Recycled Coffee Pouch

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Supplies:

- Empty coffee bag
- 16” long zipper
- 90/14 sewing machine needle (an older, used needle works great for this project)
- Fabric clips
- Zipper foot, E
- Walking foot
- Knee lift bar
- Skyline S9 sewing machine
- Thread (matching or contrasting thread)
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Fine point, permanent marker

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Tips:

- The seam allowance varies at each step. Note the suggested seam allowance throughout the instructions.
- Use the forward and back stitch at the start and end of each seam.
- As you're sewing around the zipper seam, leave the needle in the down position. This will help hold your seam in place as you adjust around the curve.
- The sample bag was not large enough to fit around the open free arm on the machine.
- Be careful that you don't sew the top of the pouch closed as you sew around you around the zipper.
- It is possible to tear the bag while adjusting the seam at the zipper. If this happens, go back over the seam at the tear, at a larger seam allowance.
- The Knee lift bar (that comes with the Skyline S9) is very handy to use with this project.

Prepare the pouch:

Decide your preferred orientation of the pouch. Do you want to add the zipper to the top or the side? For this tutorial we will be adding the zipper to the top (but you could select either orientation for your pouch). The top zipper orientation allows for a quicker project with less seams to sew.

- Cut (2) lining pieces 16" x 16" (cotton fabric)
- Cut (2) zipper tabs 2" x 1.5"

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1. Cut off the bottom of the bag with a rotary cutter.
2. Cut off the top of the bag, just below the vacuum seal. Save the top of the bag for making the zipper tab (at a later step).

3. Keep the pouch as is with the right side facing out.
4. Attach the Zipper Foot to the sewing machine.
5. Pull out the Extension Table from the sewing machine.
6. The coffee bag is an open loop (now open at the top and bottom of the bag). Folding the bag flat, finger press the left and right side edges flat.

7. Mark the left and right center locations of the pouch with the fine point permanent marker. The right center edge is shown marked in the photo below with a black mark at the top center crease.

Instructions

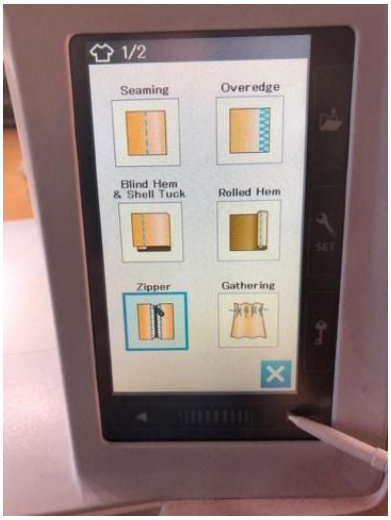
Baste pre-set stitch:

Select the baste stitch. The baste stitch will be used for all of the sewing with this project. It is a handy stitch that prevents the material from being perforated and tearing. The following is a nice shortcut to the baste stitch, included in the Janome SkylineS9.

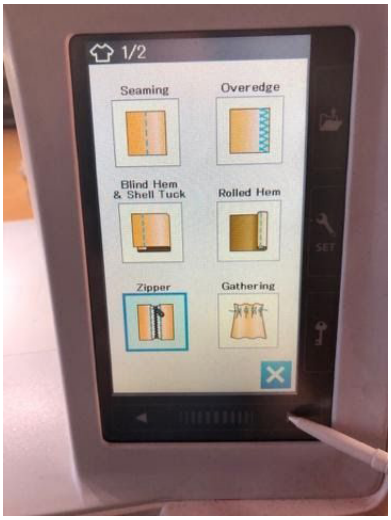
1. Select the Garment Icon:

2. Select the white, right arrow below the screen:

3. Select the Basting Icon:

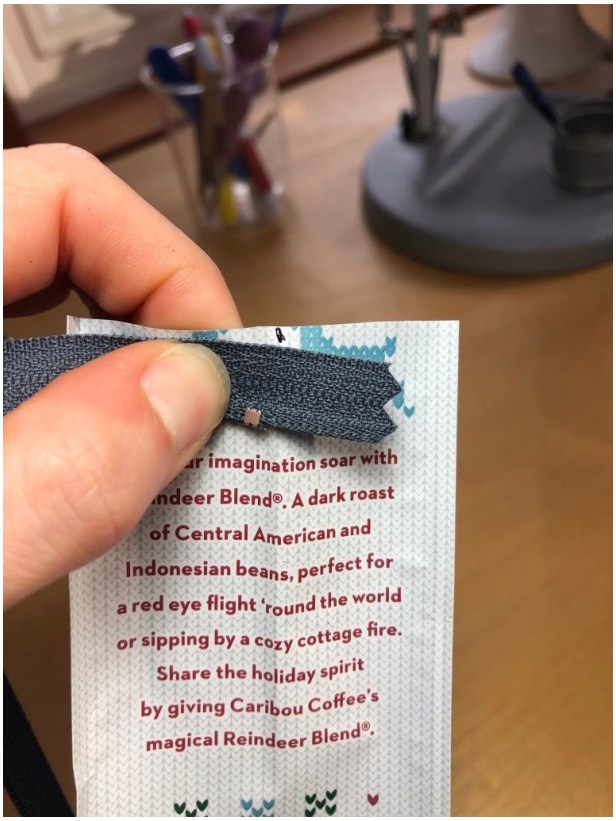


4. Select the Auto Baste Stitch



Sew the zipper:

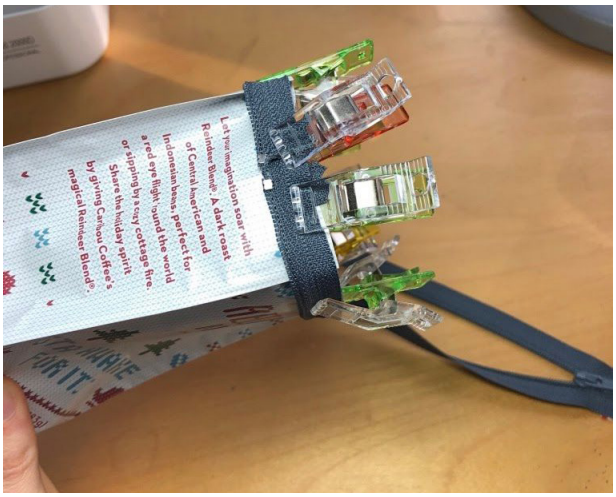
1. Unzip the zipper. The zipper will be sewn around the top of the pouch in a U shape.
2. Flip the zipper over so the wrong side of the zipper tape is facing out. The right side of the zipper tape will be clipped touching the right side of the coffee pouch, with the raw edge facing up.
3. Lay the first zipper tape so that the starting zipper stop is 1/8” away from the left side, center mark (shown in the photo below).



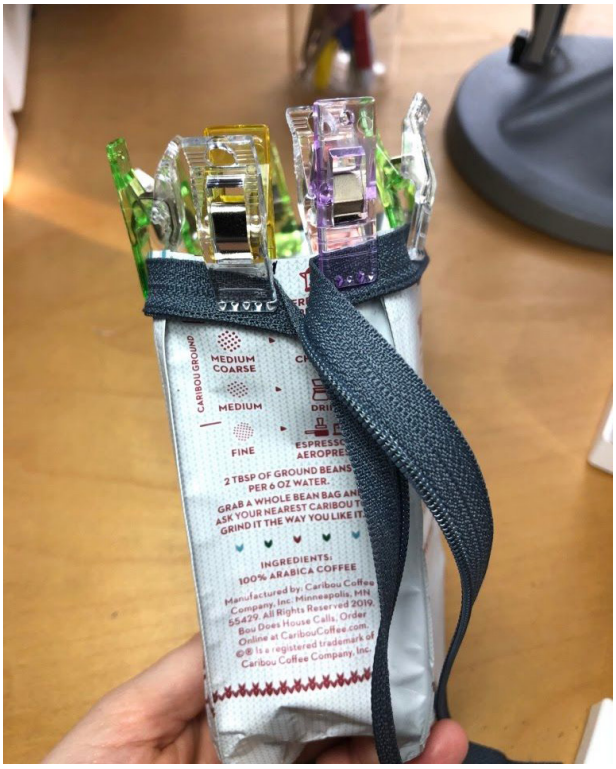
4. Pull the end of the zipper tape up to make a folded triangle and clip in place.

5. Clip this side of the zipper tape around the top edge, stopping at approximately ½" from the right side, center mark.

6. Repeat steps 3 - 5 for the other side of the pouch.



7. The two metal starting edges of the zipper stop (at the left side) will be approximately 1/4” apart with the zipper tape over lapping (shown in the photo above).
8. On the right side of the pouch, leave room between the marked center and the zipper tape. The zipper stop end will be longer than the pouch (extending past the pouch).



9. Turn the pouch so that the zipper stop is at the top (extending above the free arm). You will be sewing with the zipper tape on top and the coffee pouch on the bottom of the seam.

10. At a 1/4” seam allowance (and with the baste stitch selected) stitch around the zipper tape. The seam will be a U shape around the top of the pouch (with the seam starting at one zipper stop end and ending at the other zipper stop end). Start stitching 1/2” below the right side seam mark.

11. Fold the top edge down toward the inside of the bag.
12. Flip the zipper tape end around, through the center zipper loop.
13. Zip the zipper closed (to test your seam).

Sew the bottom of the pouch:

1. Open up the zipper, moving the zipper pull past the coffee bag portion of the pouch.
2. Turn the pouch inside out.
3. Fold the left and right sides of the pouch flat, creasing the left and right sides.

4. Remove the zipper foot, install the walking foot, and reinstall the Extension Table.
5. At a 3/8” seam allowance, sew along the bottom of the pouch.

Make sure to keep the longer zipper stop end out of the way as you sew the corners in the following steps:

6. Open up a corner of the pouch so that the bottom seam is in line with the side edge of the pouch. Make sure the bottom seam is laying flat (and is not twisted).
7. Mark a 2” triangle with the fine point, permanent marker. Repeat this step for the other corner of the pouch.

8. Sew along each of the two marked corner edges.

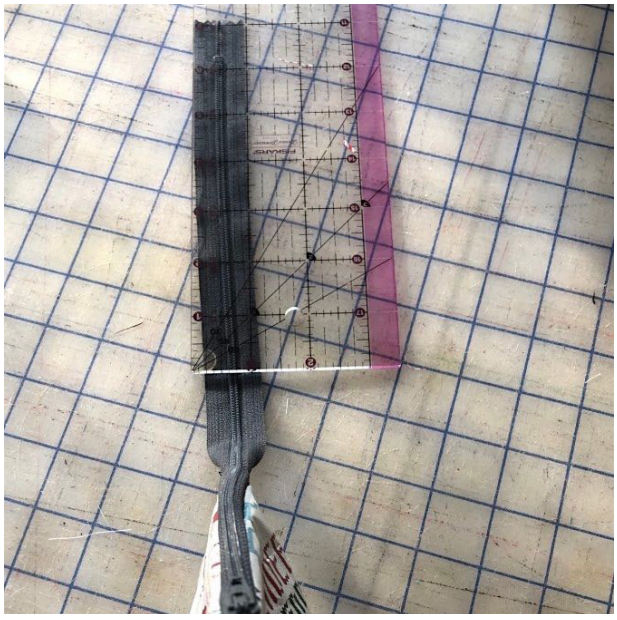
9. Trim off the sewn triangle corners, leaving approximately 1/4” of material.

10. Carefully turn the pouch right side out.

Sew them zipper tab:

1. With the saved top portion of the coffee bag, cut a rectangle 2 1/2” long by 1” wide.

2. Shortening the zipper stop, cut off the end so that 2” of zipper tape extends past the coffee pouch. For the sample, I cut off 7”. Save this cut zipper tape (for the zipper pull).



3. Fold the rectangular zipper tab around the cut end of the zipper tape. The raw edge of the zipper tape should be inside the rectangle (to enclose this raw edge).

4. Sew a square around the zipper tab.

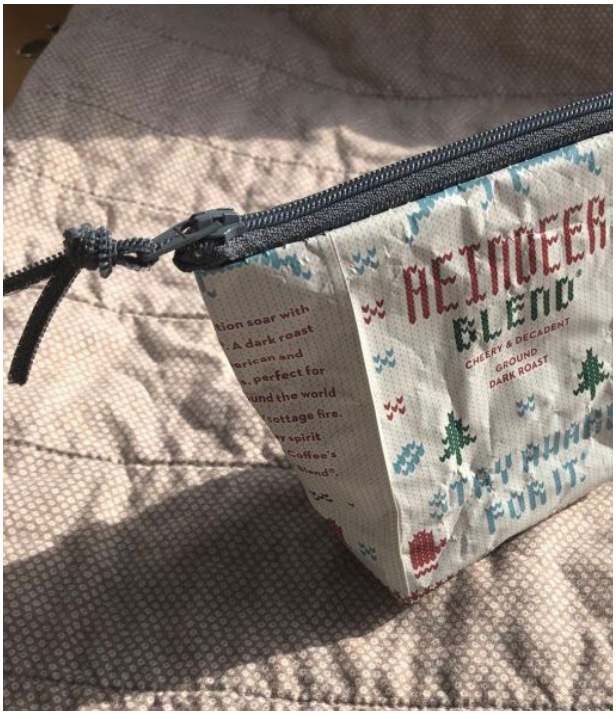
Zipper pull:

1. Take the trimmed zipper tape and pull the coil apart, by hand.

2. Trim the tape off one of the two pieces with a rotary blade. Discard the zipper tape so that only the zipper coil remains.

3. Pull off or trim any extra zipper tape strings from the coil.
4. Trim off the top edge of the tape (where the zipper teeth stops).

5. Thread the coil through the end of the zipper pull.

6. Pull the ends of the coil together so that the center loop is in the middle of the zipper pull.
7. Loop the ends of the coil around your finger and tie a knot. Pull the knot tightly.

8. Enjoy your finished, recycled coffee pouch!!