

Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Hacks #1 - #5

2 Zippers and Zipper Tabs

Original Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Pattern can be found here-

<https://sewsweetness.com/2019/08/persimmon-dumpling-pouch>

Persimmon with 2 Zippers - Hack #1

Supplies

- Two zipper scraps that will be long enough for the size of pouch you are making.

Attach the Zippers

1. Cut the metal stops off the ends of 2 zippers, if your zippers have these.
2. Turn the open ends under and stitch in place, you will do this on both sides of the zipper tape on both zippers; so 4 times. Sara shows how to do this in the Clydebank Tote pattern or you could use my trick she showed on the October 27th Sewcial Sunday show, where she showed how to turn them 90°, at the 25:39 mark, <https://youtu.be/0gjQ88MfyVU>
3. After you turn the ends of the zipper under, you'll then mark the center of your Persimmon Dumpling Pouch, on both exterior and lining pieces.
4. Place the end of one zipper, the end you turned under, just at that center mark, not right on it because the other zipper needs to fit there too, right side of the zipper against the right side of your exterior fabric. Repeat for the zipper on the other half of the pouch. Sew the zippers in place. It will be a continuous row of stitching.



5. Then place your lining piece, right side down on top of the wrong side of the zippers. Pin in place and sew on top of your previous stitches.

6. Flip the fabrics so the wrong sides are touching, press and topstitch 1/8" away from the edge of the fabric.



7. Repeat Steps 4 - 6 for the other exterior and lining fabrics.



8. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



Persimmon with 2 Zipper Tabs - Hack #2

Make the Zipper Tabs

1. You will want to decide what length you want your zipper tabs to be. Once you know this, you'll multiply this by 4. So if you want them to be 2" long, then the final length will be 8".
2. Cut two zipper tabs from your exterior fabric, that are the length you figured out in step 1 by 1-1/4" wide.
3. Fold the zipper tab in half so that the short edges meet. Press.
4. Open up and fold the short edges to meet the crease. Press.
5. Fold everything in half. Press. You will now have created a piece of double fold bias tape that is 2" x 1-1/2".

Sew the Zipper tabs to the Zipper

6. Measure the curve of the Persimmon Pouch you are making. Trim your zipper to this length. If you are making the large size, you can use the length of zipper Sara recommends to use. It will be longer than needed, so you'll trim some off. You'll want to keep this in mind when choosing your zipper tab length.
7. Insert one end of the zipper into the zipper tab until it hits the crease. Pin in place.
8. Sew the zipper tab 1/8" away from the zipper.
9. Trim zipper tab to the width of the zipper.
10. Repeat steps 7 - 9 for the other side of the zipper.
11. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



*In the 1st picture the tab is 2" long, in the 2nd picture the tab is 3" long and in the 3rd picture the tab is 4" long.

Persimmon with Zipper Tabs that match the Exterior and Lining - Hack #3

Make the Zipper Tabs

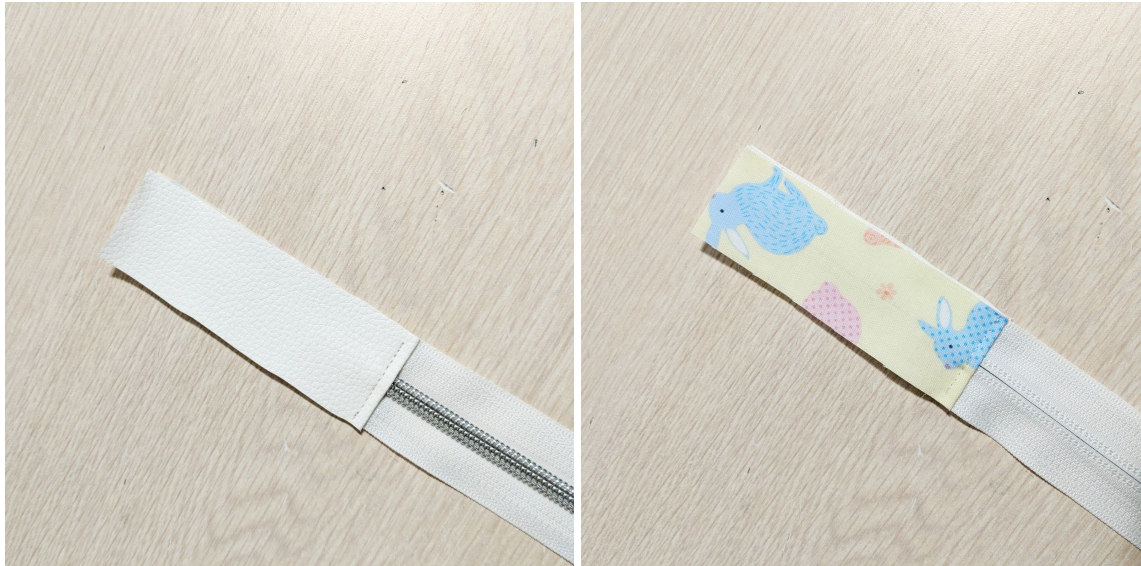
1. Cut 2 exterior and 2 lining zipper tabs 1-1/2" wide by the length you would like them to be and add 1/4" to the length.
2. Make a mark 1/4" away from one short edge. Press at this mark and then place pin to help hold it. Repeat this for the 3 other tabs.



Sew the Zipper tabs to the Zipper

3. Measure the curve of the Persimmon Pouch you are making. Trim your zipper to this length. If you are making the large size, you can use the length of zipper Sara recommends to use. It will be longer than needed, so you'll trim some off. You'll want to keep this in mind when choosing your zipper tab length.
4. Line up the short raw edge of your zipper tab with the raw edge of your zipper. Pin in place.
5. Sew 1/8" away from the zipper where the folded edge is.

6. Trim zipper tab to the width of the zipper.



7. Sew the sides and bottom of the tab using 1/8" seam allowance.

8. Repeat Steps 4-7 for the other side of the zipper.

9. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



Persimmon with One Zipper Tab - Hack #4

Make the Zipper Tabs

1. Make a zipper tab using either method from Hack #2 or Hack #3, but you'll only add it to one side of your zipper. No matter what size you are making, you'll want to use the size of zipper that Sara recommends.



Sew the Zipper tabs to the Zipper

2. Line up the short edge of the zipper tab with the bottom of the curved edge of the exterior panel. Pin in place.
3. Continue pinning the zipper all the way around the curve.



4. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



Persimmon with Accent on Zipper Tabs -Hack #5

Make the Zipper Tab Accents

1. Make the pouch as per Sara's instructions, up to where you attach the accent piece.
2. Use Hack #2 or Hack #3 to make your zipper tabs.
3. Mark the center of your zipper and center of your exterior and lining panels.
4. Pin the zipper to an exterior panel, starting by pinning the center first, then continuing pinning the rest of the way. You will not be sewing it.



5. Pin the zipper tab so it's folded in half. Make a mark on the zipper tab where the top of the accent is.



6. Unpin the zipper.

7. Measure from the bottom of the zipper tab to the mark you made. Add 1/8" to this total.

8. Cut 2 pieces of your accent fabric the length you got in Step 7 by 1-1/4" wide.

Attach the Zipper Tab Accents

9. Pin the accent fabric to the zipper tab, lining up the bottom short edges. The zipper tab accent will be 1/8" higher than the mark you made in Step 5. You will repeat this for both ends of the zipper.

10. Sew the accent piece using 1/8" seam allowance all the way around. You will repeat this for both zipper tab accents.



11. Line up the center marking on the exterior panel with the center markings on the zipper and pin in place. Continue pinning the rest of the way.

12. Sew the zipper in place.

13. You can check to make sure that the accents line up after you're done sewing. If they don't, just unpick your stitches up past the zipper tab a bit and shift the zipper tab a little so that they will line up when sewn. Pin in place and resew.
14. Sew the lining to this exterior that has the zipper attached.
15. Repeat steps 11 -14 for the other exterior panel.
16. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



Here's a photo of how a pouch looked on my machine when I was topstitching the pouch with zipper tabs.



NOTES

1. You can use a combo of any of these Persimmon Dumpling Pouch hacks on any one pouch.
2. To get your accent pieces on the pouches to line up and have perfect boxed corners, ensure you're placing the center of the zipper teeth, against the side seam and center to it. This way everything will line up in the final construction. Use lots of pins and/or clips to hold everything in place while you sew. Don't remove your clips until the presser foot touches them. This way nothing shifts while you're sewing.
3. To get a flat bottom, give the front that goes from one box corner to the other a really good press. You can find this edge, by pinching the one corner of the boxed corner and the opposite corner at the same time. This will help it sit flat. If using a material that can't be ironed, use clips on the seam and leave them for a couple of hours or overnight, the longer the better. Place foam between the clip and the material, so the clip doesn't leave teeth marks.
4. I recommend heat sealing all your zippers, this helps prevent them from fraying.
5. You can also use a scrap of zipper for a zipper pull. You can use one half or cut the tape off the zipper, so there is just the coil. Then heat seal the whole zipper so it won't fray. Please be careful.



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