Butterfly Zip puller

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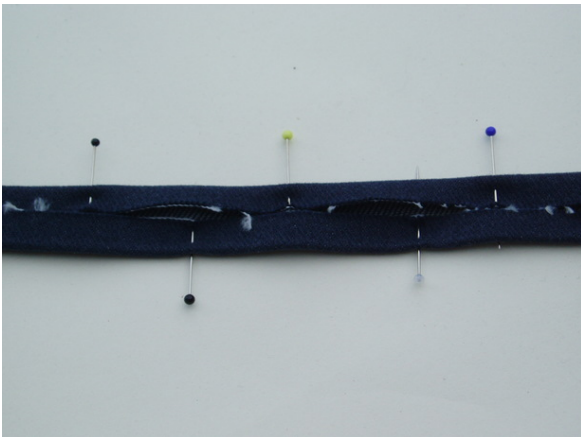
Iâ—ve been trying to come up with an interesting zip pull for accessories that can be made in fabric rather than leather, while overcoming the problem of frayed edges. This is one Iâ—ve just made. Step by step instructions for this and a couple of other zip puller ideas are on my blog http://constructivblog.wordpress.com/
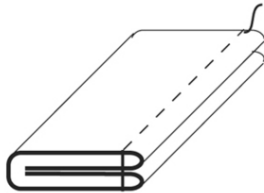
Step 1 — Cut strip & fold

First cut a strip of fabric about 3cm wide by 15cm long. If the fabric is thin, such as a light cotton or silk, use a fusible interfacing to add some body and stabilize it. Heavier fabrics, such as denim, will not need this. Measure and mark the centre line along the back of the fabric. Fold in the edges of the strip, wrong sides together, so that they ALMOST meet the centre line. Pin & iron flat.
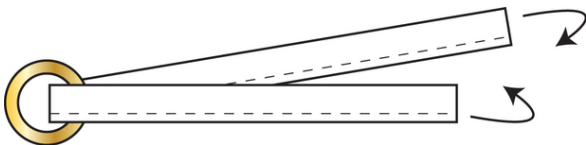
Step 2 — Fold again & stitch edge

Fold the strap again in half, so that the folded edges meet. Pin & iron. Stitch through all layers along length, close to the edge.
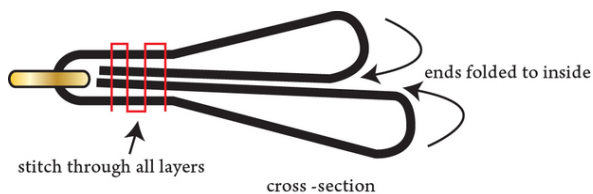
Step 3 — Attach to ring

Pass the strap through a small (10 â— 15 mm) ring which you will be able to attach to the zip cursor later (see my blog for more instructions on how to adapt a standard zip to be able to attach a ring http://constructivblog.wordpress.com/2009/10/04/making-a-chunky-knotted-leather-zip-puller/). Leave one end slightly longer (1 â— 2 cm) than the other. Fold both ends inwards so that they meet the ring.
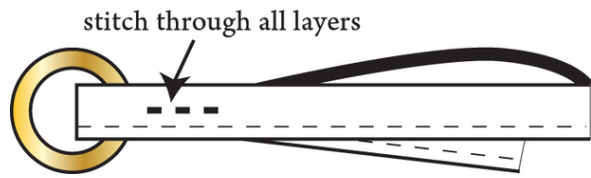
Step 4 — Fold ends & stitch

ends folded to inside

stitch through all layers   cross -section

Hold everything together firmly and sew through all layers with a short length of stitching just below the ring. Reverse and stitch back a couple of times to secure the stitching.

Step 5 — Finish

stitch through all layers

This is how it should look from above. Now attach the ring to your zip cursor.

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