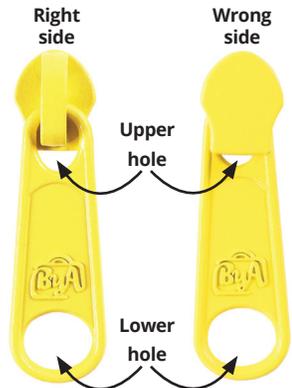


# Zipper Pulls

Add convenience, style, and the perfect finishing touch to any handmade bag with a custom fabric or ribbon Zipper Pull. Quick and easy to make, pulls may be attached to the zipper slides in a variety of ways.

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**NOTE:** For clarity in this pattern, Zipper Pull will refer to the fabric or ribbon that is attached to the zipper. The part of the zipper to which it will be attached will be referred to as the zipper slide. The zipper slide has right and wrong sides as shown at right.



## FOR EACH ZIPPER PULL YOU WILL NEED:

- Fabric — 1" x 10½"-12"
  - ◊ Alternatively, cut a 10½"-12" piece of ¼" to ⅜" decorative ribbon or ultrasuede and skip to step II.
- Thread to match fabric
- OPTIONAL: 12mm/½" bias tape maker\*
- OPTIONAL: Clear raw edge sealant such as Fray Check™, Fray Block™, or clear nail polish

\* Available at [www.ByAnnie.com](http://www.ByAnnie.com)

## I. PREPARE ZIPPER PULL

### A. Cut

#### From desired fabric cut:

- Zipper Pull — 1" x 10½"-12"
 

**TIP:** If you need several pulls, save time by cutting a 1" x 42" piece of fabric. Follow step B below to fold and stitch the entire piece. Then cut into quarters to make four 10½" pulls.

### B. Make Zipper Pull

**NOTE:** Here are two easy ways to make a Zipper Pull. If you have a ½" bias tape maker, we recommend Method 1. It is quickest, easiest, and most finger-friendly!

#### 1. Method 1: The Bias Tape Maker Method

- a. Position a 12mm/½" bias tape maker with its flat/metal side down and its handle (if there is one) at the top.
- b. With its right side down, insert the 1" x 10½"-12" Zipper Pull (desired fabric) into the U-shaped opening on the open end of the bias tape maker (figure 1), centering it in the opening.

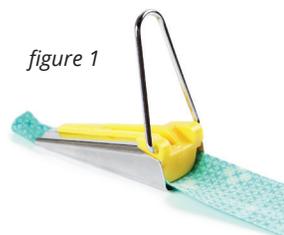
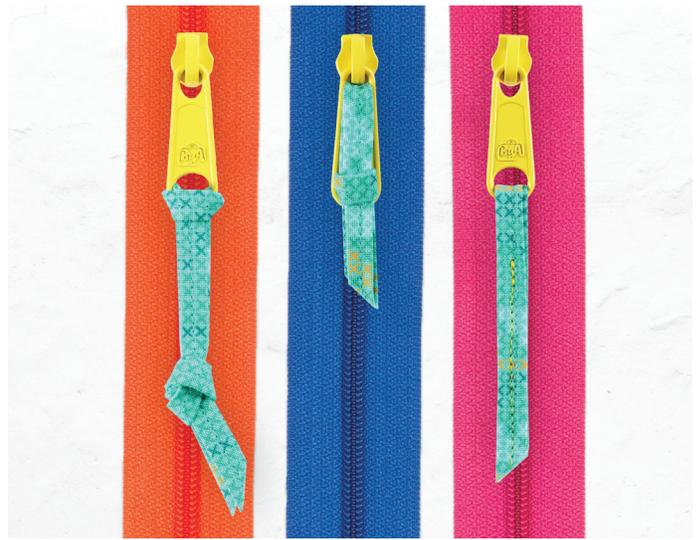


figure 1



Style A      Style B      Style C

- c. Push to guide the fabric into the opening and out the other side of the bias tape maker. **TIP:** Insert the tip of a stiletto or a large pin into the opening at the top of the tool to help move the fabric through the opening.
- d. As the fabric comes out of the narrow opening, the long raw edges will be folded toward the center, creating a ½" wide strip (figure 2). Position the iron over the fabric as it comes out of the tool to press these folded edges in place. Pull on the handle of the bias tape maker to move the tool along the fabric, following the tool closely with the iron. Keeping the fabric centered in the openings, continue until the entire strip has been pulled through the bias tape maker and the edges have been pressed to the center.

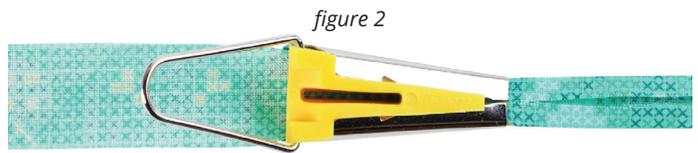


figure 2

- e. Fold in half and press, making a ¼" x 10½"-12" piece with its long raw edges hidden inside.
- f. Sew down the middle along the length of the pull to secure the layers (figure 3).



figure 3

#### 2. Method 2: The Hand Folded Method

- a. With right side out, fold the 1" x 10½"-12" Zipper Pull (desired fabric) in half lengthwise to ½" x 10½"-12". Press to mark the center.
- b. Open fabric so that the wrong side is up and bring each long raw edge to the pressed center line, again making a ½" x 10½"-12" piece; press to set.
- c. Fold in half and press, making a ¼" x 10½"-12" piece with its long raw edges hidden inside.
- d. Sew down the middle along the length of the pull to secure the layers.

## II. ATTACH ZIPPER PULL

**NOTE:** There are several ways to attach the Zipper Pull to the zipper on your project. Try them all or choose your favorite!

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to keep the fabric flat, without twisting, in each of these steps.

### A. Style A

- ❑ 1. With the best side out, fold the prepared Zipper Pull (fabric or ribbon) in half, bringing the ends together to form a loop (figure 4).

figure 4



- ❑ 2. Holding the ends of the Zipper Pull together, insert the ends from the **WRONG SIDE** into the **LOWER** (large) hole of the desired zipper slide (figure 5).

figure 5



- ❑ 3. Reach through the loop at the fold to grab the ends; pull the ends through the loop (figure 6).

figure 6



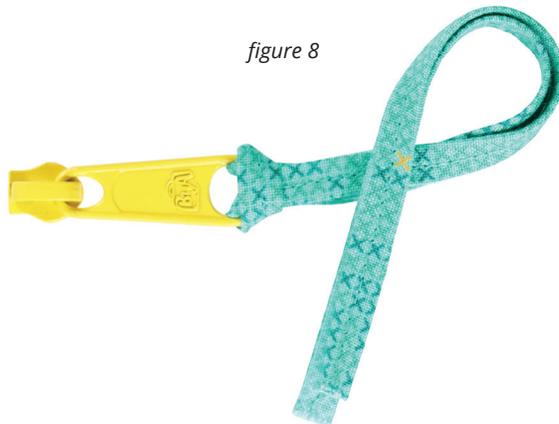
- ❑ 4. With the ends held together, pull on the Zipper Pull to tighten the folded end against the zipper slide (figure 7).

figure 7



- ❑ 5. If desired, tie an overhand knot toward the other end of the pull:
  - ❑ a. Create a loop in the end of the pull by holding the ends together and bringing them around and over the pull (figure 8).

figure 8



- ❑ b. From behind, bring the ends through the loop (figure 9).

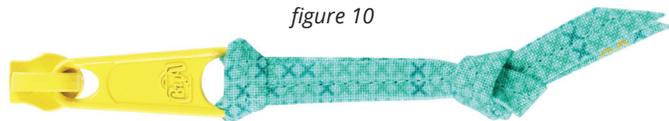
figure 9



- ❑ c. Pull tight on the ends, positioning the knot at the desired length.

- ❑ 6. Trim the excess fabric at an angle (figure 10). If desired, seal the raw ends with a bit of clear raw edge sealant.

figure 10



## B. Style B

- ❑ 1. With the best side out, fold the prepared Zipper Pull (fabric or ribbon) in half, bringing the ends together to form a loop. Trim the ends to a point.
- ❑ 2. Holding the ends of the Zipper Pull together, insert the ends from the **WRONG SIDE** into the **UPPER** (smaller) hole of the zipper slide, pulling about 2" of the Zipper Pull through the hole (figure 11).



figure 11

- ❑ 3. From the **WRONG SIDE**, insert the folded end of the loop into the **LOWER** (large) hole of the zipper slide, pushing it up about 1" (figure 12).

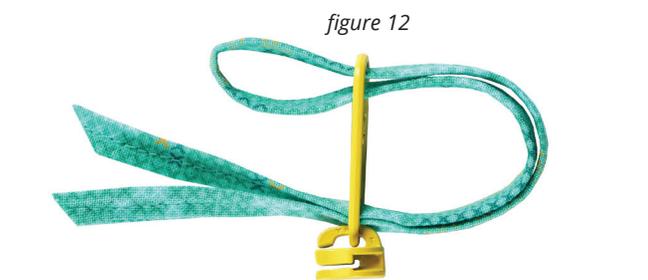


figure 12

- ❑ 4. Holding the ends of the Zipper Pull together, insert the ends through the opening in the loop (figure 13).

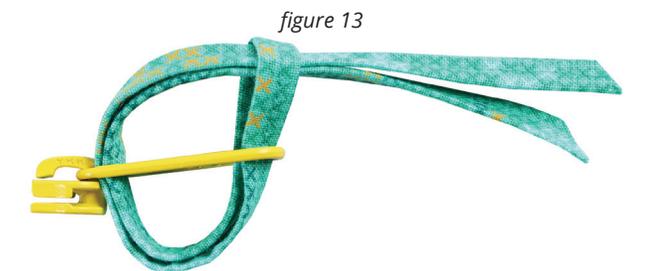


figure 13

- ❑ 5. Pull the fabric tight against the zipper slide (figure 14). If desired, tie an overhand knot in the end, referring to step II-A-5 (see figure 15).

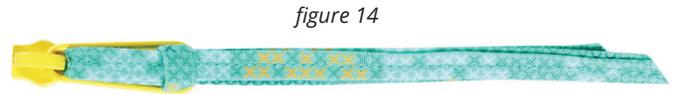


figure 14

- ❑ 6. Trim the excess fabric at an angle (figure 15). If desired, seal the raw ends with a bit of clear raw edge sealant.

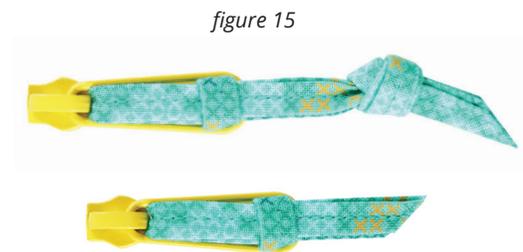


figure 15

## C. Style C

- ❑ 1. With best side down, insert one end of the prepared Zipper Pull (fabric or ribbon) from the **WRONG SIDE** into the **LOWER** (large) hole of the zipper slide.
- ❑ 2. Fold the pull, wrong sides together, aligning all edges. **TIP:** Use basting tape or a swish of glue from a washable glue stick to hold the layers together.
- ❑ 3. There are a number of ways to attach the pull:
  - ❑ a. Sewing along the previous line of stitching, stitch together, beginning at the end and sewing to about ½" from the zipper slide (see figure 16).
  - ❑ b. Stitch together, sewing along each side of the fabric or ribbon, starting at the end and sewing to about ½" from the zipper slide.
  - ❑ c. Sew across the fabric or ribbon about ½" from the end of the zipper slide.
- ❑ 4. Trim the Zipper Pull to the desired length, cutting straight across or at an angle (figure 16). If desired, seal the raw ends with a bit of clear raw edge sealant.

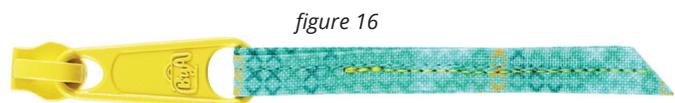


figure 16

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