



DUCK TAPE® brand duct tape Purse or Cosmetic Bag
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Create an easy and practical purse or cosmetic bag with Duck Tape® brand duct tape rolls and Sheets. This is a fun project for any age and makes a great gift!



READY

Supplies:

- 2 DUCK TAPE® Sheets, pattern of your choice
- 1 roll of DUCK TAPE® brand duct tape to match or coordinate with the sheets (for optional handle)
- 1 piece of Soft and Stable 9" x 21" for purse sides
- 1 strip of Soft and Stable ¾" wide by 32" long for handle
- 1 zipper 12" long or longer
- Sewing Thread in a compatible color
- Havel's® Teflon-Coated Serrated Scissors 8 ½" and 5 ½"
- Sewing machine needle: Stretch size 90/14
- Alcohol Swabs (to clean needle)



SET

1. Remove backing from Duck Tape® Sheets pulling from the short end about half way down the sheet first, place onto one side of the Soft and Stable. (Either side is fine as there is no right or wrong side to Soft and Stable.) Once half the sheet is in place, pull the rest of the paper off and continue sticking the sheet in place. (if you remove the entire paper backing at once, it is easy to get the sheet stuck to itself! (Ask me how I know this!))
 Cut the two stabilized sheets apart. These are the sides of the purse.



2. Unroll 32+" of tape with the sticky side up on your cutting table. Place the ¾" x 32" strip of Soft and Stable on the center of the tape and stick in place.
 Wrap the tape around the stabilizer to create handle.

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3. Insert a size 90 Stretch Needle, thread with sewing thread top and bobbin and set your sewing machine for straight stitch, stitch length 4-6 or zigzag width 4, length 4. Snap on non-stick (Teflon) presser foot. Stitch down the center of the strap for topstitched detail. Set handle aside.

Zipper: (Note, this bag could also be made by hemming or finishing the top edge and eliminating the zipper.)

4. Select left needle position straight stitch, length 4-6. Open the zipper and place one side of the zipper tape right sides together with one long side of the stabilized sheet. Stitch from the top end and use the non-stick presser foot. Straight stitch the zipper to the stabilized Duck Tape® Sheet.



5. Zip the zipper closed and place the other side of the tape right sides together with a long edge of the second stabilized sheet. Put one pin in place at the start of the zipper and unzip. Stitch the second side of the zipper.

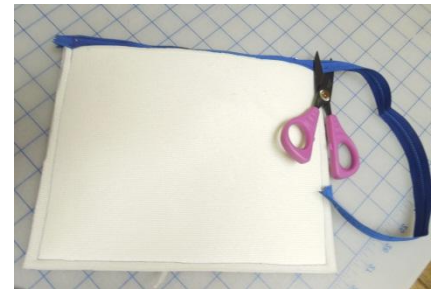


6. Optional: Topstitch both sides of the zipper along the fold next to the zipper from the right side catching the seam allowance on the underside as you stitch.

7. Open the zipper at the top of the purse (do not open beyond the side seam) before stitching the side seams on your purse so you can turn the purse right side out through this zipper opening.

(Note: If you do not put a zipper along the top edge of your bag, you can add a snap or hook and loop fastener later.)

8. Place the two stabilized sheets right sides together and stitch the side seams and bottom seam with a straight stitch, length 3-4. If your zipper has plastic teeth you can stitch right over them at each end then trim off the excess zipper. Turn the purse right side out.



9. Box the lower corners if desired by folding a triangle at both bottom corners matching side and bottom edge seams and stitching across the triangle about 3/4" from the point.

10. Place the purse over the sewing machine free arm and place the end of the handle on the side seam right side about 1/2" below the top edge. Stitch across the handle end. Repeat for the other side by stitching the other handle end in place.



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