

Supply List
Loose the Fear of Zippers & Vinyl
November 8, 2025

To use workshop time efficiently, this workshop requires that the sewists pre-cut, quilt, and pre-press the required fabric pieces. This workshop will NOT wait for those who come unprepared.

Each of the four pieces are to be pre-quilted. **The fabric on one side of the quilted fabric should be of light color** as it will be the inside of the bag. The other side of the quilted fabric (the outside of the bag) can be ANY color, light, medium, or dark.

The listed size of the four (4) pieces of pre-quilted fabric is not written in stone. The actual size brought to the workshop may vary 1" in either or both directions.

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- **\$2 – Zipper and Vinyl Fee** payable to **Debbie Jean Hopkins** at the beginning of the workshop for the vinyl and 4 necessary zippers provided by Debbie Jean (many color choices will be available)
- **One – Pre-quilted Piece – 19" x 14"** – non-directional fabric preferred
- **One – 2½" x Width of Fabric** to match or contrast the outside of the above pre-quilted 19" x 14" piece **PRE- PRESS** this 2½" x WOF piece, wrong sides together- lengthwise as it will be used as binding.
- **One - Pre-quilted Piece –11" x 15"** - can be directional or non-directional fabric
- **One – 2½" x 4"** piece of fabric to match or contrast the outside of the 11" x 15" piece. **PRE-PRESS** this 2½" x 4" piece, wrong sides together- lengthwise
- **One – Pre-quilted Piece – 9" x 12"** - non-directional fabric preferred
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- Working sewing machine with power cord & foot pedal. Sewing machine can be straight stitch only, or have zigzag capabilities
- Size 90 Needle – maybe bring two in case one of them breaks
- Thread – can be any color – matching, contrast, or clashing
- All-purpose sewing foot
- Zipper foot (may or may not need) - Can also bring, ¼" top stitch foot
- Seam Ripper
- Rotary cutter (with sharp rotary blade)
- Cutting mat (12" x 12" or larger) – The mat will be used to square the bag blocks – If you do not possess a small cutting mat, not to worry, other sewists will share theirs.
- 18" x 3" Ruler for squaring bag blocks – actually any ruler 12" or longer will work
- Chalk or marking pen / pencil, or even a Sharpie
- Tweezers (can be serger tweezers, hemostats, or cosmetic tweezers)
- Other basic sewing tools that you feel are necessary for a successful workshop
- Optional – 3½" or 2½" square ruler
- Optional ¼" foot with guiding edge
- Optional - Wonder clips or craft clips
- Optional – Teeny Tiny Crochet Hook – the hook has to be able to pull the zipper tab

Additional Information
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Come learn the simple techniques that Debbie Jean Hopkins has developed for sewing zippers & vinyl.

This workshop has **pre-workshop requirements**. Set aside approximately two or more hours to complete all of the pre-workshop requirements as it actually took Debbie Jean an hour to choose the fabric, cut the fabric, quilt the fabric (with the super-fast straight stitch machine), and pressing the 2 ½" strips.

This EGQG workshop is for **confident beginners** and above. Sewists will go home with new skills by making four bags with different zipper attachments, different bag boxing techniques, and two of the bags will have see-through vinyl.

Each of the **four bags require pre-quilted fabric** – meaning that the fabric can be pre-quilted when purchased or the **quilted pieces can be created at home prior to attending the workshop**.

The actual dimensions of the four pre-quilted fabric pieces brought to the workshop may vary 1" in either or both directions.

Fabric content should be cotton. Fabric Sale and or garage sale cotton is good enough.

The fabric pieces can be all different designs/colors, a combination of designs/colors, or all just one fabric. It is preferable that one side of each of the pre-quilted fabrics be of light color as it will be the inside of the bag.

Vinyl will be provided. For future reference, Debbie Jean Hopkins prefers 12-gauge vinyl (.3 mm thickness).

During the workshop, **sewists should plan to accept sewing wobbles and imperfect seams as part of the learning/technique process**. Sewists should **not** expect to make gift-perfect items.

This is a learning skills and technique workshop. At the end of the workshop, sewists should expect to have confidence in sewing zippers & vinyl and go home with examples (that will probably have imperfections) to use for future projects. After the workshop sewists will receive full color step-by-step instructions by email which can be used at home where they can take the time and attention to make a gift (or two) using special fabrics.

There will be a \$2 zipper fee payable to Debbie Jean Hopkins at the beginning of the workshop for the vinyl and 4 necessary zippers provided by Debbie Jean (many color choices will be available). If you must use your own zippers, bring **three 14"** nylon **YKK** zippers and **one 20" YKK** nylon zipper. The zippers must be YKK nylon - no metal zippers, no Coats & Clark, no Taylon, no Garage Sale zippers, no junk zippers, **ONLY YKK** nylon zippers.