



Oilcloth or Laminated Cotton Zip Bag Instructions

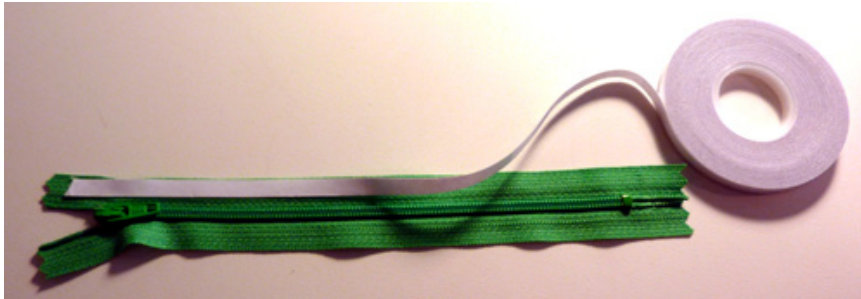


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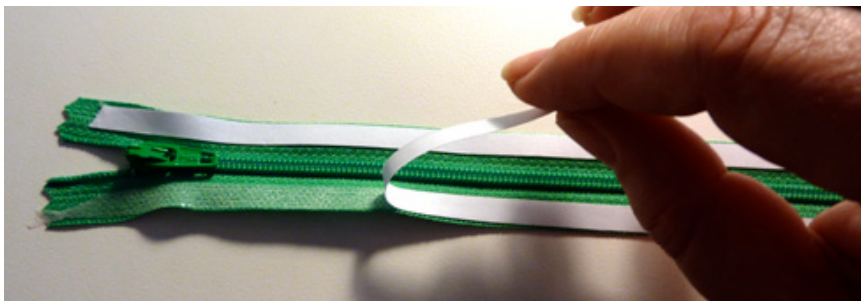
- ¼ yard oilcloth or laminate (will yield several bags)
- 100% polyester all purpose thread
- zipper foot and zig zag foot for your machine
- 9" all purpose polyester zipper
- 14" of wonder tape
- not your best scissors

1. Trace pattern onto oil cloth and cut out your piece

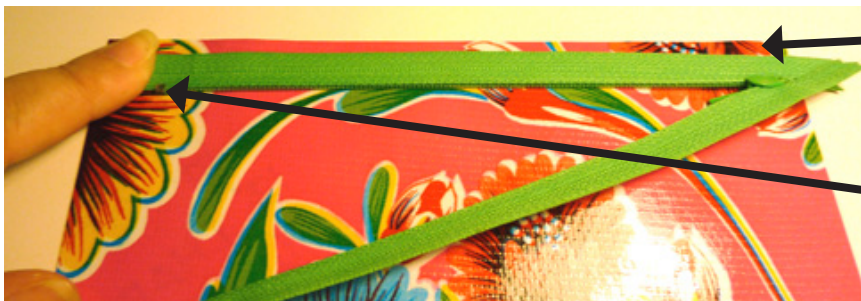
2. Starting at top edge of zipper, apply wonder tape to the outer edges of the zipper with the zipper pull facing up. Press hard to make it stick to the zipper fabric.



3. Open zipper and peel away paper backing on wonder tape on one side of the zipper.



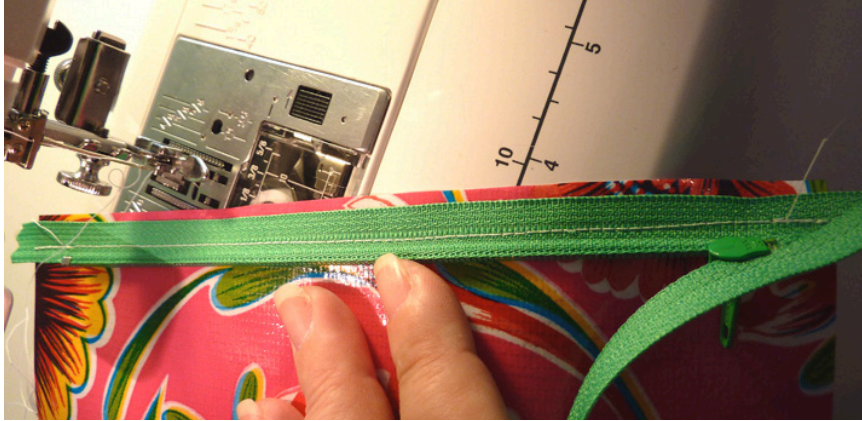
4. Press wonder tape side of zipper to edge of fabric, so that there's ¼" gap between the edge of zipper and the edge of the fabric. Zipper top stop should be ½" away from the side edge. The tail end of the zipper will hang off the edge (having a longer zipper makes stitching the other side of the zipper much easier in step #8!).



Zipper tape edge ¼" from fabric edge.

Zipper Stop ½" from side edge of fabric.

- Using a zipper foot, stitch zipper to oilcloth using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. Stop at the end of the oilcloth. Backstitch at beginning and end of seam. Trim thread ends close.



- Fold oilcloth back on the seam you just stitched with right side up. Press it back with your fingers.



- Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from folded edge on the right side of the oilcloth, backstitching when you begin and end your seam. Trim thread ends close.



- Repeat steps 3 through 7 for the other side of the zipper. Be careful not to twist the zipper around.



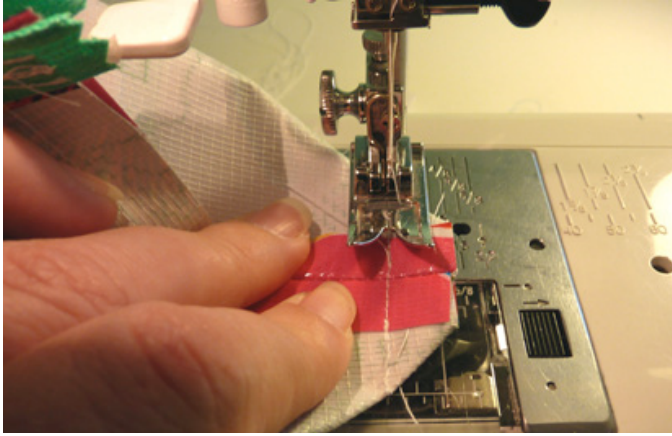
- Turn bag wrong side out. Switch to your zig zag foot. With zipper open and right sides together, stitch side seams of the bag using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Be careful not to stitch through any metal parts of the zipper. As always, backstitch when you begin and end your seams and trim thread ends close.



- Finger press the side seams open. Pinch the side of the bag and the bottom of the bag together so that the cutout opening edges meet and the seam is centered over the opening.



11. Stitch cutout bottom of the bag using a ½" seam allowance and stitching all the way to the edges of the bag. Backstitch when you begin and end your seams and trim thread ends close.



12. Trim upper corners of zipper and oilcloth as shown. Don't use your good sharp fabric scissors for this!



13. Flip bag right side out and you're done!



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Pattern for Oilcloth/Laminated Cotton Zip Bag

(Place on fabric and cut one!)

*(If your printer cuts off the edges of the whole pattern on this page,
you can print the next page, fold your oilcloth/laminated cotton piece in half,
then place the dotted line on the fold & cut one!)*

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