

Hipster Gripster Handle Grip



What You'll Need:

- 8" x 12" piece of Fabric A
- 1 3/8" x 24" piece of Fabric B for the binding, cut on the bias (*this needs to be cut on the bias to make sure your binding goes around the corners smoothly*)
- 8" x 12" piece of Timtex, Peltex 70, or other extra heavy sew-in stabilizer
- 3" x 3 1/2" piece of 1" thick high-density foam
- 1 magnetic snap
- thread
- seam ripper
- template (*printed and cut out*)
- 18 mm bias tape maker (*optional*)



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1. Using the template, cut out two pieces from Fabric A and two pieces from the Timtex. Be sure to transfer the buttonhole markings to both pieces of Fabric A.
2. Place one piece of Timtex on your work surface and then place one piece of Fabric A right side up on top of the Timtex. Using a walking foot, baste near the edge all the way around. Repeat with the other Timtex and Fabric A to make two sets.
3. Make a 6mm buttonhole at each of the four buttonhole marks. Open up the buttonholes with a seam ripper.
4. Take one Fabric A-Timtex set and place it on a work surface with the right side of Fabric A face down. Note which end has the buttonhole. Place the foam in the center of the Timtex. Place the other Fabric A-Timtex set on top of the foam with the right side of Fabric A face up. This time, be sure the buttonhole is on the opposite end of where the buttonhole is on the first piece of Fabric A. One buttonhole will be on the “outside” at one end and the other buttonhole will be on the “inside” at the opposite end. You should now have a sandwich that is Fabric A—Timtex—Foam—Timtex—Fabric A.
5. Using your walking foot, quilt the sandwich together following the suggested quilting lines on the template.
6. To insert the snap, place one disk under the Timtex at one of the buttonhole locations, lining up the slits in the disk with the buttonholes. Insert the tabs of the snap through the fabric, the Timtex, and the disk. Fold the tabs over. Do the same for the other half of the snap in the other buttonhole.
7. Use the bias tape maker to make bias binding from your strip of Fabric B. If you don't have a bias tape maker you can create bias binding by folding the fabric strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and pressing. Then open out the binding and fold both raw edges in toward the center crease and press again.

To make attaching the binding easier, use a narrow zipper foot on your machine and/or set your needle position as far to the left as you can. This will help as you sew around the snaps on the ends. It may also be helpful to cover the magnetic snap with a bit of fabric to keep it from attaching to the metal throat plate on your machine as you sew.

8. Open out the bias binding onto the Hipster Gripster, right sides together (either side of the Hipster Gripster can be the right side). Align the raw edges and sew approximately 3/8” from the edge, or at approximately the first fold line, all the way around, being careful near the snaps. When done, turn the binding to the other side and slip stitch in place.

If you need further details on how to attach a binding, I recommend Heather Bailey's tutorial at http://heatherbailey.typepad.com/photos/continuous_quiltbinding/index.html. Instructions may also be found in many books. For this project, I do not recommend binding methods where the entire binding is attached by machine, as the sewing can get a bit fussy around the snaps.