

Sewing Tote

What you will need:

- 1 – piece of quilted fabric 12” X 33”
- 1 – piece of Vinyl 13” X 35” (I used larger pieces and trimmed down to exact size)
- 4 – 12” – 14”
- 3 – WOF Strips (Fabric A) 2.5” wide (Casings to attach Zippers to Vinyl)
- 3 – WOF strips (Fabric B) 2.5” wide for Binding
- 1 – WOF strip (Fabric C) 1.5” wide for Tie

Make Zippers

Begin by taking the Fabric A strips and press in half (wrong sides together) Open them up and press each raw edge into the centerfold and press again.

Step 1

Attach casings to zippers by sewing centerfold line



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I used two WOF pieces on three zipper casing sets and the other WOF piece for the fourth zipper. I saved the leftover piece of casing for later use in the bag.



Step 2

I next trimmed the bottom ends of the zippers – and marked the sides at the 12” mark. These are the marks that I will eventually use to place the vinyl.



Prepare and Sew Vinyl

I next cut four pieces of Vinyl

2 – pieces 12 X 13

1 – piece 7 X 13

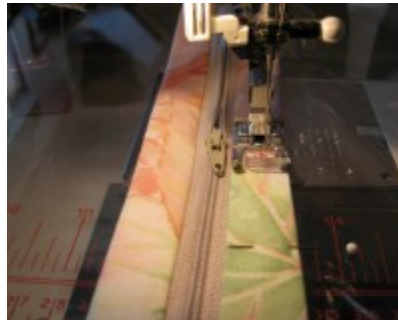
1 – piece 4 X 13

Step 3

Layout the zippers on your cutting board. Arrange how you would like them to open. On the right most zipper arrange a 12 X 13 piece of vinyl into the right casing – making sure that it is above and the mark on the zipper and below the bottom. Pin into place.



Topstitch the vinyl into place. Put this aside – this is Assembly 1.



Step 4

Next take extra casing fabric trimmed from the forth zipper and re-iron it so that there is only a centerfold in it. Take the left two zippers and arrange as in the photo. Slide the fabric strip into each casing and top-stitch in place. I left about 1/4" between the two zippers.



Step 5

Attach the other 12 X 13 piece of vinyl in the left casing and the smaller 4 X 13 into the right casing. Top-stitch the vinyl in place as you did before. When complete – measure from the center of the space between the two zippers and trim the smaller piece of vinyl so that it is 4.5 inches from the center of the Zipper assembly. I lined up the zippers on the cutting board so that they are straight before I trim.



Step 6

Attach the last unused zipper on the trimmed edge of the smaller piece of vinyl. Sew in place as before by top-stitching. Take the last piece of vinyl (7 X 13) insert into the other casing of this zipper and top-stitch in place. This is Assembly 2.

You now should have two assemblies that look like this:

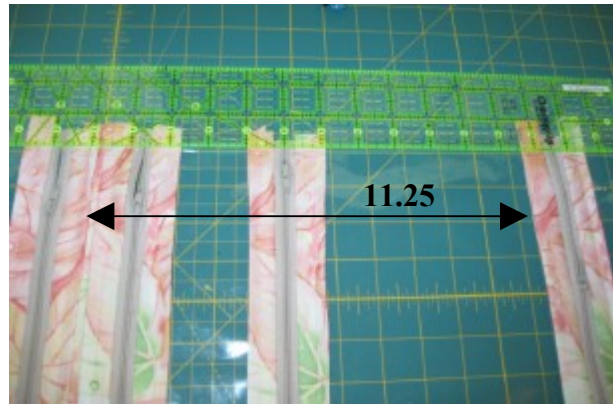
Assembly 1 (zipper – vinyl)

Assembly 2 (vinyl – zipper – zipper – vinyl – zipper – vinyl)

Step 7

Arrange them on your board so that Assembly 2 is on the **left** and Assembly 1 is on your **right**. Line up the marks on your cutting board that you first made on the zipper casings slide the loose edge of the vinyl into the casing.

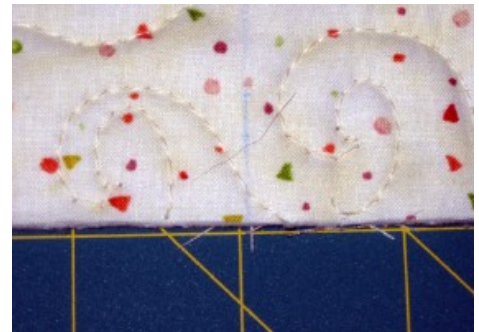
The measurement from the center of the zippers sewn together in Step 4 to the left edge of the casing of Assemble 1 should measure 11.25 inches. You may need to trim this a bit.



When it is the correct size, sew Vinyl into place as before. Put aside for a moment.

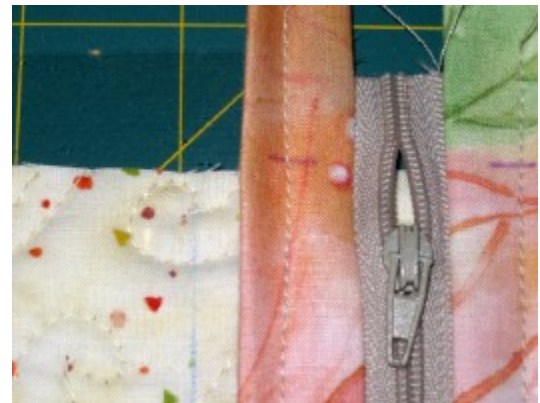
Step 8

Take out the quilted fabric. I ran a running stitch around the quilted fabric to hold both fabrics together. Then, I marked the inside of the fabric at the 11-inch mark and the 22-inch mark parallel to the short sides. These will be the stitch lines as well as where the final project will fold.



Step 9

I next laid out the vinyl and zippers on top of the quilted fabric.



Being careful to line up the marks on the zippers. If you have been careful – your piece should be very close, The extra vinyl at the edges can accommodate a bit of “*fudge*”. The left casing (on the right most zipper) should be about ¼ inch from the marked line (as seen in the photo).

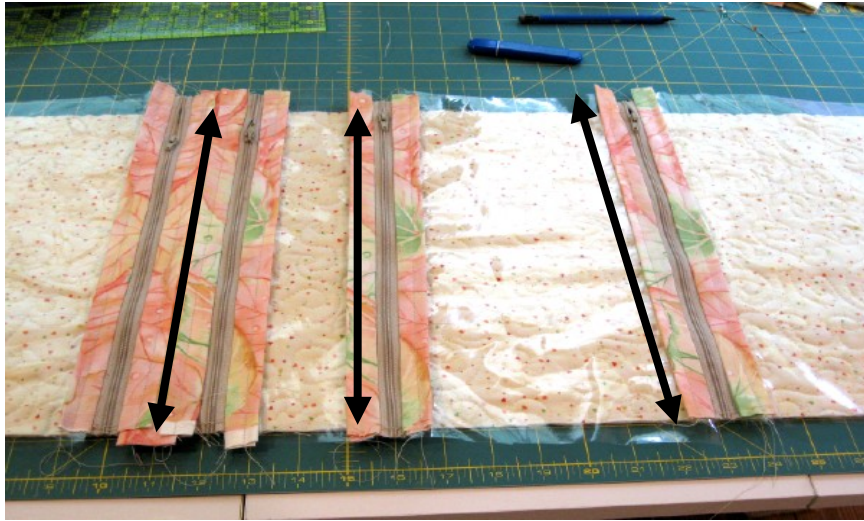
Step 10

Once you are comfortable with the placement, baste in place, then trim away extra vinyl and fabric.

Step 11

Make pockets by sewing together in three places (as indicated in the photo below)

- between the zipper one and zipper two (this should be covering the first mark made in the quilted fabric)
- on the left topstitch line of Zipper three
- $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the left of zipper four (you should easily see the marked line through the vinyl)



Step 12

I made small ties from the fabric. You could use Ribbon as well. Center one tie on the outside of the short edge of the bag (this will be the top when folded).



Bind as you would a quilt with the 3 strips of Fabric B. I sewed the binding to the inside and hand stitched the outside. The first one I made I machine stitched to the right side and had problems feeding the vinyl on the bottom.

Once bound, I folded the bag as it would be when folded, and marked / placed the other tie on the seam at the other fold. Then Stitch this in place and you are ***DONE!!*** Enjoy.

