

Happy Travels Wallet Tutorial





Materials:

sewing machine

cutting mat

ruler

scissors

rotary cutter (optional)

pins

2-3 coordinating fabrics

36 in. double fold extra wide bias tape
(or make your own, I use the Clover
1 inch bias tape maker)

2 buttons, 1 or about 1.5 inches

1 elastic hair band

1-zipper, 6 inches

1 inch webbing or sturdy ribbon for the handle (38-58 inches, length depends on user)

interfacing (I used Pellon Heavyweight Fusible #9311D)

disappearing ink pen (found in notions section of fabric store)



Step 1--Wash and press fabric and cut the following:

From fabric #1 AND from interfacing

1-8 inch square

1-4x8 inch piece

1-5.5x8 inch piece

With medium hot iron, fuse interfacing to the backs of the same size pieces.

From Fabric #2 AND from interfacing

1-8 inch square

1-4x8 inch piece

1-5.5x8 inch piece

With medium hot iron, fuse interfacing to the backs of the same size pieces.

From fabric #2

2-3x1.5 inch pieces

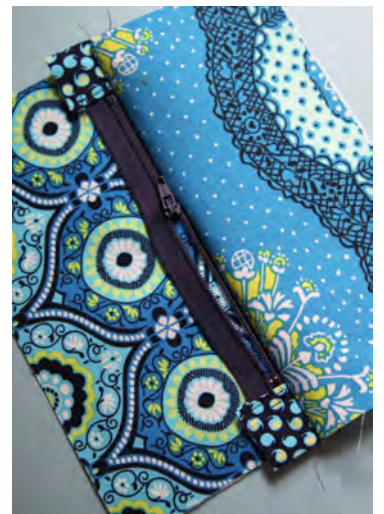


Step 2--make bias tape from fabric #3 if desired, follow manufacturers directions on package of bias tape maker OR just use purchased bias tape



Step 3--Iron zipper tabs and prepare zipper. Please refer to the following tutorial on Flossie Teacakes to put in this type of zipper:

<http://flossieteacakes.blogspot.com/2009/05/lined-zippered-pouch-make-up-bag.html>



Keep following Flossie Teacakes wonderful tutorial, using these photos to help guide you.



Once you have the first side of the zipper in place, press both sides to look like the next photo.



Topstitch along edge of zipper.



Continuing with the on-line tutorial, sew the other side of the zipper in place, press and topstitch.

Step 10-Your zipper pouch will now look like this:

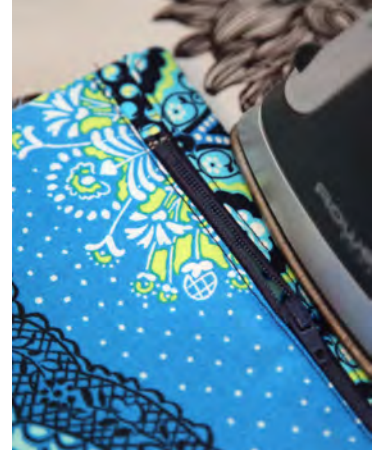
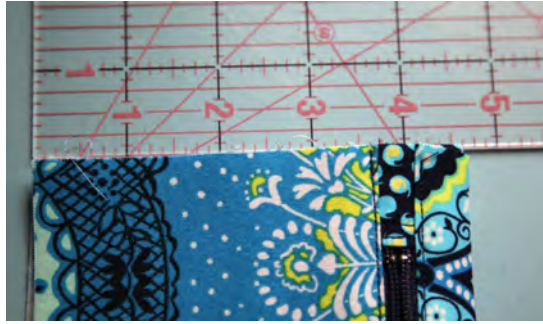


Left shows front view.

Right shows back view.



Step 5-Fold the larger portion of the bag behind the smaller portion (the bottom edges should line up), the fold should be at about 4.5 inches, press well to crease.



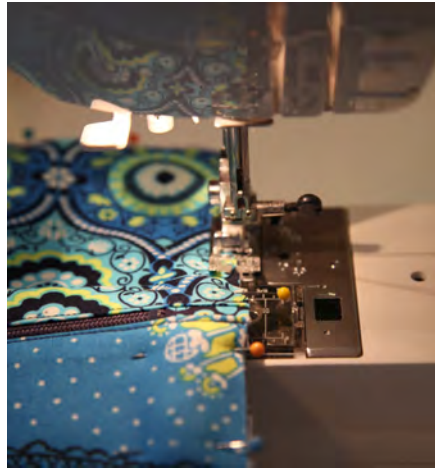
Step 6-Place both 8 inch squares wrong sides together on top of one another.



Step 7-Place zipper pouch on top of 8 inch squares, lining up bottom edges and pin in place



Step 8-Zigzag stitch around entire outside edge of bag.



Step 9-Iron top flap over so crease is at 5 inches, press well for a nice crease.



Step 10--Attach your binding all the way around the edge as though you are binding a very small quilt. Use quilting corners, turn bias tape to inside (if you are not familiar with binding a quilt, there are several on-line tutorials that are very helpful)



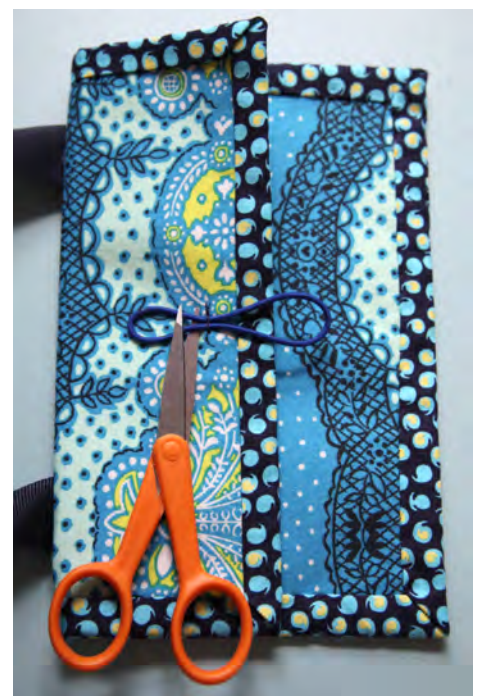
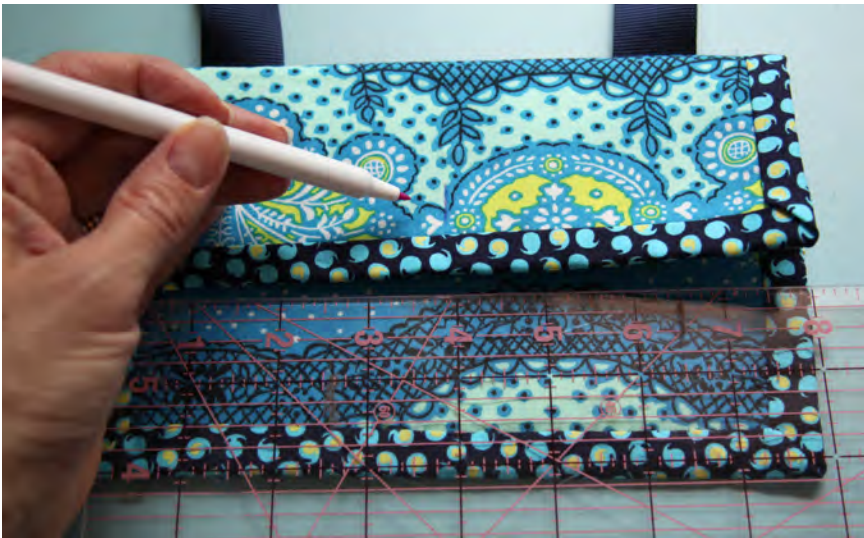
Step 11-Pin binding in place. Then, using an invisible stitch, hand stitch around the entire bag (if you are unfamiliar with this step there are several on-line tutorials)



Step 12-Cut desired length of handle from the webbing or ribbon. I recommend 37/38 inches for a child and at least 50 inches for an adult. It is best to measure on the person who will be using the wallet. Position one end of the strap one inch from the outside of the bag at the fold, pin and sew in place. Be careful not to sew into the zipper section. Attach the other end of the handle in the same way, careful not to twist the strap.



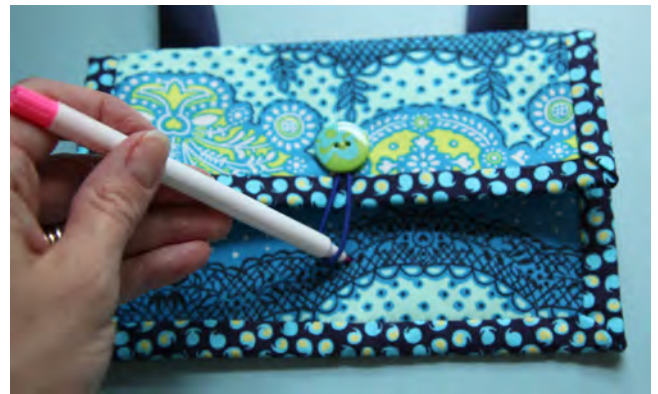
Step 13-You are almost done. Mark with disappearing ink at 4 inches to attach the binder and buttons. Pinch the binder and machine stitch at 4 inch mark, clip off extra at top.



Step 14-Sew button in place on top of binder.



Step 15-Mark and sew on the final button.



You are finished! Happy Travels!



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