



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	1 hour

These lips are sealed with a zip – or are those teeth? Tuck in lunch money and your favorite lip balm, then zip your lips to keep them safe. A little beauty mark at one corner doubles as a hanging loop for attaching a keychain or carabineer.

Supplies

Dual Duty XP® All-Purpose thread
1 Coats Sport zipper, 5" (12.7 cm), white
1 fat quarter, Red cotton fabric
7" x 10" (17.8 cm x 25.4 cm) Fusible web
1½" (3.8 cm) Black twill tape or ribbon, ¼" (.6 cm) - wide

Additional Requirements

Basic sewing supplies
Sewing machine including zipper foot

Steps

Note: Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6 cm).

1. Cut two 7" x 10" (17.8 cm x 25.4 cm) rectangles from the red fabric. Place the rectangles wrong sides together with the fusible web sandwiched between. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fabric layers together.
2. Cut two lip shapes from the fused fabric. Cut one of the shapes apart on the horizontal line, separating it into two sections.
3. Fold the twill tape in half and position it on the right side of the bag back (the full piece) at the dot. Match the raw edges. Baste the tape to the fabric $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.3cm) from the raw edges.
4. Center the upper lip on the zipper tape, right sides together, matching the straight raw edge to the edge of the zipper tape. Using the zipper foot on your machine, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6 cm) from the edge. Press the seam allowances away from the zipper and edgestitch the fabric near the seam.
5. Center the lower lip on the second zipper tape and stitch as before. Press and edgestitch.
6. Unzip the zipper halfway. Place the full lip shape on the assembled unit, right sides together. Stitch around the entire outer edge. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and clip to, but not through, the inside corner.
Optional: finish the raw edges with a zigzag, overcasting stitch, or serger. Fusing prevents fraying, so this step is not essential.
7. Trim the ends of the zipper tapes even with the fabric edges. Turn the lips right side out through the zipper opening, smoothing the curves into shape. Press the outer edges lightly to set the shape.

1" square -
use for size
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