



## HEAVYWEIGHT ZIPPER APPLICATION

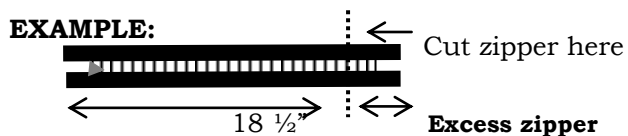
Use these directions on Laura's Zippered Tote and Professional Tote patterns when you want to use a heavyweight zipper. Add these fabric tabs to the zipper before sewing it to the pattern piece.

**Important Note:** If you are using heavyweight zippers, extra long zippers, separating zippers or Zipper by the Yard you will want to reduce the bulk in the side seams by adding a fabric tab to the end of your zipper to reduce the bulk. With "Zipper by the Yard" place tabs at both ends of the zipper.

**Follow the directions below to make fabric tabs for the end of the zipper.**

1. Cut 2 pieces of main fabric 2" long by the width of the zipper (usually 1" to 1 ¼" wide). Note: "Zipper by the Yard", Cut 4 pieces.
2. Cut the **zipper** 1 ½" shorter than the width of your **pattern piece** for the zipper. Note: Do not open zipper after you cut.

**Example:** The zipper section (pattern piece #3) for the Professional Tote measures 20" wide. Pattern piece measures 20" **minus** 1 ½" = Cut the zipper tape to 18 ½" long.



3. Position one of the small fabric tabs on top of the zipper teeth (at the end you just cut off) and one fabric tab on the bottom of the zipper teeth, sandwiching the zipper teeth between the tabs. The right sides of the fabric will be touching the zipper teeth.



4. Stitch a ¼" seam allowance through all 3 layers including the zipper.
5. Press the tabs back towards the end of the zipper and baste the two fabric tabs together.



6. Repeat the above steps for Zipper by the Yard, starting at the other end by cutting 1 ½" off of the zipper tape.
7. Continue with the zipper instructions on the pattern.