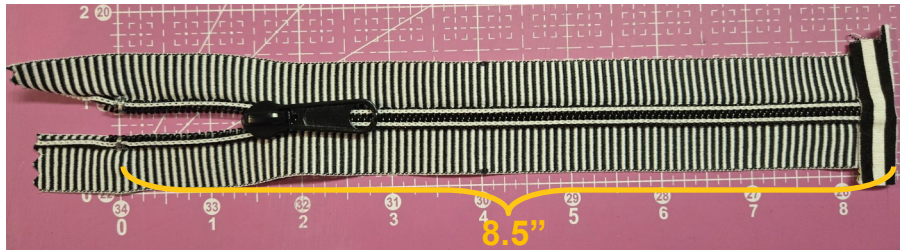


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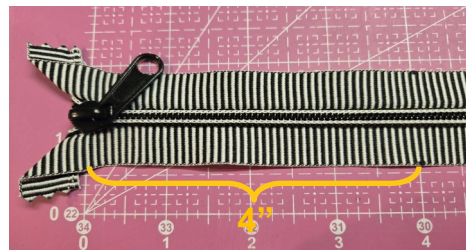
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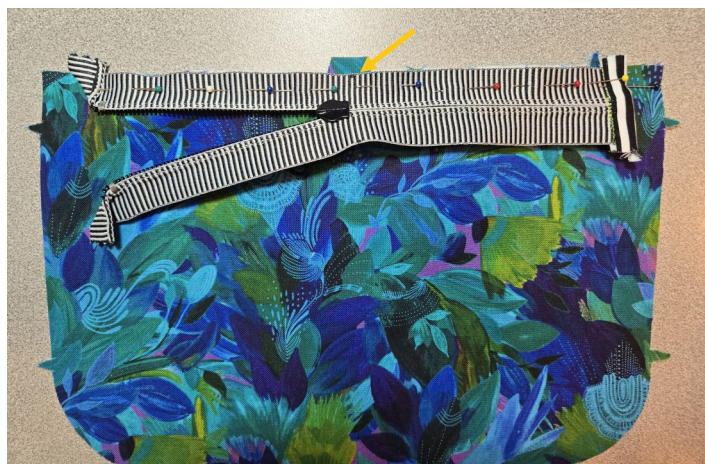
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Steps 8-9b: Reduce the size of your zipper to exactly 8.5" long & cover the cut zipper edge with a Zipper stopper....



Step 9c: Now press over top zipper ends (WST) & mark both sides of zippertape exactly 4" from top edge of zipper tape.



Step 10: Place zipper RST along top edge of Pocket aligning that zipper mark with triple notch. Stitch in place a scant 1/4" from edges.



Step 11a: Place Pocket in lining RSD on WS of zipper-aligning top edges & triple notches. Stitch in place a full 1/4" from edges.



Both Pocket exterior & lining were pressed AWAY from zipper & this seam was topstitched.



Step 12: Place Pocket unit LSD on RS of Pocket Back(#4), aligning top free edge of zipper w/top edge of Pocket Back & centering zipper mark over triple notch. Stitch in place close to zipper edge.

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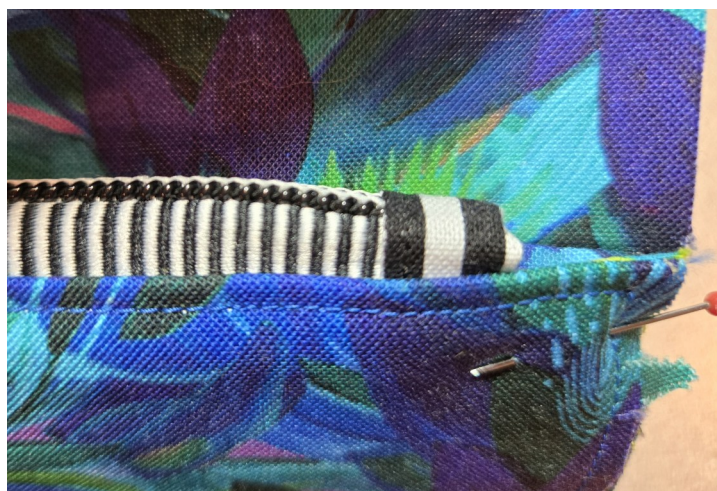
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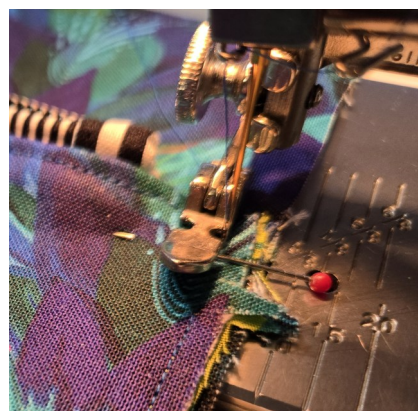


Step 13: Place Pocket Top(#6) RSD on RS of zipper (*which is also RST w/Pocket Back*). Align side edges, top corners & triple notches.

Stitch in place a full 1/4" from edges but **DO NOT PRESS OR TOPSTITCH THIS AREA YET.**



Lift up the Pocket (*but NOT the Pocket Back*) until bottom edge & notches align perfectly with those of the Pocket Back. (*as you can here, this will also cause the 2 zipper edges to align side-by-side*). Pay special attention to those "unzipped top Pocket corners (*highlighted above*)". They should "meet" at the Pocket Top seam edge.



Baste close to side & bottom edges paying special attention to those top corner edges.



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This is your completed Bag Front. Here are more pictures of this stitching area both before (*at left*) & after (*at right*) the Bag Front is stitched in place onto Bag in foam.



Step 16: This is an especially important line of stitching. You'll want to stabilize this area, by carefully pinning the Pocket Back to the foam. Open up the zipper completely & then topstitch close to the zipper edge. (*Please note: you will NOT be able to stitch across the entire seam edge, nor is it necessary to do so.*)

