (in a light-colored thread), as if it DID need to be cut just as an example.

Close zipper at least half way BEFORE you stitch. Reinforce your stitching (a lot), then cut away excess zipper ~1/2” from your reinforced stitching.



Carefully open zipper to just beyond bag corner edge exposing unstitched area of lining and exterior.

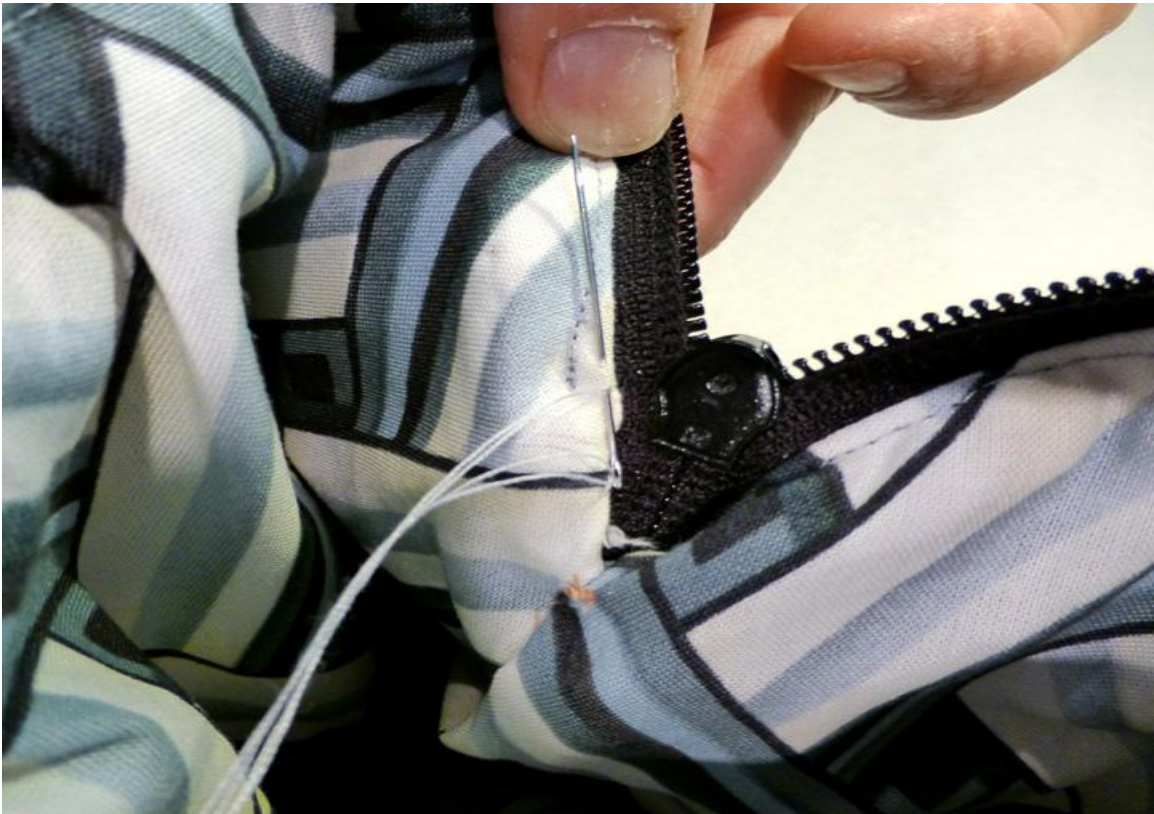


Pull lining away from bag edge, then stuff your zipper ends **INSIDE** this gap to conceal them.

Finishing off the Flap Zipper– steps 48+50



With Bag opened wide, turn under loose, top lining edges (WST) securing them to zipper tape with a few hand stitches on INSIDE of Bag. Please note that in the picture above, I deliberately chose to do this with a non-matching colored thread to make it wasier for you to see. This DOES NOT have to fancy stitching, because hopefully no one will EVER see it!



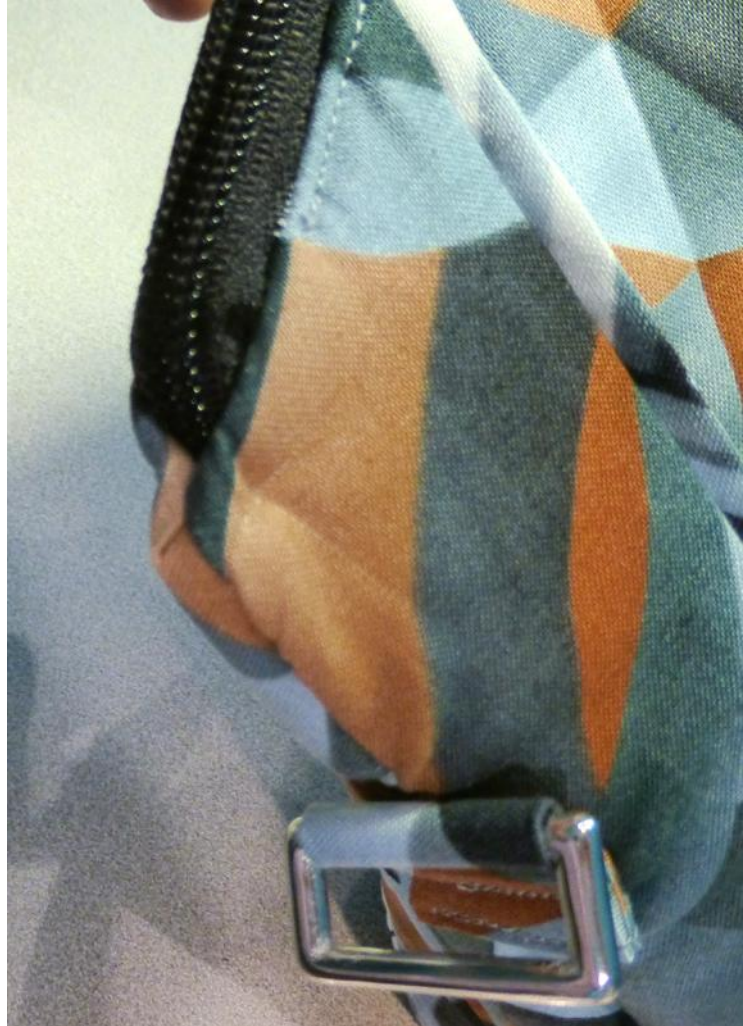
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Now close zipper ~2" from bag corner, then with your finger, nudge unstitched lining edges into the inside corner of your bag while carefully pushing the raw exterior corner edges INSIDE Bag alongside zipper ends to conceal them.

Now push a few hand stitches completely thru ALL layers of fabric (between zipper end & Flap corner) to secure the lining & bag corner edges in place.

(more closeup pictures on next page)



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Here's some more close-ups of the area after the stitching is completed

