

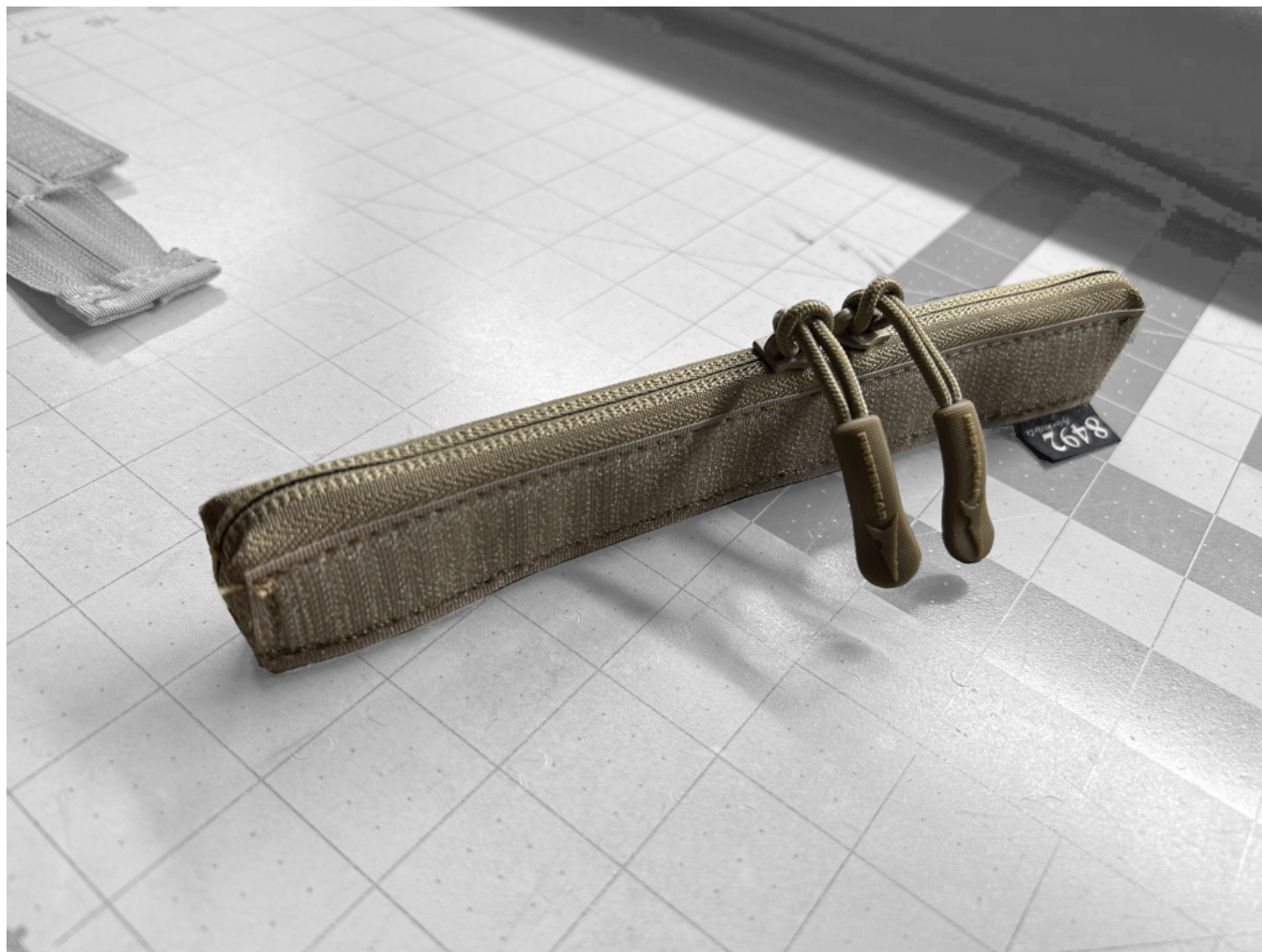
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Bill here, coming back with a tutorial. I'm gonna show you guys how to make your own zipper insert. I used to offer this product for various big

name rigs but due to change of business direction it is not something I will sell again. I'm gonna show you how to make your own the way you wanted it so it is not lost forever.

To do this you will need zipper tape, zipper sliders, hook n loop sew on tape and 1" binding tape. You are free to use whatever gauge you desired but I preferred #5 to keep it slick.

### **Zipper tape:**

<https://www.8492nylonworks.com/product/ykk-coil-zipper-tape-5-3-4-5-yards-lot>

### **Sliders:**

<https://www.8492nylonworks.com/product/ykk-5-reverse-coil-sliders-20-piece-pack>

## **1" binding tape:**

<https://www.8492nylonworks.com/product/ykk-5-reverse-coil-sliders-20-piece-pack>

## **Velcro SOFT sewn on tape:**

<https://www.8492nylonworks.com/product/velcro-milspec-sew-on-tape-1-loop-ranger-gree>

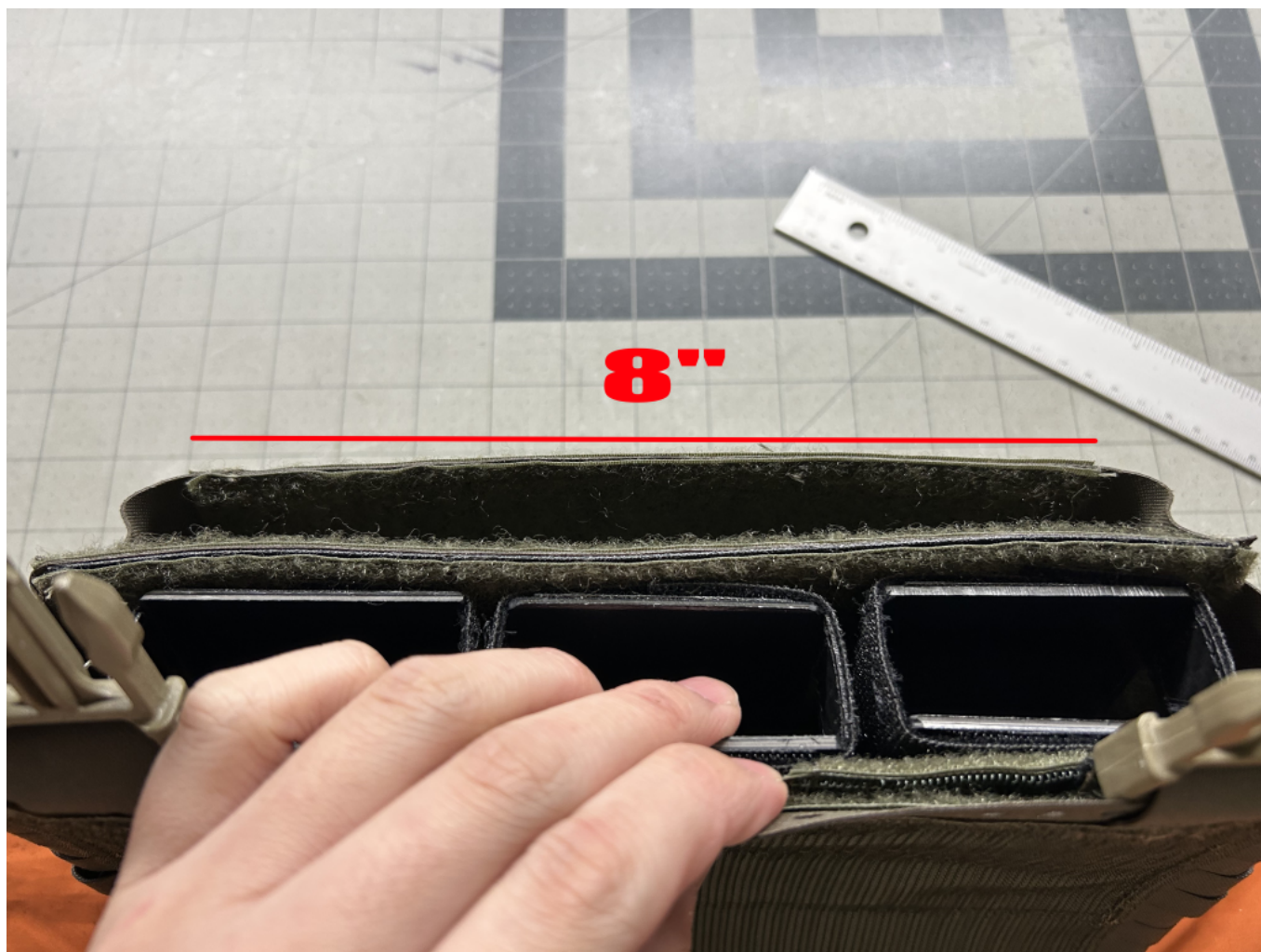
## **Velcro HOOK sewn on tape:**

<https://www.8492nylonworks.com/product/velcro-milspec-sew-on-tape-1-25mm-hook>

**Step 1:** Measure the width of hook n loop on your rig and determine the orientation (If you are making it for the admin pocket of an plate carrier you will need Hook on one side and Loop on the other. Spiritus/RDR are Loop/Loop while Ferro/Shaw are Hook/Loop, etc)

I'm gonna be using the GPP02 (Discontinued, no

longer sold) for this tutorial. The soft Velcro on this rig is 8" so I'm gonna cut out the Velcro to make it match. If the interior Velcro on your rig is 10" then you need to match it and cut the Velcro strips to 10", etc.

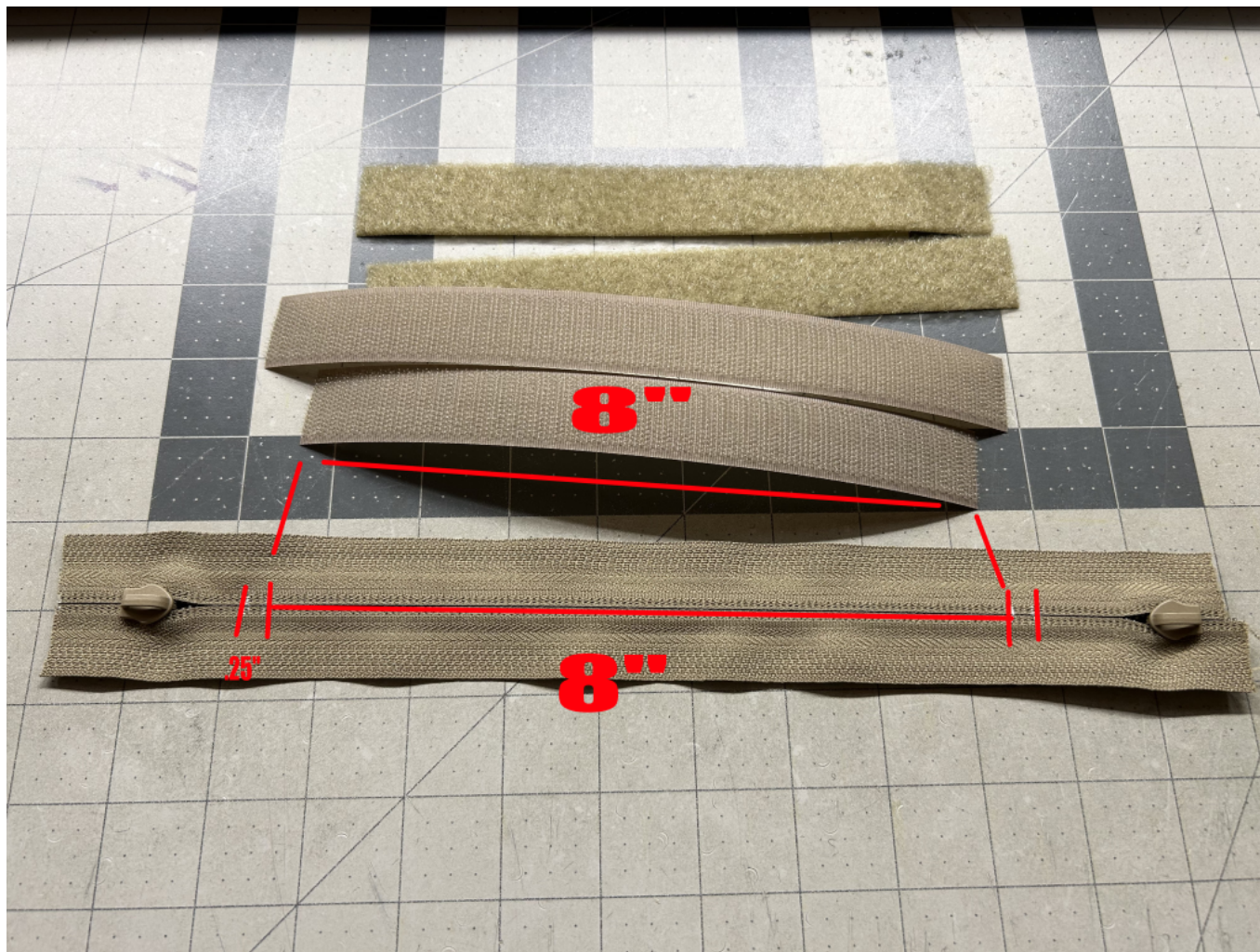


**Step 2:** Cut out zipper tape and Install sliders. Use a marking pencil and mark a designated

spots about .25" away from the from Hook-n-Loop. This is gonna be your zipper stops.

For zipper inserts that is going to on let's say Spiritus or RDR I always line it with loop so it can work with internal dividers but It's up to you whether you want the inside lined with hook-n-loop or not.

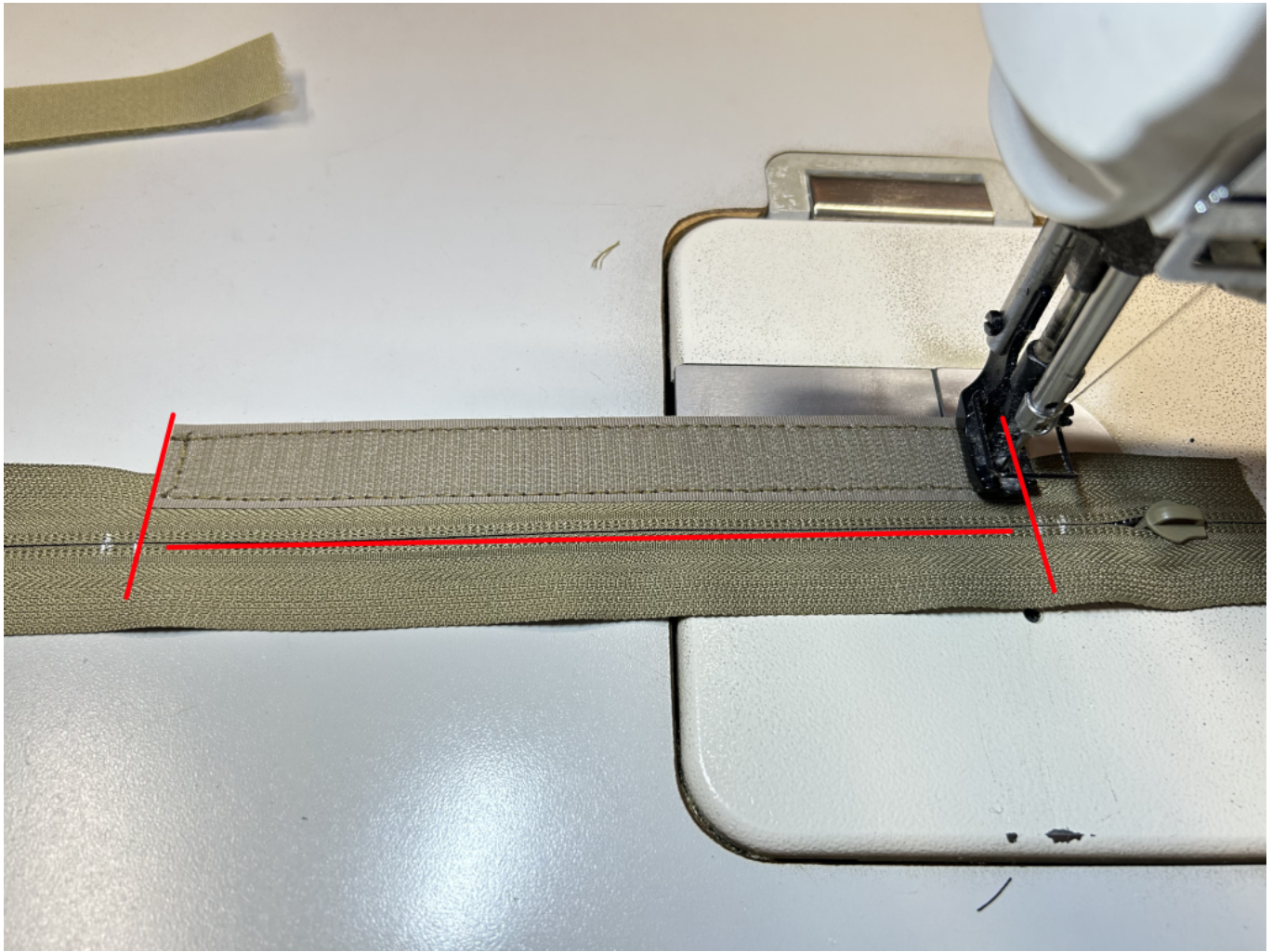
Again my demo rig's interior Velcro is 8" so I need to cut 8" and match that.

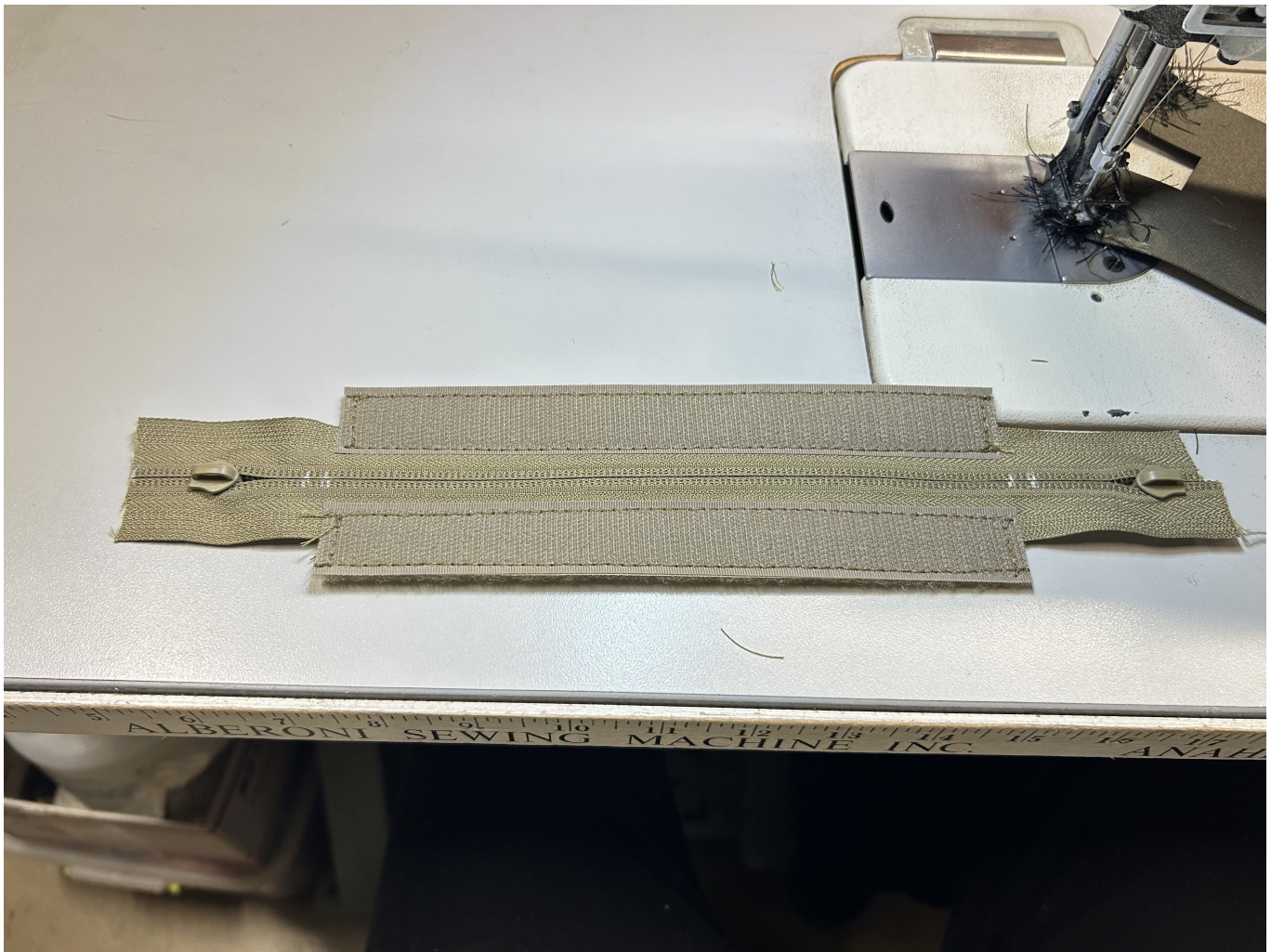


I tend to line mine with soft Velcro to make it compatible with internal inserts but again it's up to you.

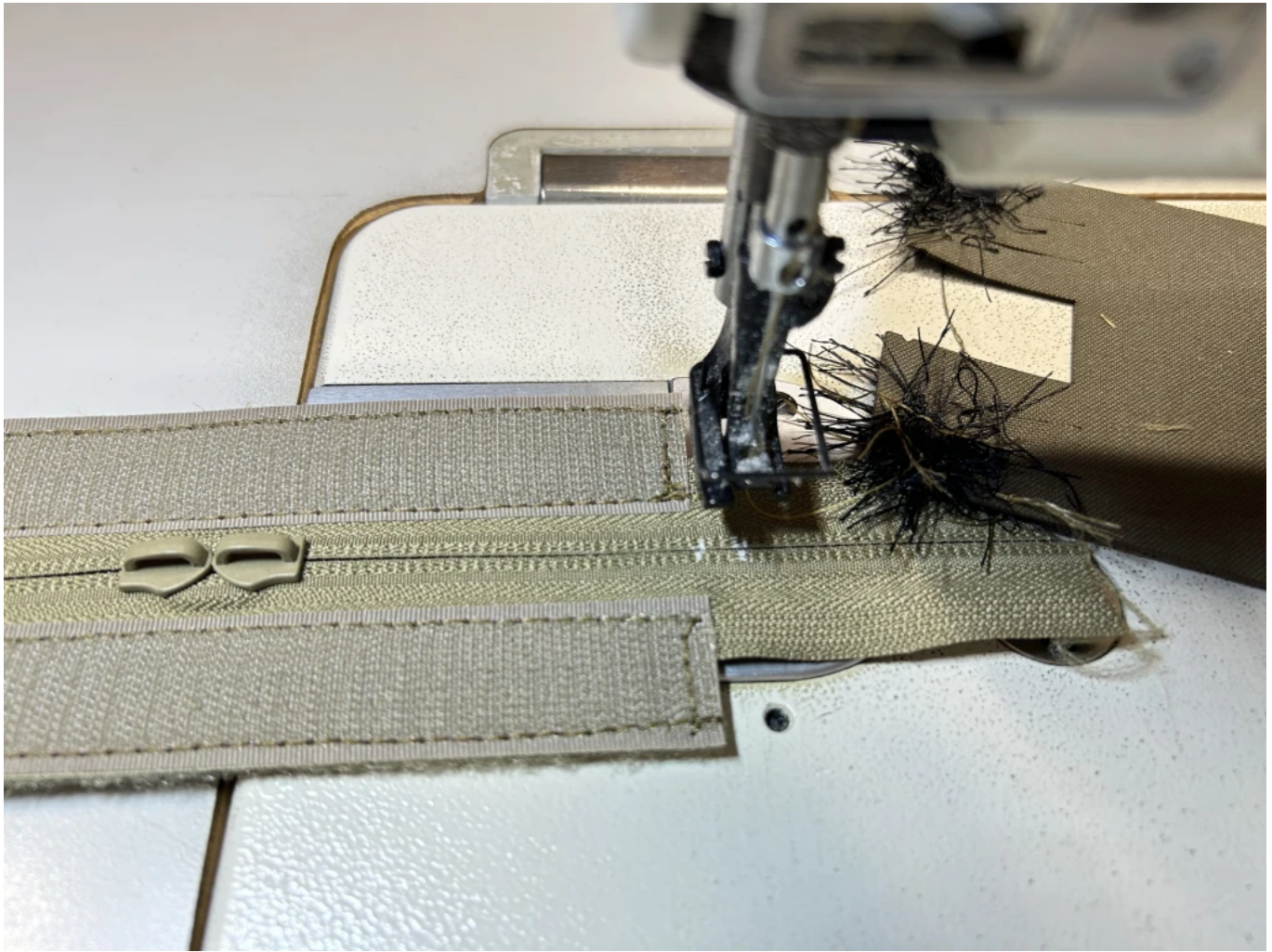


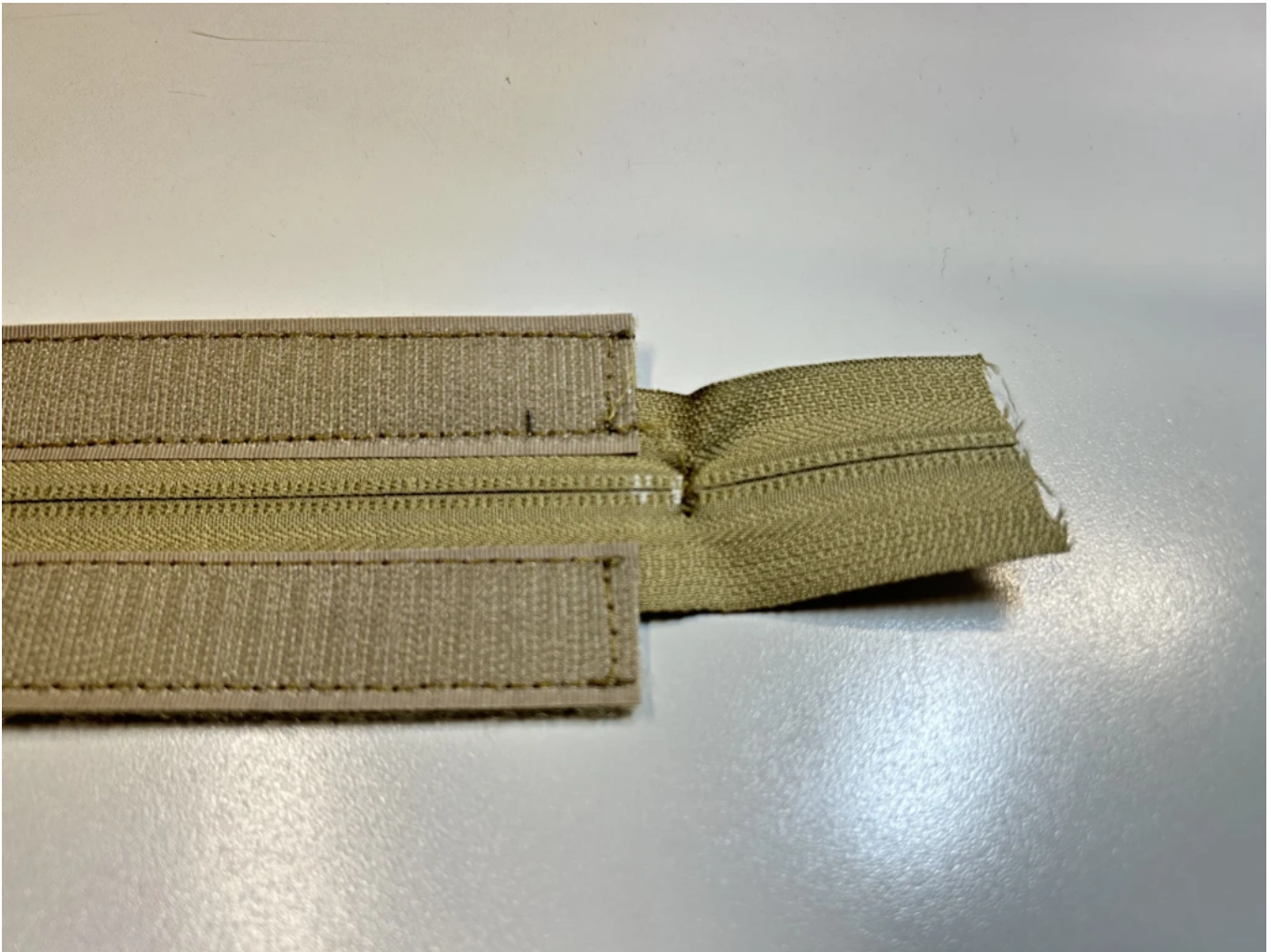
**Step 3:** Sew the hook and loop tape. Keep it within the marked area.



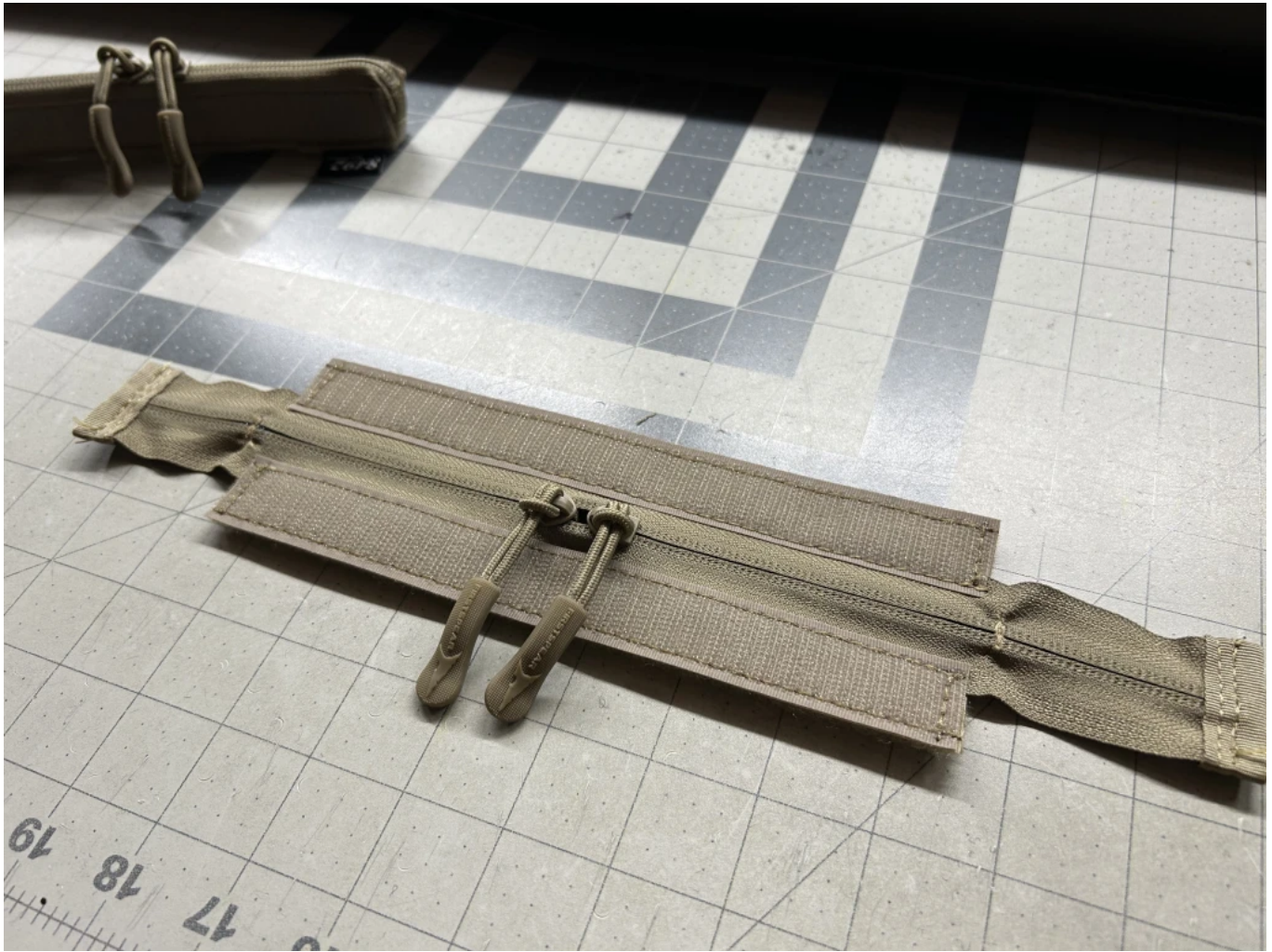


**Step 4:** Go back and forth a few times on the designated spots, this is gonna be your zipper stops. Make sure your move the sliders inward before sewing.





**Step 5 (The easy way):** So all that's left is applying the finishing touch. For the easy method simply leave about two inches on each ends and seal them with binding. You can tuck them in and they are not gonna come out.

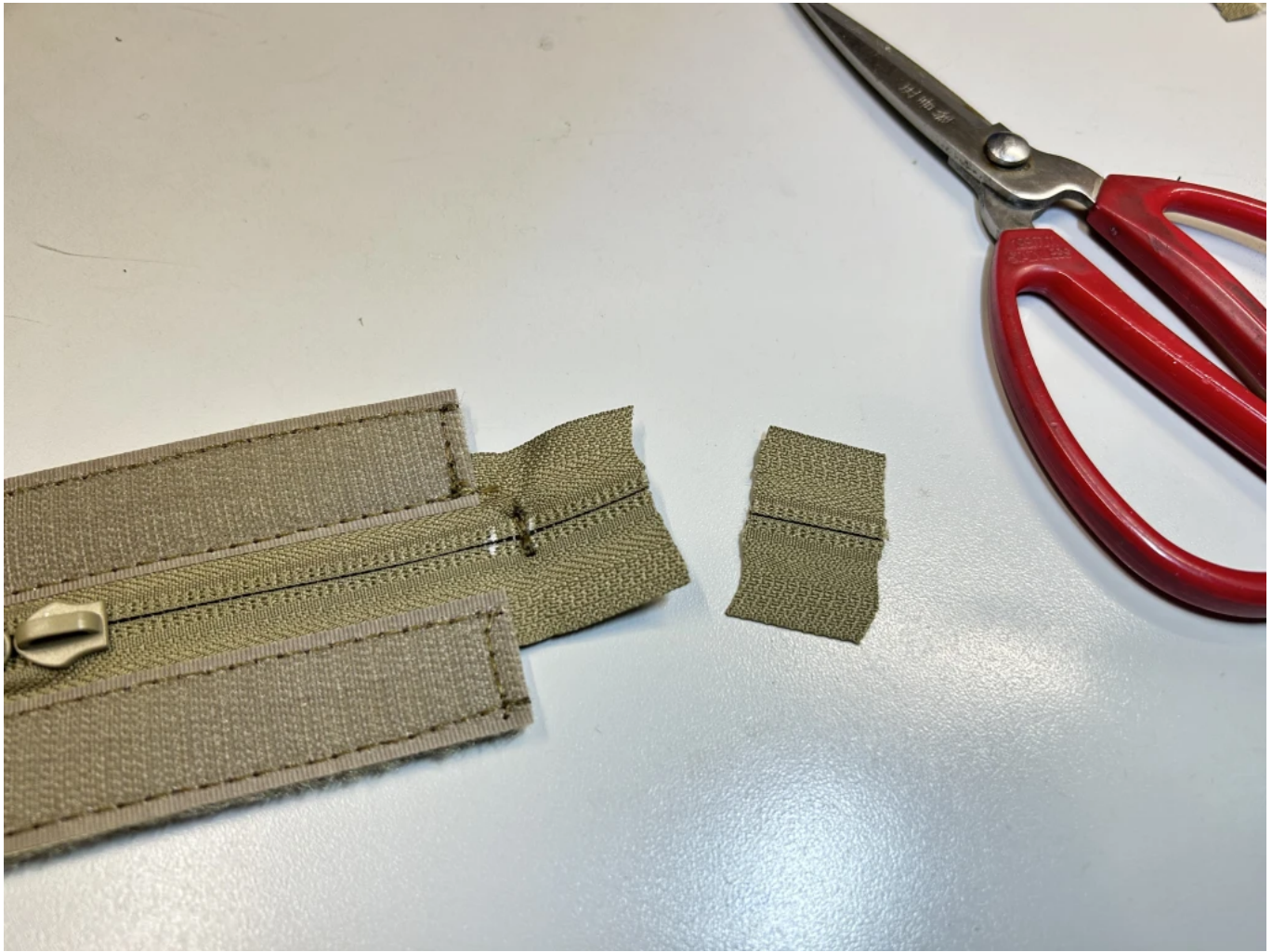




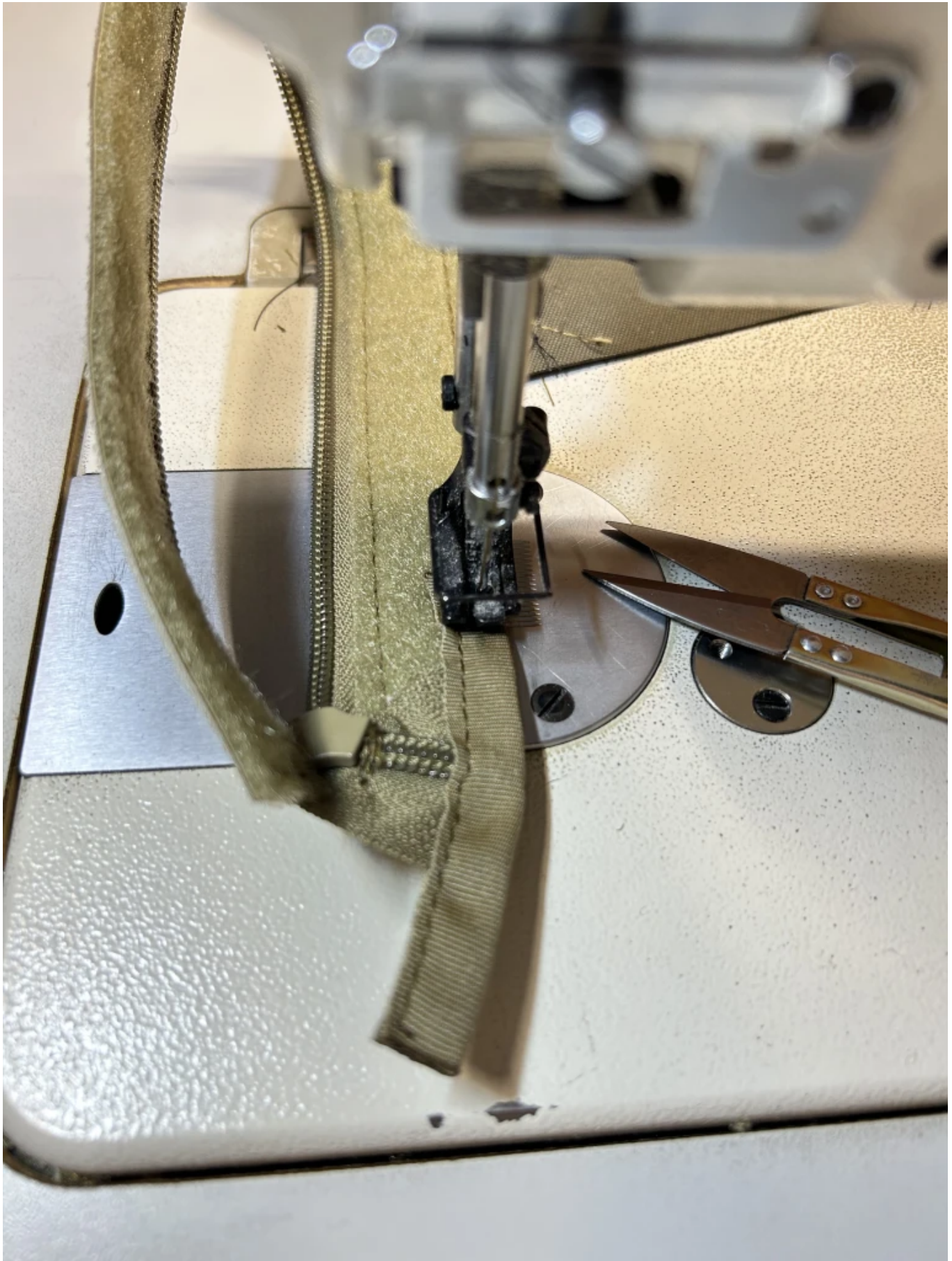
**Step 5: (The hard way):** The hard way is a little bit more advanced but it will give you zipper insert a nice umbrella shape and it will look sharper and cleaner.

Start by trimming the two ends and leave about one inches away from the zipper stops. seal the two ends with binding tape and leave about one inch on each end. Melt the exposed end of the binding tape with a lighter, open the zipper insert completely and sewn the tail end onto the hook-n-loop strips.

It looks complicated but really you are just going in circles.













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