



## Easy as Pie Zipper Case



There's no reason to be afraid of zippers when you let your embroidery machine do the stitching! In the final "In the Hoop" Academy project, you'll see just how easy zippers can be!

# *Let's get started!*

## **Gather your supplies:**

- 5x7 hoop
- Tearaway stabilizer
- Fat quarter or ½ yard of cotton fabric
- 5" x 7" piece of lightweight fusible interfacing
- 1 -7" zipper
- 1 - 2" length of ½" or 5/8" grosgrain ribbon
- 1 – Pickle Pie Designs ½" clasp or ½" D-ring

## **Prepare your materials:**

- Cut your fabric as follows:
  - 1 – 5" width x 2" length
  - 1 – 5" width x 10" length
  - 2 – 5" width x 7" length
- Fold/Press:
  - Fold and press the 5" x 2" piece to 5" x 1"
  - Fold and press the 5" x 10" piece to 5" x 5"
- Fuse:
  - Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of one 5" x 7" piece of fabric.
- Hoop a piece of tearaway stabilizer.

## Get ready to stitch!

1. Sew the first set of stitches onto your stabilizer to create a zipper placement line on the stabilizer.



2. Place your zipper within the zipper placement line, making sure both ends of the zipper are well outside of the ends of the placement line. Tape the zipper down on all four sides.



3. Sew the next set of stitches to stitch the zipper in place. Remove the tape from the long edges only, leaving tape on the ends of the zipper to hold it down.



4. Take the 5" x 1" folded fabric. Align the fold directly above the zipper teeth. Tape in place along the sides of the fabric.



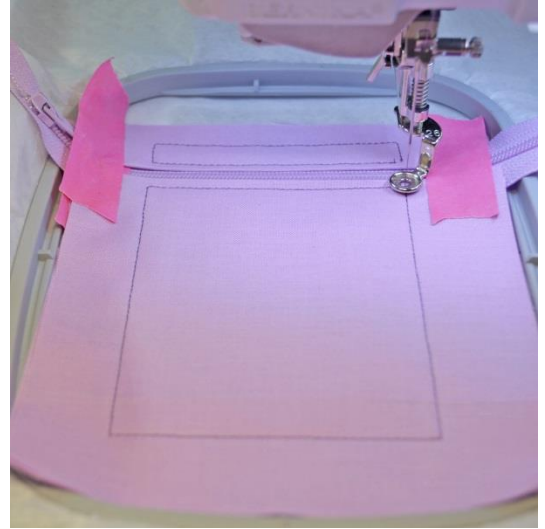
5. Sew the next set of stitches to tack the fabric in place.



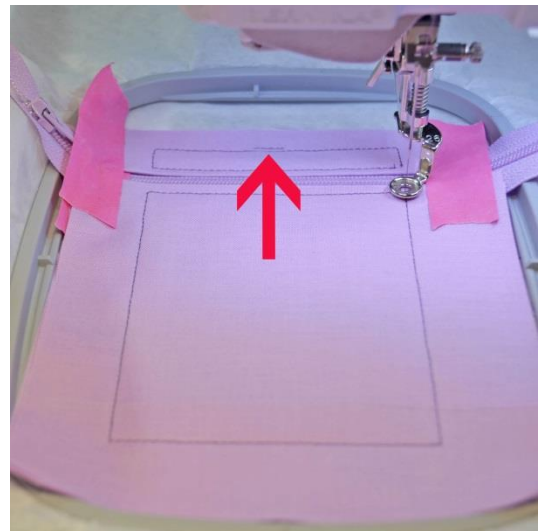
6. Take the 5" x 5" folded fabric. Align the fold directly below the zipper teeth. Tape in place along the sides and bottom of the fabric.



7. Sew the next set of stitches to tack the fabric in place.



8. Sew the next set of stitches to create a placement line for your ribbon tab.



9. Unzip the zipper 2/3 of the way as indicated by the red arrow. Be sure to tape the end of the zipper tape back down on the left side.





10. Take your ribbon and fold it in half. Slide a clasp or D-ring into the fold of the ribbon.



11. Place the folded ribbon over the placement line that was created in step 8. The ribbon ends should extend  $\frac{1}{2}$ " over the placement line, with the raw edges toward the top of the hoop. Tape the ribbon in place above the placement line, making sure the clasp or D-ring is placed well within the lines of stitching so the needle won't stitch over it in a subsequent step.



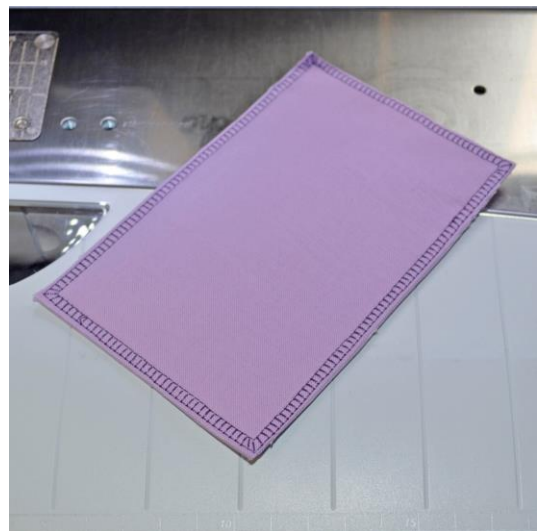
12. Take the 5" x 7" piece of fabric that has been fused with interfacing and center it, face down, over the hoop. Take the final piece of fabric and place it, face up, over the previous piece. Tape in place on all four sides.



13. Sew the next set of stitches to complete the stitching.



14. Remove the project from your hoop. Trim any thread tails on the back of the case. Remove all of the tearaway stabilizer and trim around outside edges of the case.



15. Turn the project inside out through zipper. Poke out the corners and press.

Congratulations on making your first “in the hoop” zipper bag! Wasn’t that fun?!



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