



## How to Wrangle a #5 Zipper

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- About this
- This is primarily a picture tutorial of my solution to installing stiff #5 zipper tape or zippers. I 'm using the piece "F" from the fabulous Urban Tote Tutorial by Sue Cheek. I'm also following closely along with her directions found on pages 31 thru 34 of the tutorial except where I add my own tweaks. I'll try to point these out. There is no right or wrong way to install a zipper. There is only what works for you. So if any of this helps, feel free to make it yours but don't take my words for Gospel.

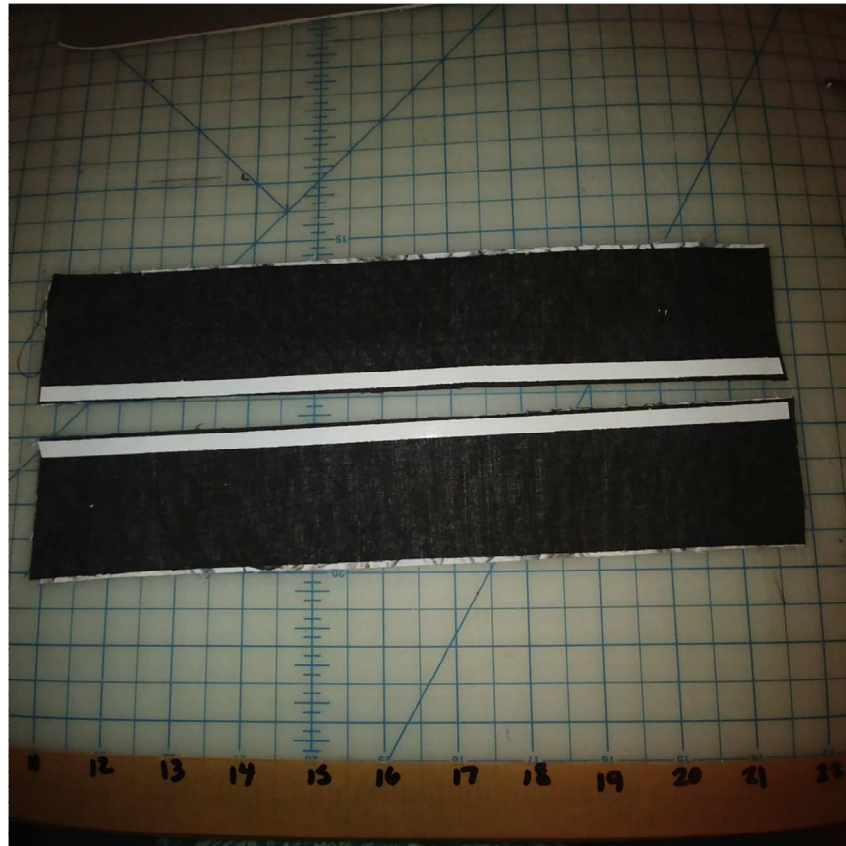
## Step 1

I start with 18 inches of zipper tape and two each outer and lining pieces. Lining pieces are interfaced with black SF101 so you can see where I place Double Sided Tape (DST).



## Step 2

Begin by placing DST along two wrong side edges of the lining pieces.



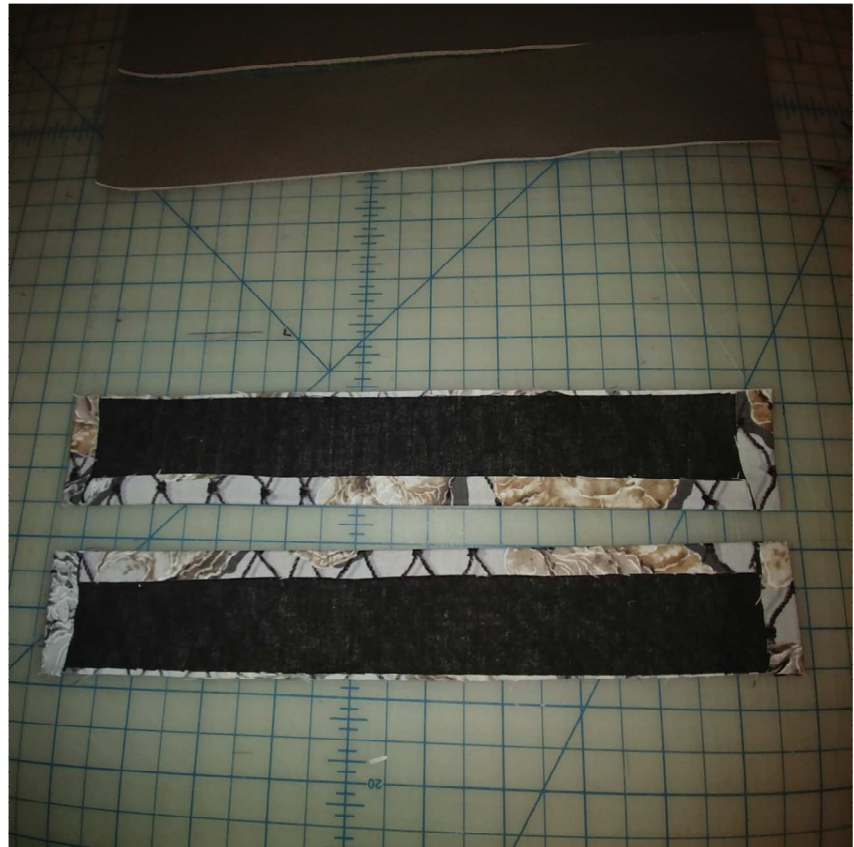
## Step 3

Fold the seam allowance over and place DSP on the edges of both ends.



## Step 4

Fold the seam allowance on all 4 ends.



## Step 5

Partially unzip your zipper and place it Right Side Down. Apply DST to the edges of the zipper tape on the wrong side. Include DST about 2 inches longer than the lining pieces.



## Step 6

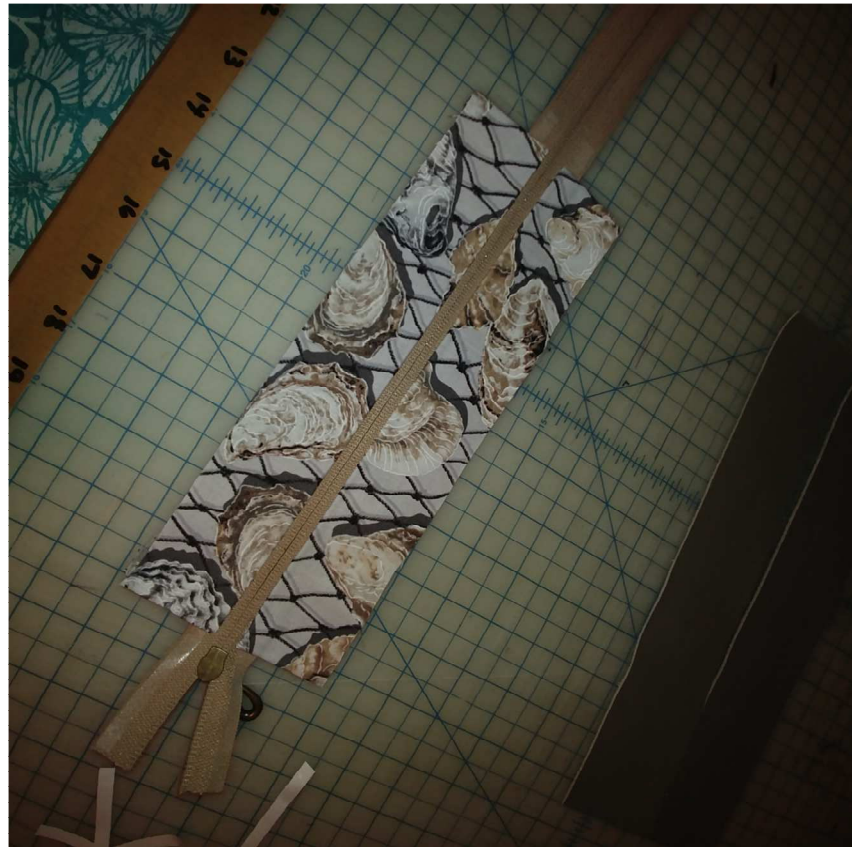
Apply your lining pieces to the back side of the zipper tape about 1/8 inch from the teeth.





## Step 7

Zip the zipper and make sure both sides are aligned the same. Adjust as necessary. Notice the extra zipper tape at the end.



## Step 8

Turn the zipper over and miter the zipper tape by folding it to attach zipper tape to short ends.

Turn your work over and make sure it looks nice on the lining side.



## Step 9

Apply DST to right side edges of zipper tape.



## Step 10

For the outer you can repeat what you did for the lining but since I'm using leather it's a little different.

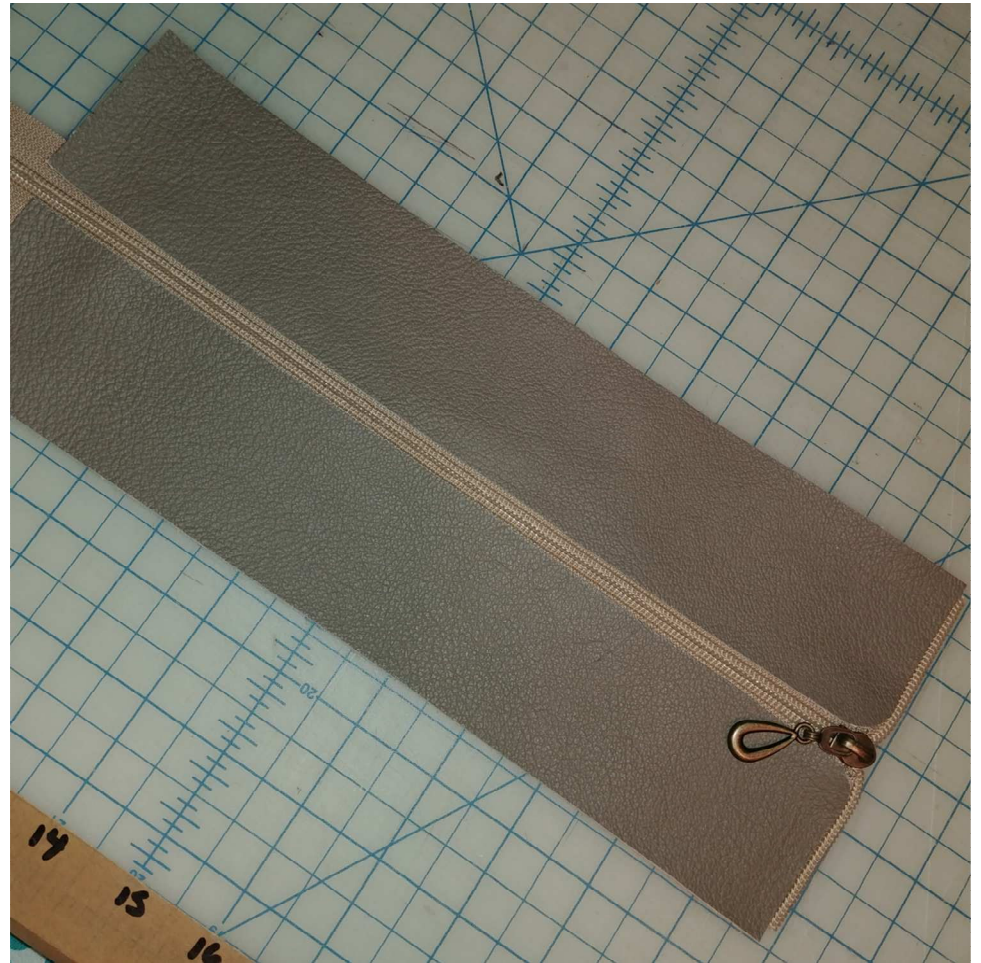
This leather is a little too thick to skive and a little too thick to apply typically. So, I am going to be leaving raw edges.

At the open end of the zipper, I round off the corners.



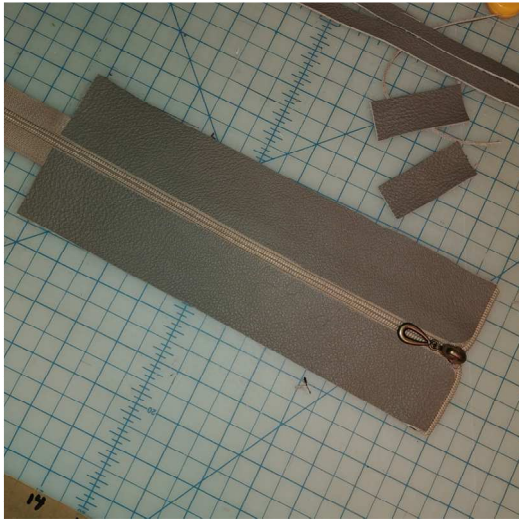
## Step 11

Remove the backing to the DST and position the outer like you did the lining, about 1/8 inch from the teeth so your zipper pull does not chew into the outer leather.



## Step 12

I had to cut away the seam allowances on the long edge and one short edge of the leather since I did not fold.



## Step 13

Top stitch each side, making sure you are catching the lining underneath.

Proceed as directed by your tutorial.

