

## DRESSING A ZIPPER

By accident, playing with a zip - a light bulb moment occurred. I thought I would share this technique. I added in a couple of extra steps before I sewed the zip onto a bag or pouch.



I am using a #5 zipper but this technique can be used on all sizes and all bags. I also used this method before adding the zipper tabs. Use your zipper foot for sewing zips.

\* I cut 1" strips of fabrics to the same length of your zip. I used my lining fabric and would suggest using quilting cotton, lace or ribbon as heavier fabrics would bulk up your zip. These strips are not interfaced.

\* Fold and iron the fabric in half lengthways. Wrong sides together. Get a nice crisp edge.

\* Use double sided sticky tape or fabric glue onto the nylon part of the zip and place your fabric on each long edge of the zipper.



\* With the folded edge butt the fabric up against the zipper teeth and secure. I also used wonder clips to hold the outside two edges of the fabric and the edge of the zip together to make sure they didn't move or fold.

\* Using your zipper foot I moved my needle over to the left to -2.5 so the needle would be away from the zipper teeth but would catch just inside the fold of my fabric. Your machine setting may differ so please check.



\* Carefully sew along the one side of your zip moving your zipper pull when needed. Repeat this method for the other side.

\* Remember to move your needle position back to its normal position (0)

\* Add your zipper tabs as per the pattern instructions



\* You now have two additional layers to your zip. If you wish, baste all the outside edges to ensure these decorative layers do not move whilst sewing the outer and lining fabric to the zip.

\* Try using lace, ribbon or other decorative features to personalise your work.

Voila, you now have a decorative bespoke well dressed zipper