

**Level:** Confident Beginner

**Class Date:** January 12, 2021

## ***Sew Along LIVE Series: Cork or Vinyl No-Turn Fully Lined Zipper Bag***

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### **WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

We love cork, vinyl and other very stiff fabrics, but if we need to sew a seam and then turn it right side out, it can be a bit tricky. It is either way too stiff to turn, the corners are bulky and rounded, or the stitching (thread) shows and looks like it might burst, just to name a few of the problems you might encounter. So, to rid ourselves of these issues, I came up with this cute zipper bag where there is no turning of the heavy, stiff fabric, just a simple binding of the edges and a quick and easy way to insert the zipper and you are done. This is a sew along class, and you will need to have everything cut and ready to start sewing, but it will also be taped for you to watch at your convenience. The finished purse is about 9 inches wide by 6.5 inches tall, but you can make it any size once you understand the concept.

Before class you will need to have your lining fabric pressed and starched (Best Press, Terial Magic or fabric starch), then cut one 9 by 13 piece for the inside lining and zipper accent pieces, and two 2 ½ by 8 inch pieces for the side binding. The side pieces need to be pressed in half to form two 1 ¼ by 8-inch side pieces. If you are using thin cork fabric, fuse it to a piece of Decovil or Decovil light for more stability. I used Marine Vinyl which is very thick and did not need any backing.

### **SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):**

- Sewing machine in good working order, must be able to move your needle left and right and have a zig zag stitch
- New size 90 universal or Jeans needle
- Good quality thread to match your lining fabric, I prefer polyester for this bag.
- ¼ inch foot, one with an edge guide works the best for this bag (optional, but you need to sew accurately for things to come out right)
- Edge joining foot, this is a foot with an opening to move the needle full left or right and has a guide bar in the center (optional, but really handy for straight topstitching)
- Open toe foot (optional, but it comes in handy)
- ¼ inch wash away basting tape (make sure it is wash away tape, read to make sure you can sew through it, there are many brands of basting tape that you cannot sew through)
- Clips (no straight pins here)

- Heavy/thick Cork or vinyl fabric, 9 inches wide by 12 inches tall. When using light-weight cork, I will fuse Decovil or Decovil Light on the back for stability.
- Lining fabric, one 9 wide by 13 tall for the inside lining, and two 2.5 inch by 8 inch side binding pieces. Press the binding pieces in half lengthwise to make two 1 ¼ inch by 8 inch side pieces. Pressing with a Best Press or Terial magic will help stabilize the lining fabric for ease in sewing.
- 14 inch or longer dress weight nylon coil zipper (no invisible or metal teeth zippers). You could use a heavier purse weight zipper if you want, just cut your side binding pieces 1 inch longer to compensate for the wider zipper tape.
- Fabric marking pen
- Scissors to cut the zipper
- Seam gauge or ruler for measuring
- Tape: clear, masking or painters-it is just to hold the zipper down to a mat for accurate placement
- Gridded mat - can be a small mat, just to help accurately place the zipper.
- Old fork (optional, but helps with putting on the zipper pull which we will be removing...)
- Any other favorite sewing notion