

# How to Make a Lined Zip Darted Purse from the Sew In Brighton Pattern



1. Fold the fabric in half, so that the fabric is double, and lay the paper pattern on the fabric, taking note of grainlines and pattern repeat of the fabric.

Pin the pattern into place, close to the edge of the pattern. Also take note of the pattern cutting instructions.

Cut around the paper pattern taking care not to cut into the pattern, but cutting close enough so that the fabric cut-out is not wider than the paper pattern.



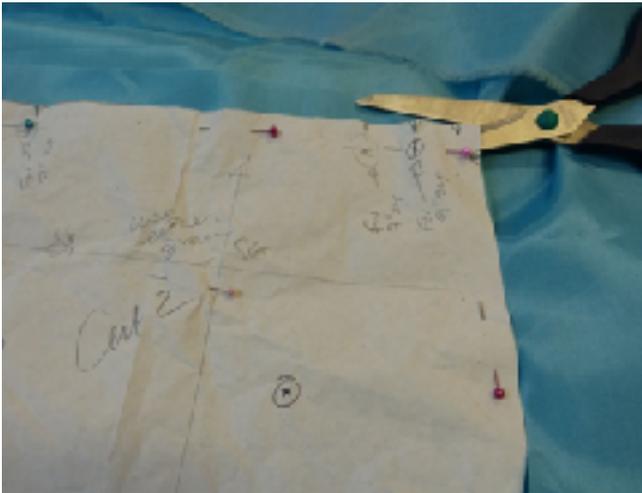
2. Before removing the pattern from the fabric, snip the notched areas around the edge of the pattern on the fabric. These will be the dart arm notches, and the notches to indicate the zipper placement.

Make these notch nicks within the seam allowance (1.5cm).

Transfer all other markings from the pattern to the wrong

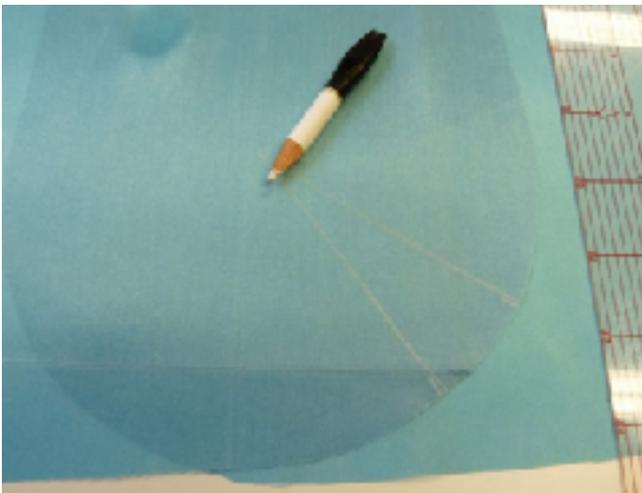


3. Mark in the dart arms up to the point of the dart with dressmaking pencil and a grading ruler (make sure the pencil is sharp).



4. Repeat steps 1 - 3 with the lining fabric using the same pattern piece.

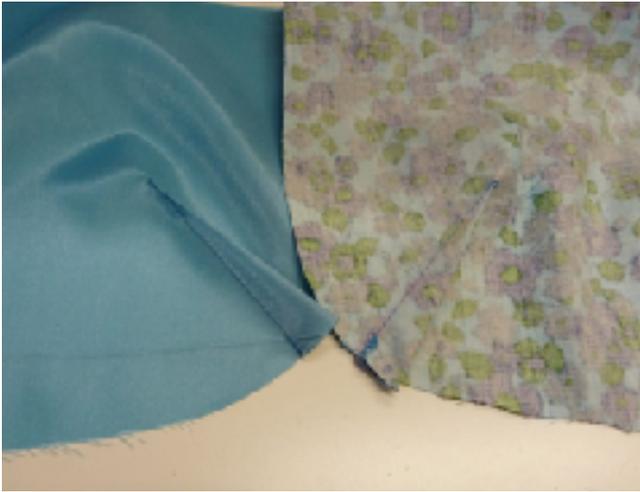
If you are using the same fabric for lining as the outer fabric, mark very clearly on each fabric piece what the piece is.



5. Transfer the markings from the pattern onto the lining fabric using a dressmakers pencil and a grating ruler.



6. Pin the darts into place, making sure to put the pins in the right direction so that when sewing they are easily removed. You'll be sewing from the raw edge to the point on each dart.



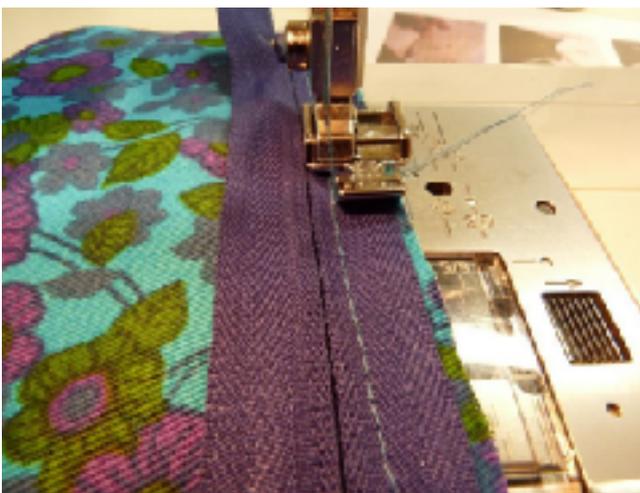
7. Sew the darts in place on both the lining and the fabric pieces. Press the darts in place. On one piece of the fabric press the darts outwards. On the other fabric piece, press the darts inwards. Do the same for each of the lining pieces.



8. Put the lining pieces to one side. Measure the zipper length so that it fits between the notches at the top. If the zipper is too long then shorten as appropriate.

Place the zipper face down on the straight edge of main fabric piece, on the right side of fabric, between the notches, with edge of zip tape 2mm in from the edge of fabric.

Sew zip right to each end of the tape.



9. Using Zip foot (with foot pressing on zip tape, not zip) attach zipper to the fabric along the tape 0.8cm from the edge of the fabric (will be about in middle of tape)

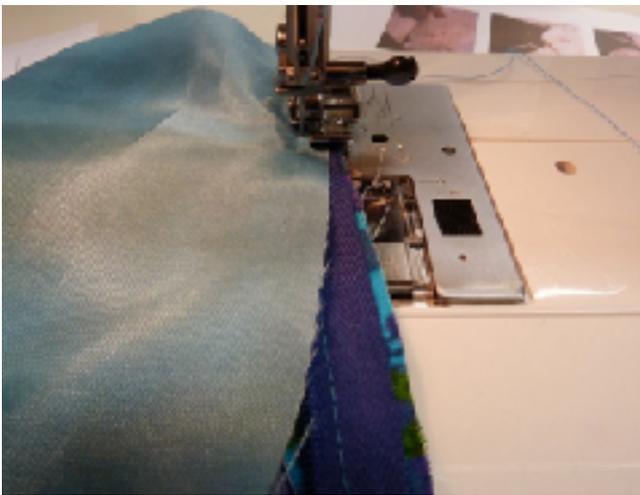
Change the foot on the machine to a zipper foot for sewing.

Make sure not to sew too close to the zipper teeth.

If you start sewing from the top of the zipper, you will need to unzip the zipper first. Sew half way down the tape, put the needle down into the fabric, lift the zipper foot, zip the zipper up closed, put the foot down and continue sewing down to the end of the zipper tape/fabric



10. Place one lining piece of fabric top end to the top end of the fabric where the zipper has just been attached. The lining piece must have the right side down on the zipper tape (so the wrong side with the sewn darts is facing upwards).



11. You will have to pull the zipper tab half way down again, and begin sewing from the top end of the zipper. Begin sewing the lining to the zipper tape 1cm from edge of fabric. Stop half way down attaching the lining to the zipper tape, put the needle down into the fabric, lift the foot and pull the zipper tab up to the top of the zip to close. Put the foot down and continue sewing the lining to the zipper tape.



12. Flip the fabric and the lining pieces over so that the right sides are exposed and you can see the fantastic zipper you have half sewn.  
Hoooooooooraaah!  
You're some of the way there, but not yet finished...



13. With zip closed, place the unattached side of the zipper face down on to the right side of the other fabric piece with the tape lined up with the raw edge of the fabric or 1-2mm away.

Sew the tape to the fabric piece 0.8cm from the edge of the zip. Sew end to end of the zip tape.

Halfway along stop with the needle in and undo the zip. This is so you don't ever sew past the zip pull which will throw you off course.



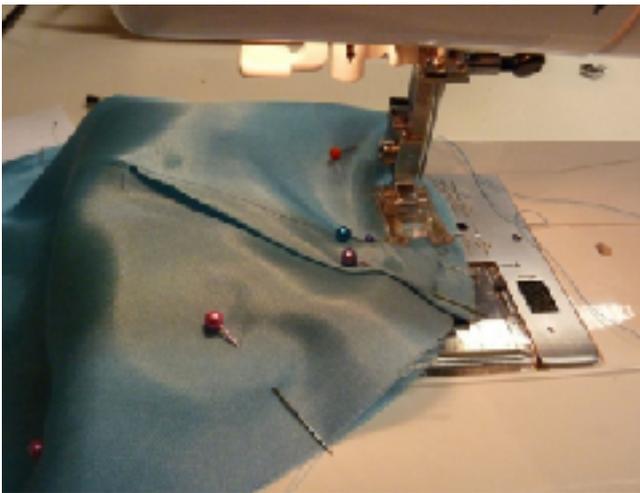
14. Place the other lining piece top end to the top end of the fabric where the zipper has just been attached. The lining piece must have the right side down on the zipper tape (so the wrong side with the sewn darts is facing upwards).

Like last time, you will have to stop half way and do the zip up so that you don't sew past the zip pull.



15. Flip the fabric and the lining pieces over so that the right sides are exposed and you can see the fantastic zipper you have sewn to both sides of the fabric.

Swap the machine foot back to ordinary foot



16. Arrange all the fabric pieces so that the right sides of the fabric are facing and the right sides of the lining are facing each other with the zipper in between them.

Make sure the edges are matching.

Make sure the zipper is closed at this point.

Pin and sew the top edge of the fabric from the side edge to the point where the zipper starts. Zip foot should press on the flat fabric not on the zip.

Back stitch very securely at the beginning and the end of this stitching line.

17. Do the same thing at the other end of the zipper.

Pin and sew from the side edge to the point where the zipper stops (not the end of the tape, but where the zipper comes to an end when it is fully open).

Do same for lining side.

18. For this next step it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to open the zipper and to **KEEP IT OPEN!!!!** And change back to ordinary foot.

Keep all the edges of the fabric and lining together (right sides inside) and pin into place around the curved edges. Match the darts, on one fabric piece to the other fabric piece very accurately.

Start sewing on the lining at the bottom between the two darts, and continue all the way around the lining to the top edge, over the middle (where the zipper is) into the fabric pieces, around and back into the lining. Finish sewing almost back to where you started, but do not close the stitching line. Leave a gap for turning - about 2 inches/5cm



19. The sewn item should look like this, with a gap/hole in the lining.

Press back the seam allowance on the gap so it will be folded in neatly when you turn it through.

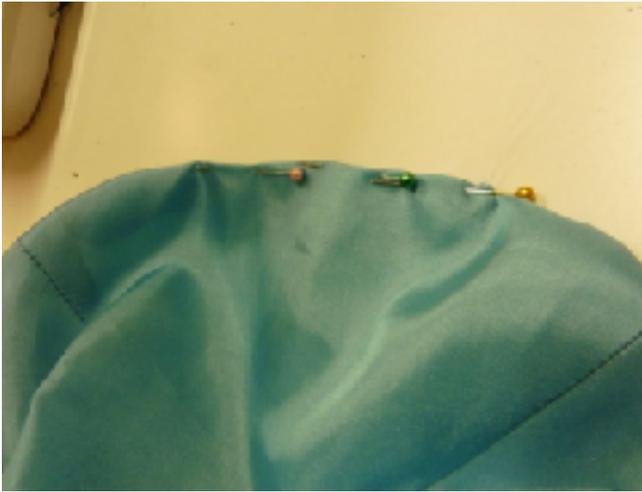


20. Clip around the edge of the darts so that the curved edge lies flat when turned inside out.

Do this by notching into the seam allowance almost up to the seam line. Notch every 6 to 10mm just around the curved edge.



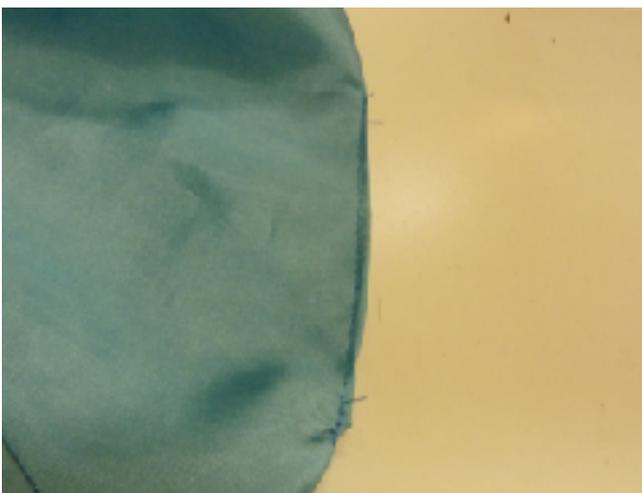
21. Alternatively, you can just clip the seam allowances back so that they are very narrow. This will also allow the curved edge to lie flat when turned round the right way



22. Turn the purse through to the right side through the gap in the bottom of the lining. Place the wrong sides of the lining together.



23. Turn in the edges of the gap by 1cm and put these edges together and pin.



24. Sew the gap closed very close to the edge of the lining. Sew just between the open edges of the gap, not all the way around the lining.



25. Push the lining into the bag, and arrange in place.

Push the corners of the purse out with a point turner, knitting needle or wooden chopstick.

Iron if necessary to complete!

Taaaa Daaaaaaah!!

