

Zippered Coin Purse

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A simple zipper technique and easy edge finish make this useful coin purse a fast project for any sewer. Made of printed vinyl, this flat little bag is also a handy place to carry gift or rewards cards.

Finished size: Approximately 5" x 4"

Supplies

Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 3 Series or 5 Series machine
- Non-Stick Zigzag Foot #52
- Non-Stick Zipper Foot #54

Fabric & Notions

- Vinyl or laminated fabric:
Front: 6" x 4¼", 6" x 2" and Back: 6" x 5"
Two strips for zipper tabs, 1½" x 3" each
- Microtex Needle #80
- Polyester thread
- Binder clips to use in place of pins
- 4" zipper*
- Pinking shears or blade for rotary cutter
- Decorative zipper pull or narrow ribbon (optional)

* See sidebar on shortening zippers, page 2

Directions

Using an all-purpose presser foot, bartack (zigzag stitch in place) the zipper tape together above the zipper pull as shown to the right.



Change to the Non-Stick Zipper Foot #54. Adjust the needle position to the far right or far left as needed. *Note: The choice depends on how you position the fabric under the needle. If the zipper is left and the fabric is on the right, set the needle in the far right position. If the zipper is on the right, set the needle in the far left position.*

Fold one tab in half and place the folded edge below the zipper stop (bottom of zipper), approximately centering it over the zipper.

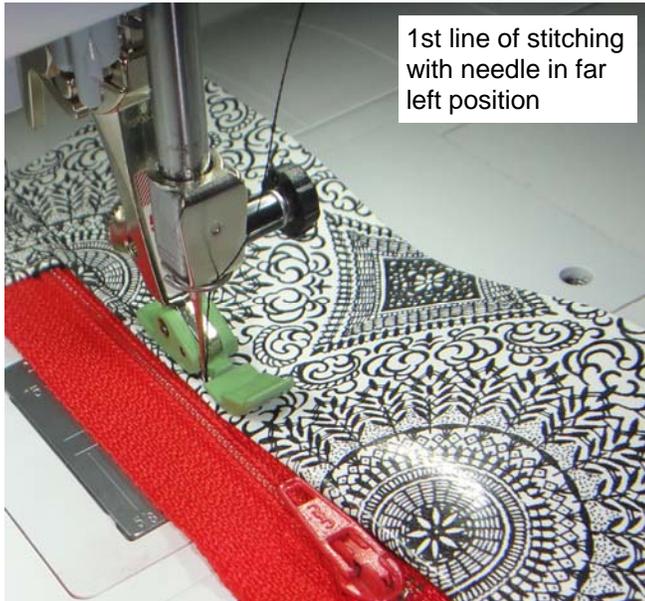
Stitch along folded edge of tab. Trim sides and ends of vinyl even with zipper.



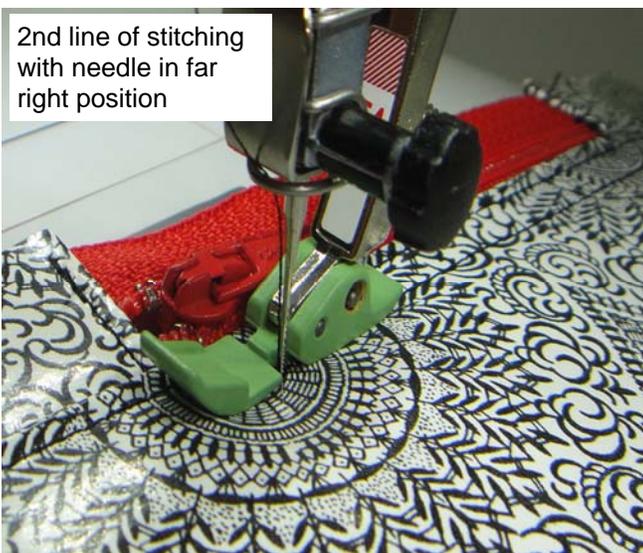
Repeat with the other end of the zipper. Your zipper should look like this.



Position the zipper horizontally with the closed zipper pull to the left or right as desired. Fold one long edge of the upper front (6" x 2" piece) ½" to the wrong side and finger press. Position the folded edge along upper zipper tape next to the coils. Stitch along the folded edge, adjusting the needle position as desired.



Sew a second line of stitching parallel to the first, about ¼" away. *Tip: Sew as before but change the needle position to the opposite side of the foot.*



Repeat the previous steps using the lower front rectangle and sewing the folded edge to the lower zipper tape.

Change the presser foot to Non-Stick Zigzag Foot #52.

Place the front and back wrong sides together. Stitch around the entire rectangle, starting and ending at the zipper stop, backstitching to secure the thread.

Trim the edges beyond the stitching using pinking shears or blade as desired.

Add a decorative zipper pull or narrow ribbon with beads on the end to the zipper pull.



How to Shorten a Zipper

Determine the desired length of the zipper and mark the tape at the desired spot.

Stitch over the zipper coils with a zigzag stitch set to a width slightly wider than the coils.

Drop the feed dog of the machine to stitch in place and stitch 8-10 times over the coils.

Trim the zipper about ½" below the bartack. For extra security, place a drop of seam sealant on the bartack; let dry.