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**Pouch Making, Zipper pouch**

« on: May 29, 2007, 10:32:36 PM »

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I had a guy ask me about making a pouch recently so I took some pics today as I worked. Figured I'd post them here for what it's worth.

I use a medium upright GP pouch as my dumper. It's roughly 9" x 6".

Ok, starting with the center zip section and the main piece all ready to go.



Next, I clamp the work. Yeah, I heard that, Dui.





Now the important thing here is to mark the center line of the zip piece and the main panel, where they join. This will ensure the zipper is centered on top when you're done. In fact, I start sewing right on top of this mark to make sure. I sew these pouches in "quads", meaning I only sew 1/4 of a seam at a time, alternating sides, like a torque pattern. I sew all 4 "quads" of the big radius curves, leaving the small radius curves for last.



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**Re: A Way of Making a Dumper**

« Reply #1 on: May 29, 2007, 10:40:52 PM »

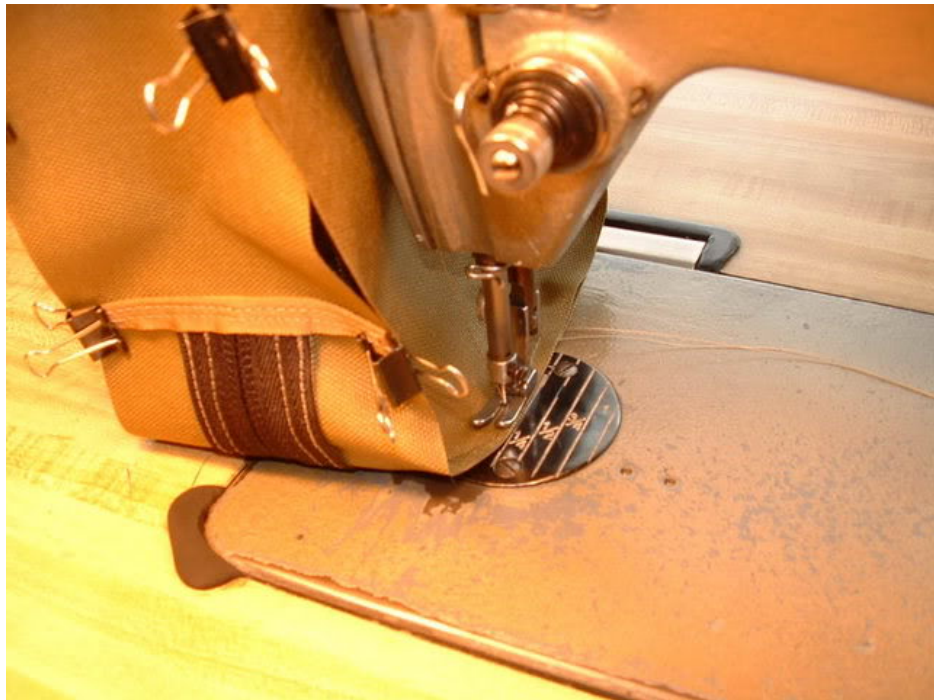
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Now, there are two kinds of parts here, straight and curved. When sewing with the curved part on top, you place a portion of the curve over the bottom piece and then sew to the "tangent line", where the curve takes off again. This is how you keep the parts perfectly lined up, by sewing just a little section at a time, maybe 2-3 stitches at a time, depending on the radius.

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As you sew down to the tangent point, stop, adjust the material again and repeat.



Here is one "quad" done



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**Re: A Way of Making a Dumper**

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When sewing with the straight side up, I use a hemo to clamp the piece and gently stretch it into place, lining it up for a few stitches.



Sew to the tangent line, adjust, and repeat.



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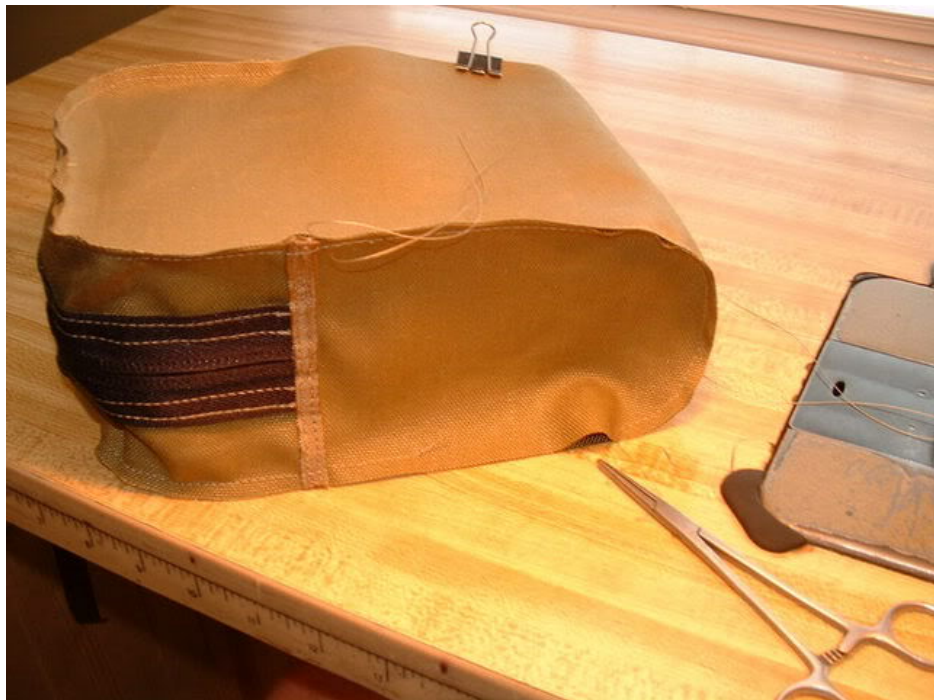
**Re: A Way of Making a Dumper**

« Reply #3 on: May 29, 2007, 10:52:58 PM »

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Now, what if you end up with a little "bubble"? It happens sometimes, your patterns may not be quite right or the planets aren't lined up. Resist the temptation to just plow it, and/or pull the excess material out and trim. This will make the pouch lop-sided. I do the big radius curves first, so the zipper is lined up, and any excess material can now be adjusted before sewing down the small radius curves.



Take out the stitching far enough back to get access to the part. Trim as required.



Re-stitch. Looks good this time.



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« Reply #4 on: May 29, 2007, 10:57:01 PM »

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And the whole pouch is finally stitched together.



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**Re: A Way of Making a Dumper**

« **Reply #5** on: May 29, 2007, 11:04:43 PM »

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wow, that's pretty damn quick and easy..

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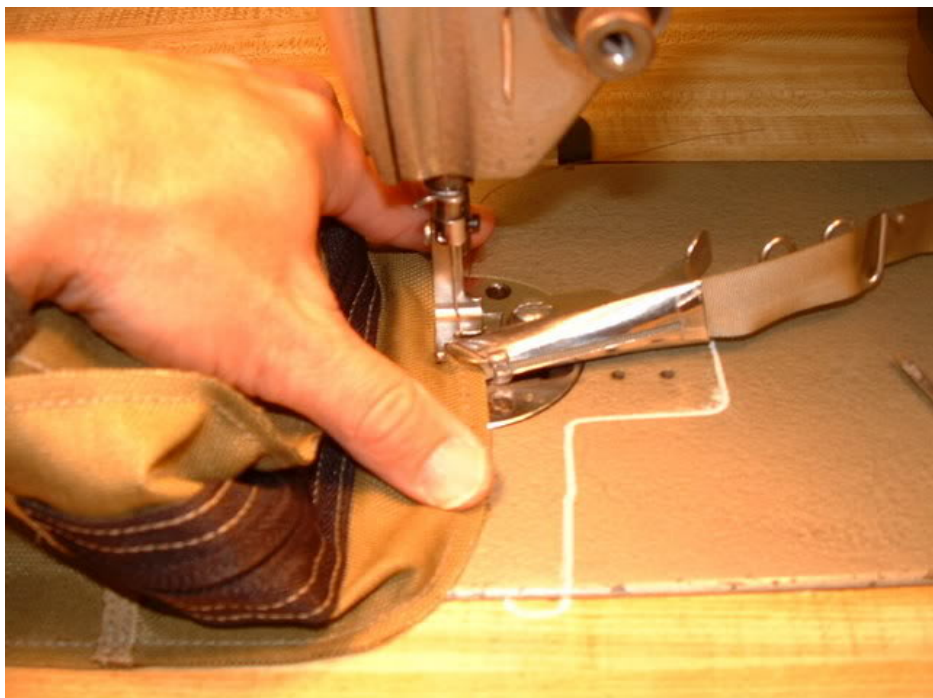
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« **Reply #6** on: May 29, 2007, 11:07:25 PM »

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Now it's time to bind it. I'm using a 3/4" attachment. Line everything up, starting on the front side (the best wide spot to hide the start/stop overlap).



When doing the radius, keep the material tucked all the way into the tape, using gentle pressure, and a slight angle to the binder. Move slowly but smoothly, in one continuous motion throughout the curve. If you stop, raise the presser foot and adjust, the stitch line will have a "kink" in it. Practice until you can do them in a smooth, continuous motion.



All done. Pull out the tape, trim and hot knife.



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**Re: A Way of Making a Dumper**

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Now I do the second row of stitching. You will notice that the pouch now has three rows of stitching for added strength.



Turn it inside out, and you're done.



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#### Re: A Way of Making a Dumper

« Reply #8 on: May 29, 2007, 11:30:42 PM »

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Awesome tutorial! Between this and Stu's video I think anyone can make such a zipper pouch. I noticed that you are using 1/4in hems when initially sewing the box together. Through trial and error I found the smaller hem to be much easier to navigate around the radiused corners. Are you feeding 1 inch 5038 tape through the 3/4in binding attachment?

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