

Lined Zipper Pouch

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Use this easy fat quarter project to make a fun pouch to keep toiletries, jewelry, pens and pencils, makeup or a small gift for someone special. The lining can be different than the outside.

Materials: One or two fat quarter (one for the lining and one for the outside); one 7 inch zipper; sewing machine; thread; tape measure; pins; scissors or rotary cutter with mat; seam ripper; iron with ironing board

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| Step 1 | <i>Cut four 6 by 8 inch rectangles from the fat quarters. Two will be for the lining and two will be for the outside of the pouch. Make them all the same fabric or make the lining and outside different fabrics.</i> |
| Step 2 | <i>Place the two pieces of fabric for the outside of the pouch right sides together and sew a basting stitch along one of the long sides about half an inch from the edge of the fabric. This will be where the zipper will go.</i> |
| Step 3 | <i>Iron the half inch seam flat, with the seam and fabric open. The basting stitch will be in the center and all of the fabric will be folded away from it.</i> |
| Step 4 | <i>Lay the zipper face down on the ironed seam. Pin the zipper to the half inch seam allowance. Do not pin the zipper to the rest of the fabric.</i> |
| Step 5 | <i>Use a zipper foot to carefully sew the sides of the zipper to the half inch seam allowance. The zipper should be zipped during this step.</i> |
| Step 6 | <i>Flip the project over so that the right sides of the fabric are on top. Continue using the zipper foot to sew around the zipper on the top of the fabric. This makes the flap to cover the zipper. Make sure to sew a complete rectangle around the zipper.</i> |

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| Step 7 | <i>Carefully use the seam ripper to cut the basting stitches from the center of the rectangle sewn around the zipper. Now the zipper can be opened and closed.</i> |
| Step 8 | <i>Unzip the zipper.</i> |
| Step 9 | <i>Fold the fabric so that the right sides are together and sew around the remaining three sides of the pouch.</i> |
| Step 10 | <i>Pull the fabric of the pouch through the zippered opening to make it right side out.</i> |
| Step 11 | <i>Iron the pouch.</i> |
| Step 12 | <i>Place the two pieces of fabric for the lining right sides together and sew around three sides of the fabric, leaving one of the long sides open. The finished piece should fit inside of the completed zippered pouch.</i> |
| Step 13 | <i>Without turning the lining inside out, fit it into the unzipped pouch. The top edge of the lining will be sticking outside of the bag a little bit.</i> |
| Step 14 | <i>Fold the top of the lining away from the inside of the pouch. Pin in place if desired. The edge of the lining will be hidden between the two pouches.</i> |
| Step 15 | <i>Carefully sew the lining and the outside pouches together as close to the zipper as possible. Make sure to sew all the way around the opening to meet back where the stitching started. This will hide the edge of the zipper tape and the edge of the fabric.</i> |
| Step 16 | <i>Iron the pouch. The pouch is finished.</i> |