

Free Bum Bag Pattern

A beginner-friendly, measurement-based sewing pattern—not taping pages together required.

Finished Size

Approximately 9" wide x 6" tall x 3" deep — sized to comfortably hold a phone, cards, keys, and a few small essentials. Finished dimensions include a 3/8" seam allowance built into every cut measurement below.

Materials

- 1/2 yard outer fabric (canvas, denim, or cork are great for durability)
- 1/2 yard lining fabric (quilting cotton works well)
- 1/2 yard medium-weight fusible interfacing (e.g. Pellon SF101 or similar)
- 1 zipper, 9" long, coordinating or contrasting color
- 1.5 yards of 1" wide webbing (for the strap)
- 1 strap adjuster slider + 1 side-release buckle (1" size)
- 2 D-rings, 1" size (optional, for attaching the strap)
- Matching all-purpose thread
- Basic sewing kit: rotary cutter or scissors, ruler, pins or clips, iron

Cutting Guide

Cut all pieces below. Interfacing is cut the same size as the outer fabric pieces and fused to the wrong side before assembly.

Piece	Cut Size (W x H)	Fabric / Qty
Main Panel (front & back)	10" x 7", rounded bottom corners (1.5" radius)	Outer x2, Lining x2, Interfacing x2
Side/Bottom Gusset	3" x 24"	Outer x1, Lining x1, Interfacing x1
Front Zip Pocket	9.5" x 7"	Outer x1, Lining x1
Strap	2" x 45" (folds to 1")	Outer x1
D-ring Tabs	1.5" x 3"	Outer x2

Pattern Piece Diagrams

These are simplified layout diagrams—cut directly from your measurements using a ruler and rotary cutter. No printing or taping pattern sheets needed.

MAIN PANEL

round bottom corners, 1.5" radius

7" tall

10" wide

SIDE/BOTTOM GUSSET STRIP

3" wide

24" long

FRONT ZIP POCKET

7" tall

9.5" wide

ADJUSTABLE STRAP

45" long x 2" wide (folds to 1")

Step-by-Step Assembly

1. Interface your pieces

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of both outer main panels and the outer gusset strip, following the manufacturer's heat setting.

2. Build the front zip pocket

Place the outer and lining pocket pieces right sides together with the zipper sandwiched between the top edges. Stitch, press, then topstitch close to the zipper. Baste the pocket to the front main panel around the remaining three sides.

3. Prepare the strap

Fold the strap fabric in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch down the long edge. Turn right-side out, press flat, and topstitch both long edges. Thread one end through the slider and the other through the buckle.

4. Attach D-ring tabs (optional)

Fold each D-ring tab around a D-ring, raw edges matching, and baste closed. Sandwich a tab into each side seam of the main panel before attaching the gusset, so the loop faces outward.

5. Attach the gusset

Pin the gusset strip to the sides and bottom of the front panel, right sides together, easing it gently around the curves. Stitch with a 3/8" seam. Repeat to attach the back panel to the other side of the gusset, leaving the top zipper opening free.

6. Insert the main zipper

Pin your main zipper along the top opening between the front and back panels, right sides together. Stitch, then repeat for the lining pieces, sandwiching the zipper between outer and lining layers.

7. Assemble the lining

Repeat steps 5-6 for the two lining main panels and lining gusset, but leave a 4" gap in the bottom seam for turning.

8. Turn and finish

With right sides still together, tuck the outer bag inside the lining bag (they'll be right sides facing) matching the zipper. Turn everything right-side out through the gap in the lining, then hand-stitch the gap closed. Push the lining down inside the outer bag and press the top edge flat.

9. Attach the strap

Clip the strap's slider and buckle ends onto the D-rings (or stitch the strap ends directly to the side seams if you skipped the D-rings). Adjust to fit and you're done!

Seam allowance: 3/8" is used throughout unless noted. Free for personal use — please don't resell or redistribute this pattern as your own.