

Mini Clip Wallet

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Today's project is a handy mini clip wallet that I have enjoyed using instead of carrying a purse. A mini wallet is so handy for carrying essential cards or cash. This wallet utilizes a carabiner style clip to attach onto a belt loop (or tuck inside your pocket).

The small footprint is quite handy to use up your favorite fabric scraps. A DIY zipper pull is included in the instructions. The edges of the wallet are bound with bias tape for a neat finish. This little wallet is easy to wash and would be a cute gift to share with others. The wallet is unlined for a quick and lightweight option.

Materials:

- Mini wallet FRONT and BACK templates
- 6" X 9" piece of Quilting Cotton fabric (or smaller pieces of fabric scraps that fit the templates)
- 90/14 sewing machine needle
- 19" handmade bias tape, 1 3/8" wide (or one package 0.5" wide double fold, store bought bias tape)
- Carabiner clip
- 12" long zipper
- Fabric clips or sewing pins
- Zipper foot, E
- Knee lifter (or Knee Lift Bar)
- Skyline S9 Sewing Machine
- Iron, Awl, Thread, Rotary cutter



1. Prepare Fabric

1. Using the FRONT and BACK pattern templates, cut out fabric.
2. With the 19" length of bias tape, cut a 3" piece off this length (for the carabiner loop).



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2. Sew the Zipper

1. With the zipper down up, mark a line $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the left edge of the zipper.



2. Lay the FRONT fabric piece with the right side facing up.

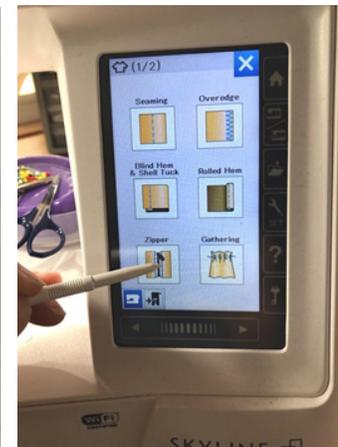
3. Move the zipper pull down past the fabric (so that it's out of the way while sewing).

4. Lay the zipper along the top of the FRONT edge.

Align the $\frac{1}{2}$ " marked line along the edge of the fabric.



5. Use the zipper short-cut (stored in the S9) to quickly move the needle position to the left side:



6. With the zipper foot (and a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance) sew the zipper to the fabric along the top of the wallet.

7. Flip the zipper up and iron the seam.

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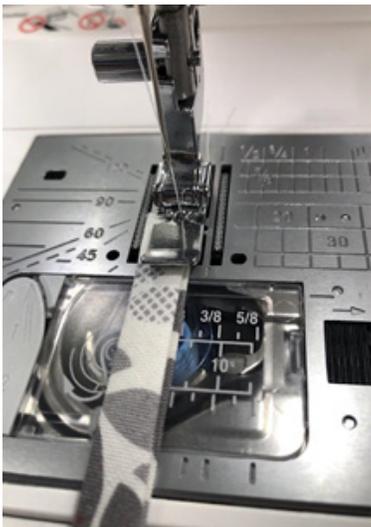
8. Top stitch this seam (at a 2.7 stitch length), moving the needle position to center.



3. Carabiner loop:

1. If using handmade bias tape, iron the bias tape into a lengthwise double fold.

2. At a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance, sew the loop along the open side.



3. With the FRONT piece facing up, align the carabiner loop (folded in half) under the zipper tape.

4. Baste the loop in place with an $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance (I like to use the BASTING short-cut in the machine at this step).



4. Assembly:

1. Flip the FRONT over with the wrong side facing up.

2. Lay the BACK piece on top with the right side facing up (the FRONT and BACK piece will have the wrong sides facing each other).

3. Align the pieces along the bottom edge and pin or clip in place.

4. With the BACK facing up, mark the top left and right curves along the zipper (to trim).

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5. Trim the zipper along the curved edges. Save the longer piece of zipper tape that is trimmed for the zipper pull.

6. Using the zipper foot, at a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance BASTE around the edges of the wallet. Make sure the zipper pull is at the center of the wallet before starting this step. Use the knee lift bar to raise the foot around the curves while keeping your hands on the fabric.



5. Sew Bias Tape:

1. Flip the wallet over so that the BACK is facing up.
2. Lay the bias tape along the right edge of the wallet at the loop location (the loop is under the wallet). The right side of the bias tape is facing the right side of the BACK.
3. Flip the top edge of the bias tape over.

4. At a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the bias tape around the edges of the wallet. Use the knee lift bar around the corners to raise and lower the presser foot without taking your hands off the fabric. Slightly pull the bias tape around the wallet as you sew. The awl is also helpful to flatten the bias tape around the corners. Move the zipper pull out of the way as you sew the top seam.

5. When you have sewn past the start of the seam, trim the bias tape to shorten the length.



6. Trim around the edges of the wallet. This will help neaten the finish after the bias tape is folded around the edges.

7. Turn the wallet over so that the FRONT is facing up. Flip around the bias tape to the front.

8. Fold bias tape around the edges and clip in place.

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9. At the overlap location, gently fold under the edges of the bias tape for a smooth overlapped seam. Fold up the loop on top of this seam and clip in place. As you stitch this area you will secure the loop on top of the bias tape seam.

10. Starting at the Loop location, stitch around the bias tape. Pull the loop outward as you sew. I like to use the “right side” zipper pre-set in my machine to quickly move the needle position to the left (before starting the seam).

11. Raise and lower the presser foot as needed when sewing on top of the loop.



12. Move the zipper as needed around the top edge of the wallet. Stitch twice on top of the carabiner loop to reinforce this area.

13. Iron the bias tape and seams along the front and back of the wallet.

14. Clip the carabiner to the loop.

6. Zipper pull:

1. Take the trimmed, longer length of zipper tape and pull the coil apart.



2. On one of the pieces of zipper tape, trim the tape off so that you only have the zipper coil remaining. Pull off any extra strings of the tape by hand. You could save the second piece of zipper tape for a future zipper pull.

3. Thread this coil through the end of the zipper pull.

4. Pull the ends of the coil together so that they are aligned and the center loop is in the middle of the zipper pull.

5. Loop the ends of the coil around your finger and tie a knot. Pull this knot tightly.

6. ENJOY!

