

THE COLORS OF MODA

ZIPPER POUCH

Finished Size: 11½" wide x 10" tall x 4" deep



REQUIRED SUPPLIES

(1) Moda Mini-Charm Pack
*or (36) 2½" x 2½" Squares
½ Yard Main Exterior Fabric

½ Yard Lining Fabric
(2) 14" x 14" Batting Scraps
(1) 12" or longer Nylon Zipper

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CUTTING & PREPARATION

Mini-Charm Pack:

- Choose (32) Mini-Charm Squares (2½" x 2½") to make into HST's, and set aside.
- Choose (1) Mini-Charm Square to use for a zipper stop, and trim to 2" x 2".
- *Optional: Set aside (3) of the remaining Mini-Charm Squares to use for the side tab.*

Main (Exterior) Fabric:

- Cut (32) 2½" x 2½" squares to make HST's.
- Cut (2) 4½" x 12½" rectangles.
- Cut (2) 2½" x 12½" rectangles.
- Cut (1) 2½" x 5" piece for side tab (only if not using leftover Mini-Charm Squares).

Lining: Cut (2) 12½" x 12½" squares.

Batting: Cut (2) 14" x 14" pieces from batting scraps.

PIECING

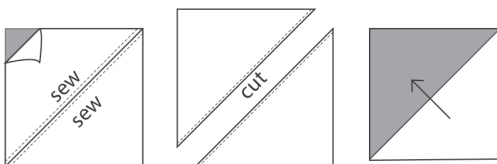
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Make HSTs:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (32) 2½" x 2½" Main Fabric squares.

Layer a marked 2½" square and a 2½" Mini-Charm square, Right Sides Together. Sew a scant ¼" from both sides of the drawn diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line, and press seams open (or to the Main Fabric).

Trim blocks to 2" x 2". Repeat to make (64) 2" x 2" HSTs.



Make (64) HSTs
Trim to 2" x 2"

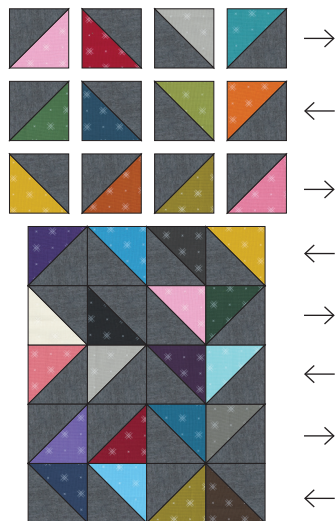
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PIECING (CONT'D)

Unless otherwise specified, all seams are a scant 1/4".

Piece Patchwork Panels:

Note: You can really use anything for the patchwork panels, if you have any orphan blocks or scrap that needs a home. All you need are (2) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks to substitute in front and back.



Arrange your HSTs however you like, making two sets of (4) 2" HSTs across and (8) 2" HSTs down.

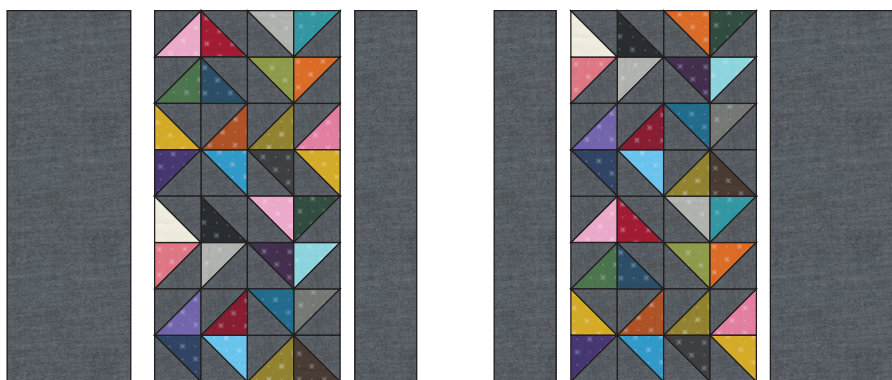
Join together into rows, pressing seams for each row in alternating directions so they nest together nicely (shown by arrows).

Join rows together, and press seams open. You will have (2) assembled patchwork panels, each measuring $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Attach Main Fabric Setting Pieces:

The front and back of the pouch should be 'mirror images' of each other, so that when it's all sewn together, it gives the impression of a continuous strip of patchwork.

Join (1) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " and (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " Main Fabric rectangles on either side of the Front Patchwork Panel, pressing seams to the Main Fabric. Repeat for the Back Patchwork Panel, but switching the sides for the Main Fabric pieces as shown.



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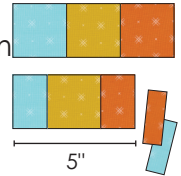
Quilt Exterior Panels:

Using your preferred method, baste the Exterior Panels to batting pieces, making sure you have a little overhang of the batting all the way around.

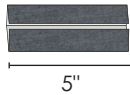
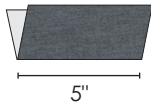
Quilt as desired. Trim Exterior Panels to 12½" x 12½".

Make Side Tab:

If you are using (3) 2½" Mini-Charm Squares, join them into a 6½" x 2½" strip and press seams open. Then, trim strip down to 5" x 2½", making sure the center square is 'centered'.



Press 5" x 2½" strip in half long-ways, Wrong Sides Together. Then open up the fold, and press each long side in toward the center fold you just made so that the raw edges are enclosed. Press again with everything folded to set.



Folded tab approx.
5" x 5/8".

Top stitch approx. 1/8" from both edges to close the open side and add a finished look.



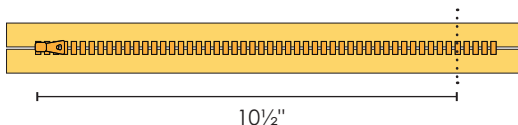
Press in half short-ways to form a loop, so that the raw edges meet. Set aside for later.



THE ZIPPER

Zipper Tab:

When your zipper is all the way closed (zipped), measure 10½" from the start of the zipper head and lightly mark with a pencil or other marking tool. Carefully cut zipper at the mark—don't use your good fabric scissors!

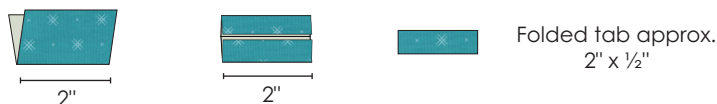


Mark 10½" from Zipper Head, and cut on line.

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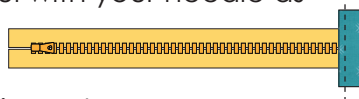
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Use a 2" square to make a zipper tab, which will act as a zipper 'stop' after you've trimmed the zipper to size. Fold square in half Wrong Sides Together and press. Open fold again, and fold in either side again, so the raw edges will be enclosed. Press again with everything folded to set.



Sandwich the cut end of the zipper inside the folded Zipper Tab, making sure the zipper is flush to the fabric fold. Top-stitch approx. 1/8" from the edge of the zipper tab (making sure you catch the bottom side in your stitches!), being careful with your needle as you stitch through the nylon zipper coil.

Slow and steady wins the race here.



Trim away excess fabric on either side of zipper tape.

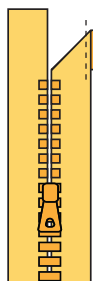
Baste Zipper Tape:

At the beginning of the zipper, you will have about 1" of excess zipper tape before the zipper head. Before you start basting, open the zipper a little for more space.

Fold one side of the excess zipper tape away and out from you, forming a triangle as shown. As close to the edge as you can (it doesn't have to be pretty, you won't see these stitches), stitch the fold in place to keep it out of the way.

Repeat for opposite side.

Fold Back
Excess Tape
& Baste in
Place



Gather all of your pieces before continuing:

(2) 12½" x 12½" Quilted Exterior Panels, (2) 12½" x 12½" Lining Pieces, Prepared Zipper, and Side Tab.

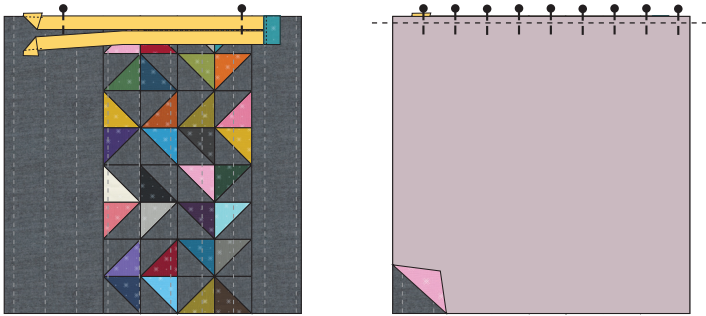
Open zipper half way for easy maneuvering.

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THE ZIPPER (CONT'D)

Attach Zipper:

With one of the Quilted Exterior Panels right side up, place the zipper 'Right Sides Together' with the panel so that the zipper is centered, and the edge of the zipper tape is flush with the top edge of the quilted panel. Pin to keep from shifting.

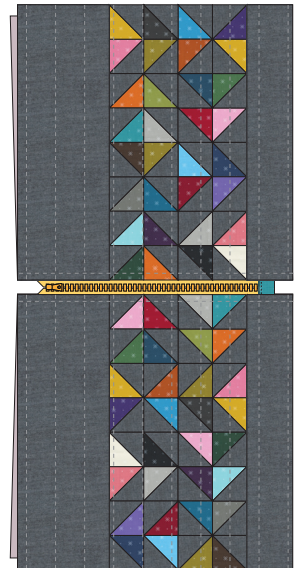


Then also layer one of the Lining Pieces right side down on top of this stack, making sure the top edge lines up with the rest. Pin through all three layers to hold in place (and remove pins from just the zipper and exterior panel).

Stitch along top edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, making sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of your stitches. When you start getting close to the zipper head, pause stitching WITH THE NEEDLE DOWN, lift up the presser foot, and close the zipper back past where you've already sewn so it's out of the way. Lower presser foot and finish the seam to the end.

Being mindful of the nylon zipper, fold the both the lining and exterior pieces into place and press to set. Top-stitch approx. $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the seam for a nice finish.

Repeat for the other side of the zipper using the remaining Exterior and Lining pieces. Make sure to arrange the patchwork section of both Exterior pieces so that it will make one 'continuous' strip.



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FINISHING

Open the zipper half way before continuing on, or you will not be able to turn the bag right side out!

Seam allowances are noted in these finishing steps.

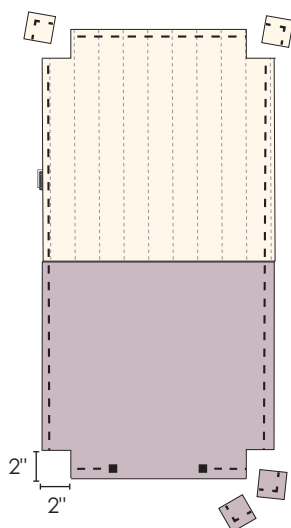
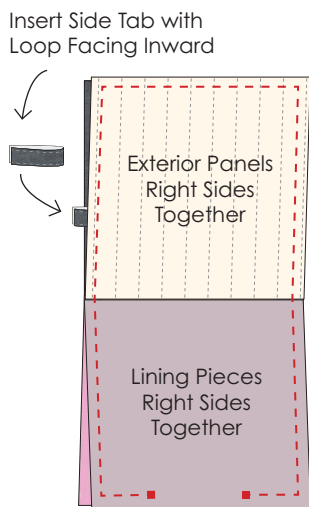
Arrange your bag pieces so that the Exterior Panels line up and the Lining Pieces line up, right sides together, with the HALF-OPEN zipper in the middle. Before you pin, insert the folded side tab between the Exterior Panels on the side where the zipper head will be when closed, approx. 2" down from the zipper. If you like, baste this in place before pinning to keep from shifting.

Pin around the sides, making sure all four corners line up with each other.

Starting near the bottom of the Lining pieces, **USE A 1/2" SEAM ALLOWANCE** to stitch all the way around the bag, leaving a 2"-3" opening in the lining to turn out the bag. Make sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of your stitches. Go slowly as you cross the zipper area, as the fabric will want to move around on you when sewing through the extra bulk.

To box the corners, mark a 2" square on the wrong side of both the Exterior and Lining, then cut out the square on that line. Scissors recommended to avoid slicing too far with the rotary cutter.

LAST CHANCE: If you forgot to open your zipper before sewing the bag around, you can use this opening to reach in and open it now!



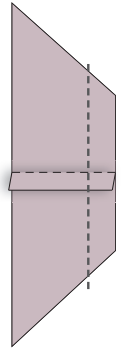
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Pinch the square together (like a fish mouth) so that the side & bottom seams meet and the cut out is now a straight seam line. Finger press the seams to opposite sides so they nest, and then stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the edge to close the corner, making sure to backstitch at beginning and end of your stitching.

Repeat for all remaining corners.

Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining. Double check you got all the seams where they should be and that you're happy with the shape, and then topstitch along the opening to close it up, making sure to backstitch.



Enjoy your zipper pouch!

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