



Download the FREE pattern for [A Pencil Case for Lola](#) on our website. Then, follow along with our step-by-step tutorial. For extra help, watch [this handy video](#). Happy stitching!

Make sure you have these supplies before you begin:

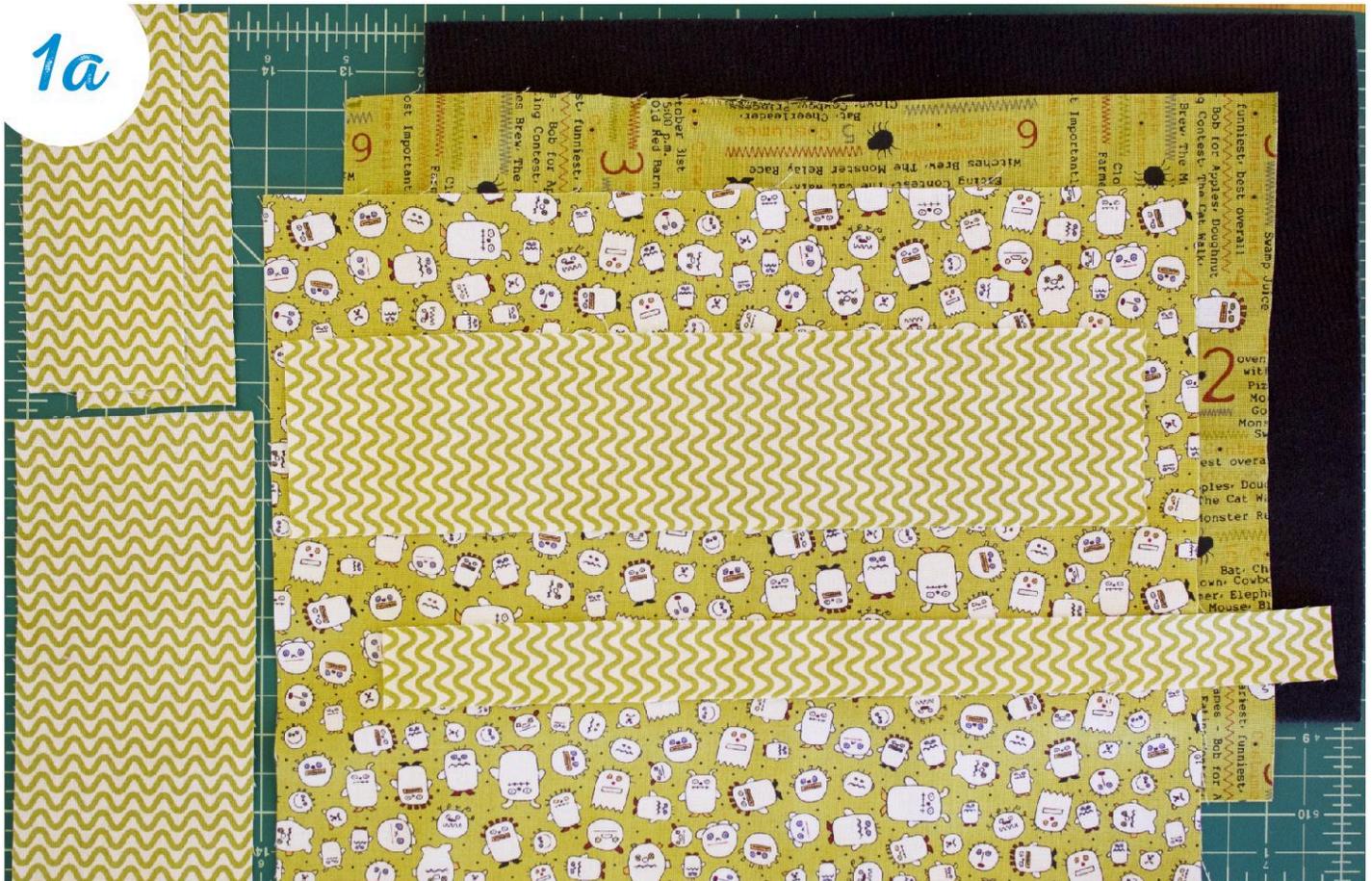
- Main fabric = 9" x 12"
- Coordinating fabric = 9" x 12"
- Contrasting fabric = 9" x 12"
- [ByAnnie's Soft and Stable](#) = 9" x 12"
- [Handbag Zipper](#) = One 14" or longer

NOTE: Use accurate 1/4" seams unless directed otherwise.



Step 1: Cut project pieces, quilt the fabric, and trim to size.

1a. Following the Cutting Instructions on the back page of the pattern, cut out pieces for the project.



1b. Sandwich the three 9" x 12" pieces (lining face down, ByAnnie's Soft and Stable™ main fabric face up). Pin through the layers every 6" to 8" to hold together. *Optional: Before making the sandwich, mark a vertical line from top to bottom in the center of the main fabric to use as a guideline when quilting.*



- 1c. Quilt the layers together. Suggestion: Quilt vertical lines $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" apart across the piece.
TIP: A walking foot is helpful to prevent puckers when stitching.



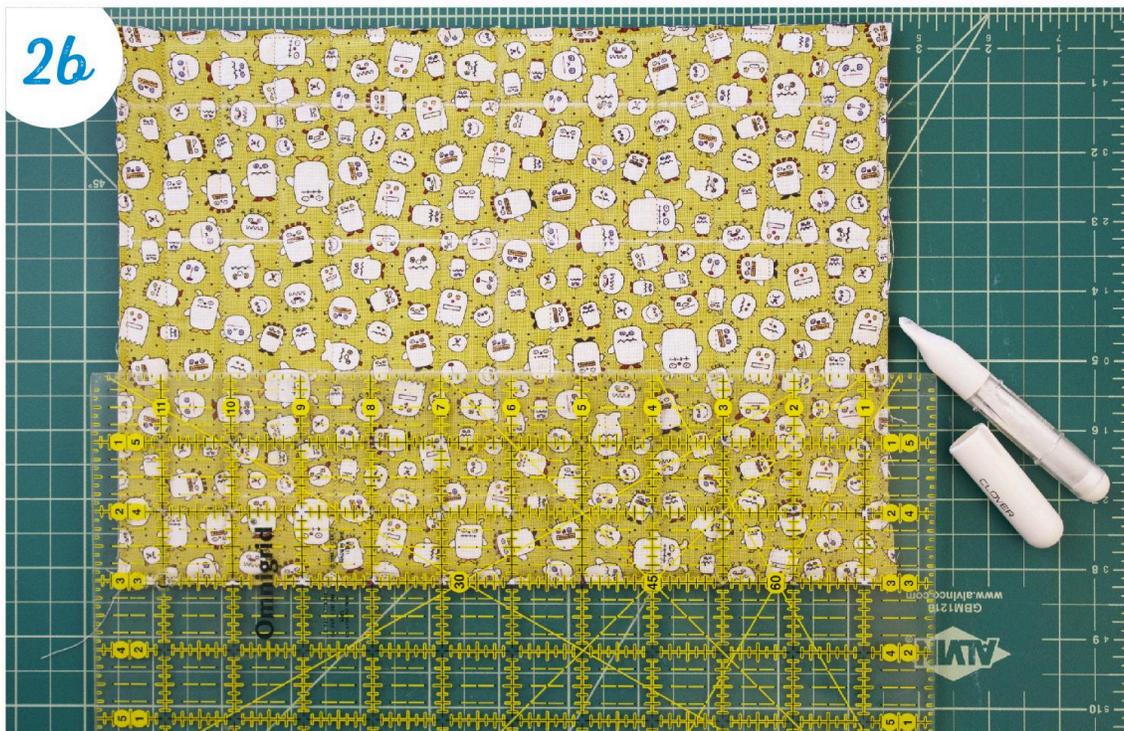
- 1d. Trim the quilted piece to 8" x 11". Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge around entire piece to seal edges.



Step 2: Mark and sew fold lines.

2a. Mark horizontal lines from side to side 1" down from the top and 1" up from the bottom.

2b. Mark horizontal lines from side to side 3" down from the top and 3" up from the bottom.

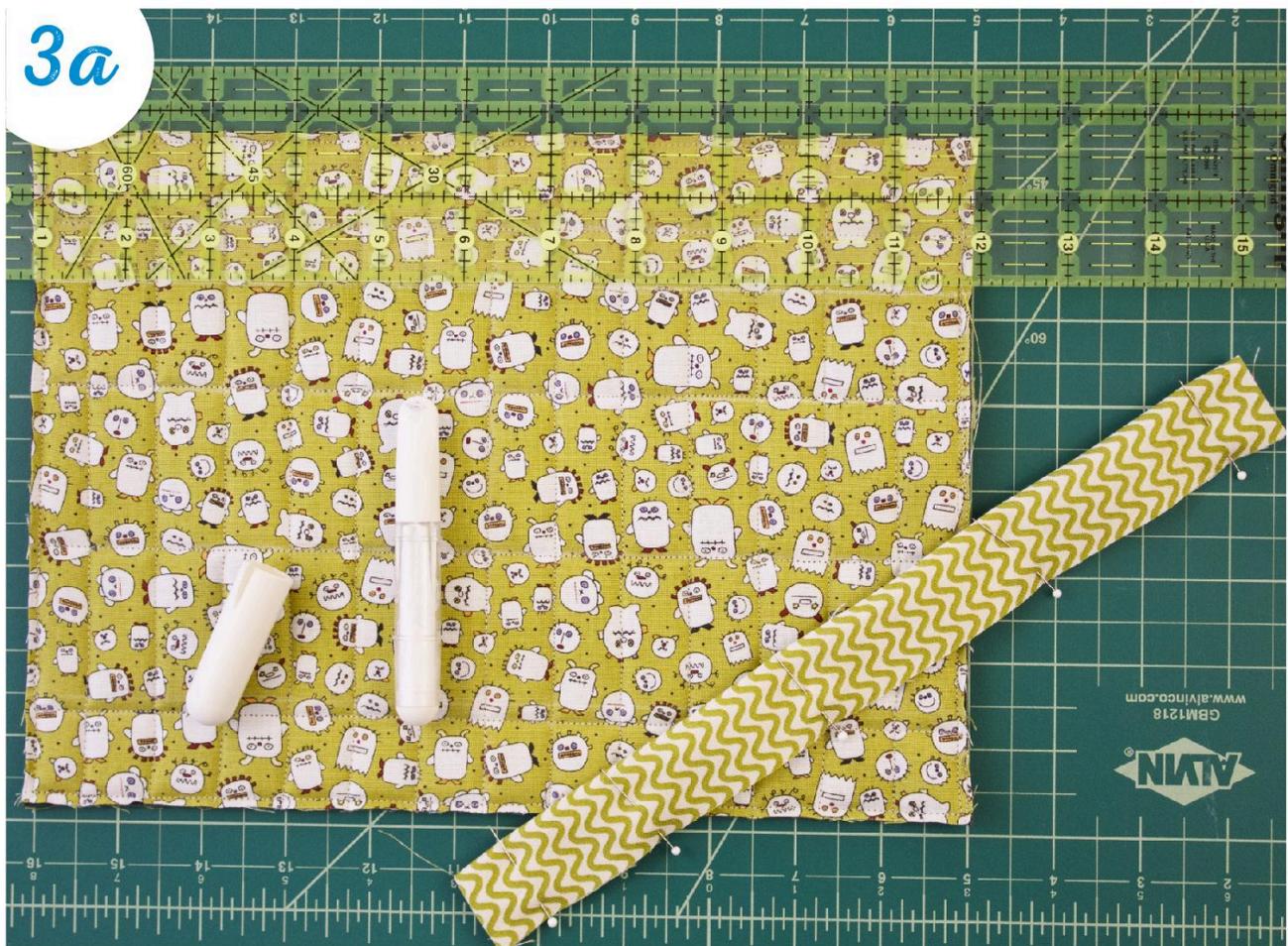


2c. Sew along each of the marked lines. The finished case will fold more easily along these stitched lines, adding more definition to its shape.



Step 3: Attach border.

3a. Mark a horizontal line from side to side $1\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top



3b. With right sides out, fold the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11" border strip in half lengthwise to $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x 11"; pin every 3" to 4" along raw edges to hold together.

3c. With the fold of the fabric toward the top of the case, align the raw edge of the border strip along the line marked $1\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top. Sew across long raw edge, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edges.



3d. Press the seam to set, fold the border over; press. Stitching $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge, sew the border to the case. Begin stitching on right side, continue by stitching across bottom, and up left side. Finish by stitching across the top, sewing $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the seam line.



Step 4: Attach zipper.

4a. With right sides together, position the closed 14" (or longer) handbag zipper on the top edge of the case with the zipper pull to the left side and the zipper tape extending beyond the case on each end.



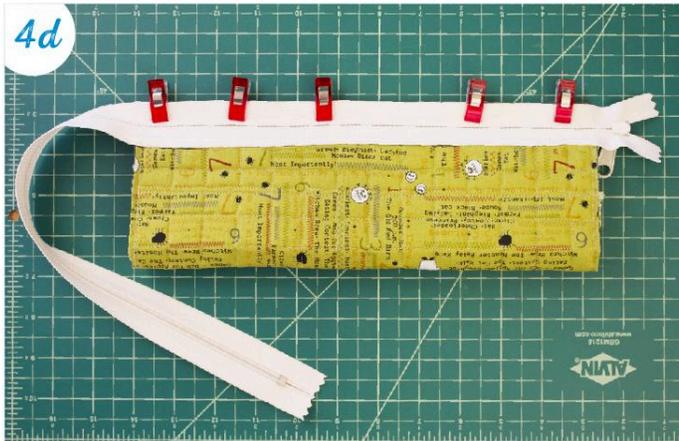
4b. Using a zipper foot, attach the zipper to the case, sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge.



4c. Turn the zipper tape to the inside of the case and finger-press to flatten. Sew along the very edge of the zipper tape. This will close off the raw edges and produce a nice $\frac{1}{4}$ " topstitching on the outside of the case.



4d. In the same manner, match the other side of the zipper to the other edge of the case and stitch together, being careful to align the sides of the case so that the sides of the case are even on top and bottom.

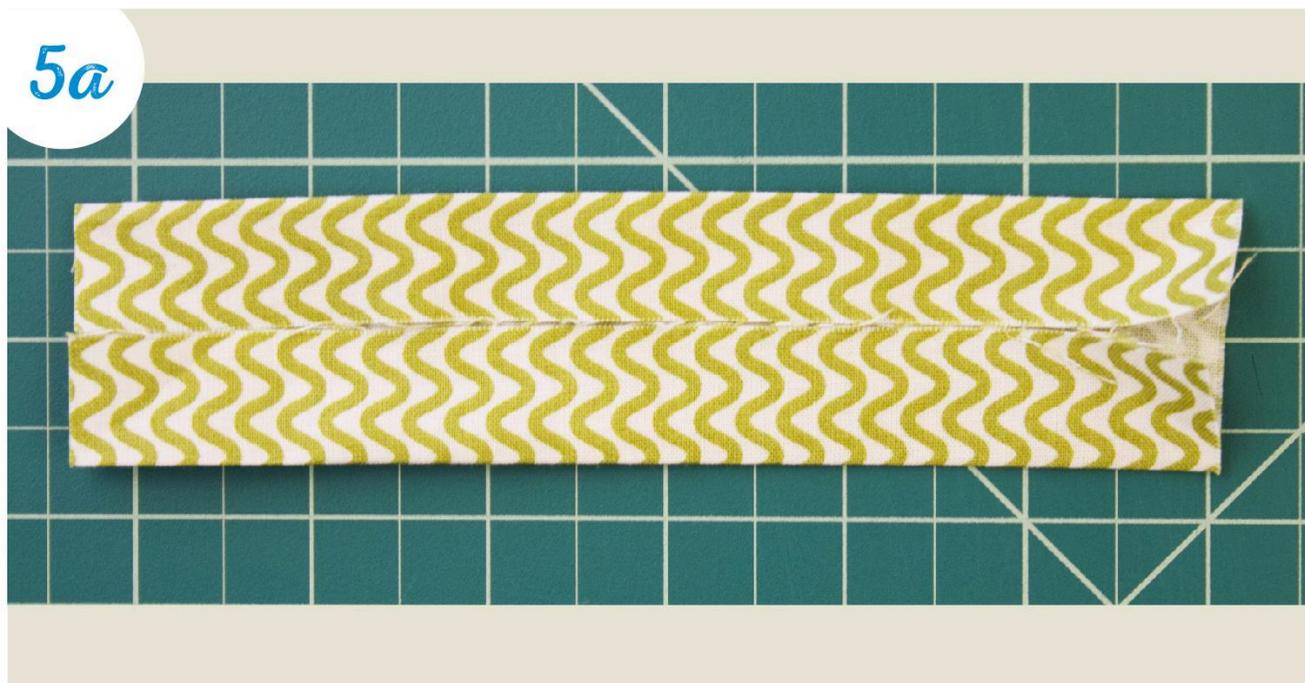


4e. Open the zipper, fold the zipper tape flat against the inside of the case and stitch down, closing off the raw edges. Leave case turned right side out for next step.



Step 5: Make and attach the handle.

5a. With right sides out, fold the 3" x 6½" piece of fabric in half lengthwise to 1½" x 6½"; press to mark the center. Bring the raw edges in to the center fold; press.



5b. Fold in half again to make a piece ¾" x 6½".



5c. Sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " along the edge of each side.

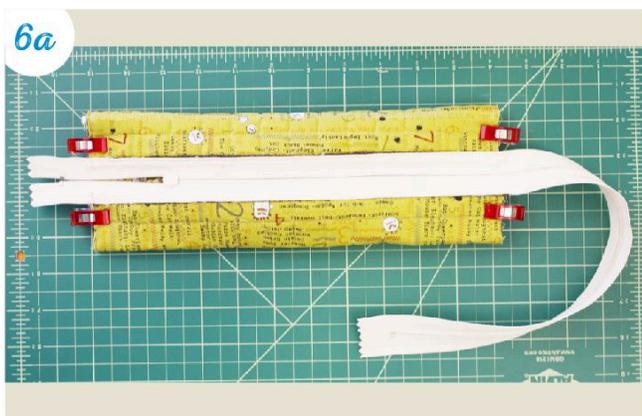
5d. Being careful to sew through only the top layer of the case, position the ends of the handle with their raw edges even with the raw edges of the case and their inner long edges along the inside edge of the quilted fabric at each side of the top (open) end of the zipper.

5e. Stitch in place.



Step 6: Sew side seams and bind edges.

6a. With right sides together, fold case so that zipper is aligned in center of the front. Clip/pin each side together, aligning raw edges on each side. Move zipper pull to inside and sew each side together.



6b. Trim ends of zipper even with sides of case.

6c. With right sides out, fold each 2" x 5" strip of binding in half, turning raw edges to inside ½" at top and bottom, making two 1" x 4" strips.



6d. On zipper side of seams, align raw edges of binding with raw edge of sides of case and sew across.

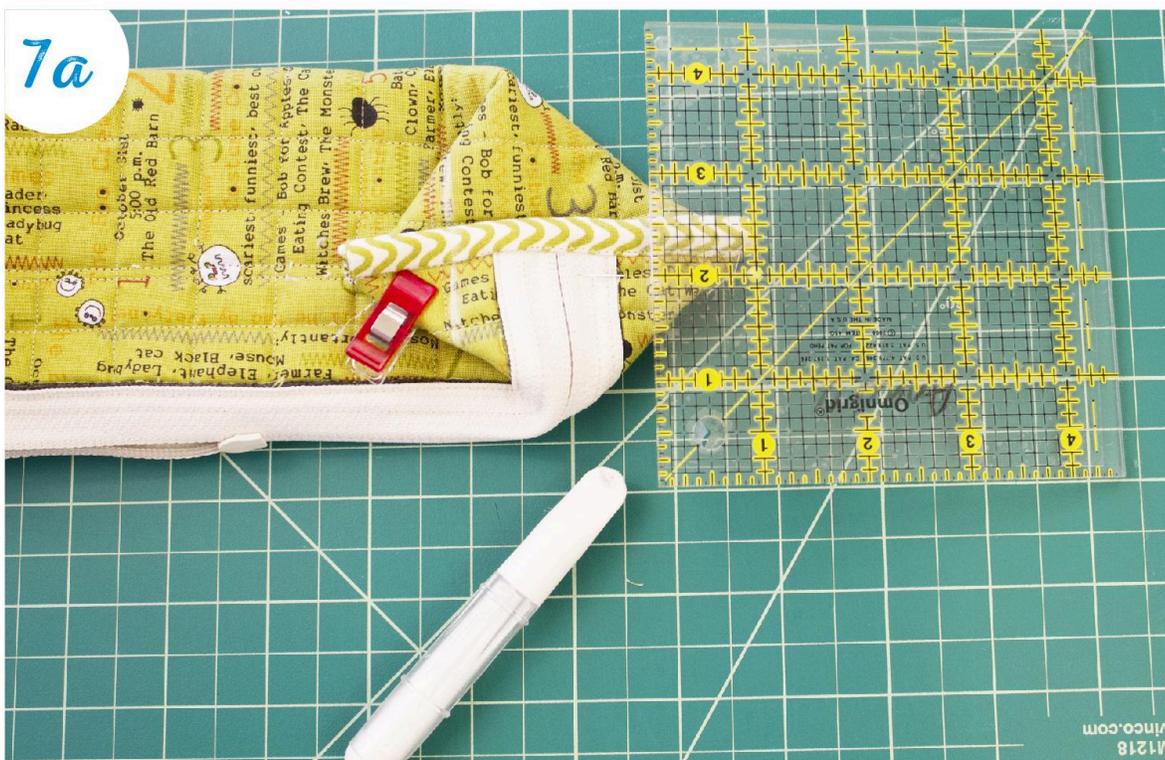


6e. Turn binding to other side of case, enclosing raw edges of seam; stitch along folded edge of binding.



Step 7: Make boxed bottom.

7a. Fold each corner to form a triangle, with the bound side seam running down the center.



7b. Sew a straight line across the triangle about 1" before the tip. Repeat on the each corner. Turn the case right side out and push out all the corners.

7b



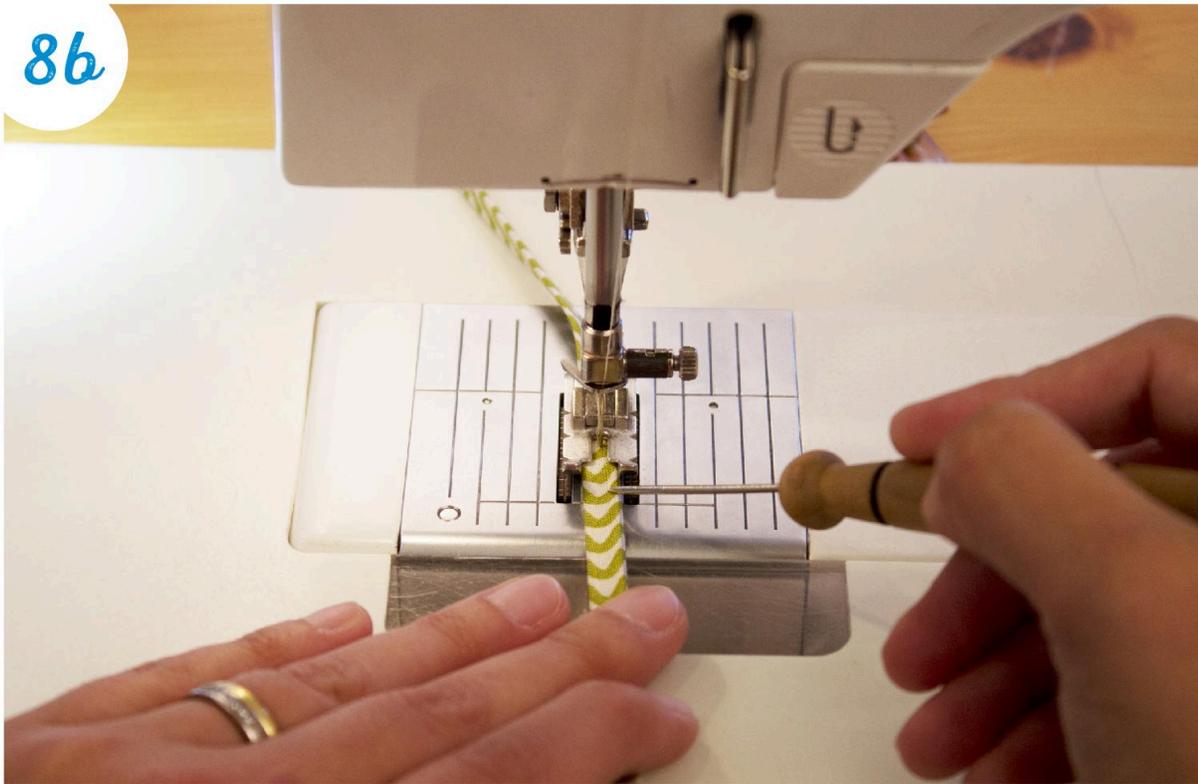
Step 8: Make and attach zipper pull.

8a. Fold the 1" x 12" piece of fabric in quarters to make a piece about 1/4" x 12".

8a



8b. Sew down the middle of the pull to secure the layers together.



8c. Trim one end to a point and pull it through the hole in the zipper pull. Bring the ends together and tie in a knot close to the zipper. Trim any excess fabric.

