

# The Sisterhood of Purple Club



## The Incredible Growing Shopping Bag

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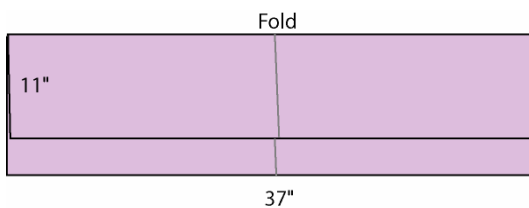
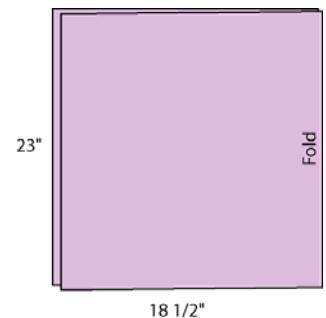
You never know when you will find just the right thing, or things, or too many things to fit in your shopping bag! Never leave home without the Incredible Growing Shopping Bag, and you will always be ready for even the biggest sale!

### Sewing Supplies:

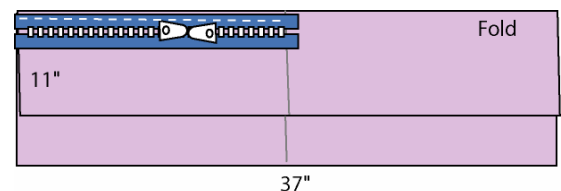
Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine  
 2 18" Coats and Clark Purse Zippers (two slider, closed bottom)  
 Sewing Thread  
 1 yard of 45" wide cotton or denim fabric  
 Aqua Magic Stabilizer  
 3D Quickfont (Optional)  
 Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Thread  
 Size 90 topstitch Needle

### Make the Bag:

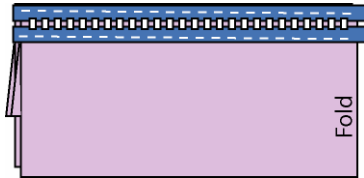
1. Cut fabric into one piece 23" x 37" and two strips 4" x 36" for handles.
2. Fold in half to measure 23" x 18 1/2". Press the crease.



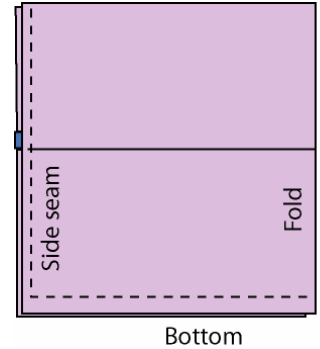
3. Unfold, and fold down wrong sides together, 11" to measure 17" x 37", press the fold.



4. The zipper will be sewn along this fold. Snap on the A foot and select center needle position straight stitch. Place the zipper on the fold as shown and stitch the first side. Let the edge of your presser foot ride along the edge of the zipper teeth.



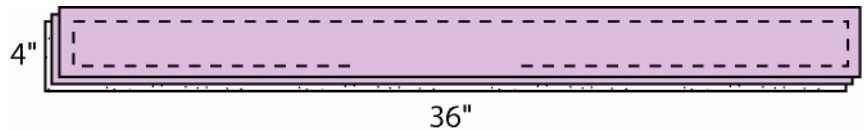
- Fold the fabric right sides together with the 11" fold inside. Stitch the zipper to the other side as shown.



- Unzip the zipper and unfold so the zipper is in the middle of the fabric. Fold right sides together and stitch the side and bottom seam. The bottom is the larger part. Stitch using a 5/8" seam allowance and serge or overcast the raw edges of the seam allowances.

## Make the Handles:

- Place the 4" x 36" strips of fabric right sides together on top of the 2 4" x 36" batting strips. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew around the whole piece leaving 4" opening in the middle of one long edge.



- Clip the corners. Turn through the opening and press.
- Open Quick Font. Select a bold font such as Gil Sans or Arial. Choose Output Size 40. For Stitch Type, choose Outline. Send to your Designer SE or save as a Font File.
- Hoop Aqua Magic Stabilizer. Thread with sewing thread in the bobbin and 12 wt. Sulky Cotton Thread on top. Choose your 240 x 150 Hoop. Type in "Shop".
- Baste your strap to your stabilizer. Start the lettering about 2" from the end of the strap. Stitch "Shop".
- Type "Til You". Hoop Aqua Magic and baste your strap in place. Because the needle goes to the lower left hand corner of the first letter, it is easy to place the letters correctly. Embroider "Til You". Repeat for "DROP!".
- Soak your strap to remove the stabilizer.



## Insert the top zipper:

- Fold under the top raw edges 1/2" to the wrong side. Press. Place the zipper underneath the folded edge of the fabric so that the fold is approximately 1/8" from the zipper teeth. Pin. There should be about 1/4" extra fabric beyond the end of the teeth on each end. Select right needle position. Stitch one side of the zipper in place.
- Open the zipper and place the bag around the free arm of your machine. Stitch the other side of the zipper in place.
- Measure 7" up from the bottom zipper. Pin the bottom of the handle at that point. Sew a square to attach the handles keeping the stitching about 3/4" below the zipper.
- Now for the magic..... Fold up the bottom of your bag and stick it up, inside the upper part and zip up the bottom. You are ready to shop! When your bag gets full, just unzip the bottom zipper and there is no need to stop, keep right on shopping!