

Clear Plastic Project Bag Directions

Materials

- 80/12 needle @ 2.5 stitch length, Walking foot, Zipper foot
- 2 pieces #12 gauge vinyl cut 16" X 18". Vinyl width will produce 3 pieces. Have vinyl rolled for storage.
- Zipper 22" for large bag. Buy Zipper at least 7" longer than bag's width for zipper pull.
- 25 wonder clips. I also have had good luck with paper clips.

Fabric:

- Fusible interfacing for zipper casing
- Casing = cut 2 strips 16"x 2" (or 1.5" for smaller bags). Interface this fabric before cutting strips.
- Binding = about 72" x 2 1/4"

Construction for 16" x 16" bag (other sizes: 5"x 9.5", 5"x 7.5", 4.5"x 6")

- NOTE: do not remove the protective tissue from vinyl until all sewing is complete
- Fuse interfacing to casing strip. Cut to size. Sew one casing strip to the 16" side of vinyl (1/4" seam) finger press.
- Lay zipper face down on right side of casing's raw edge with zipper pull to the left. Leave 6" of zipper free. Sew with 1/8" seam.
- Lay second casing strip on back side of the zipper. Sew 1/4" seam this time. Finger press seam. Top stitch 1/8" just below zipper.
- Turn over to back side. Turn under 1/4" on lower edge. Top stitch then turn again and stitch the other side. Nice and flat.

- Lay 2nd piece of vinyl on cutting table. Square top piece right side up with 2nd vinyl piece below. Do not remove the tissue.
- Square the pieces to 16" x 16" or desired size. Starting at the top edge place clips to hold edge. Trim zipper (be sure to pull zipper tab to middle!!!!).
- Square bottom. Place clips all around to hold vinyl in place.

Binding

- Begin 3" from right top corner. Stop 1 inch from casing. Stitch – keep clips on. Trim but keep piece for accurate measure. Finish sewing.
- Place clips all around fabric – finger press. Sew binding be sure to catch 1/8" or 1/16" on both sides.
- Zipper pull: Trim at least 6" of one zipper coil and pull loose threads. Pull coil through zipper tab and tie.