Mini Zipper Pouch

Video Tutorial Available

URL: https://youtu.be/wc5g641ZH0A

Materials & Items Needed

- Fabric: Quilter's cotton, denim, upcycled fabric, vinyl, faux leather, or scrappy fabric panels
- Interfacing: Lightweight interfacing or fusible fleece
- Zipper: Half of a zipper (one side) with a zipper pull 8 ½ inch of zipper.
- D-Ring (optional): 1/2-inch D-ring with 2 inches of twill tape (or a fabric loop)
- Basic Sewing Supplies: Fabric scissors, rotary cutter, ruler, turning stick, sewing machine, zipper foot, iron, and ironing board
- Fabric Glue or Glue Stick (Optional): Helps with zipper placement

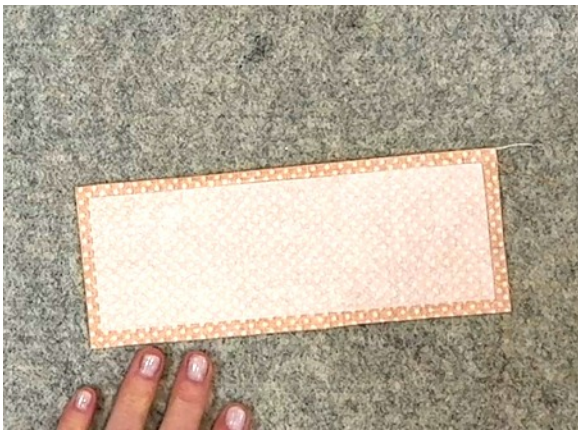
1 Cutting Out

• Cut One Outer Fabric and One Lining Fabric: 3" x 7 3/4"

• Interfacing: 2 1/2" x 7 1/4" (cut smaller to reduce bulk)

***If using thicker fabric like denim or corduroy, apply interfacing only to the lining fabric.

2 Fabric Preparation

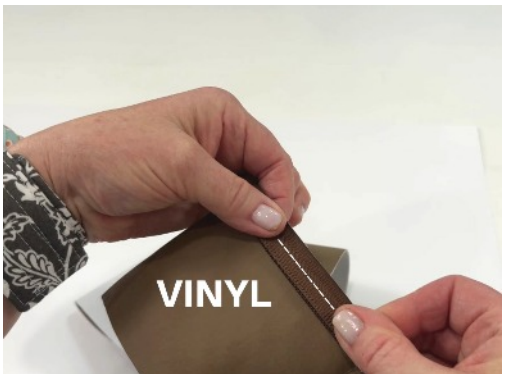


Apply Interfacing: Place the rough (glue) side of the interfacing onto the wrong side of the lining fabric.

Press with an iron to adhere.

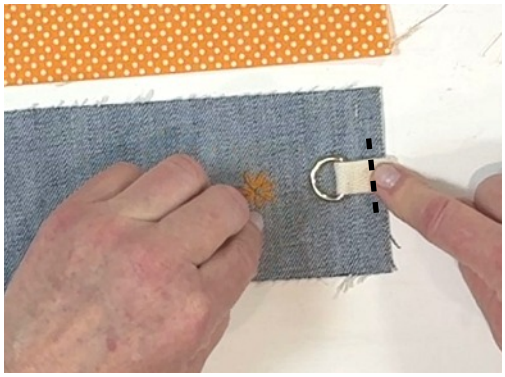
****Embellish** (Optional): If you'd like to add embroidery or an applique, do so before assembling the pouch.

Vinyl Version: Use lightweight vinyl or faux leather instead of fabric. No lining is needed—simply attach the zipper directly to the vinyl. Fold the zipper tape under and topstitch.



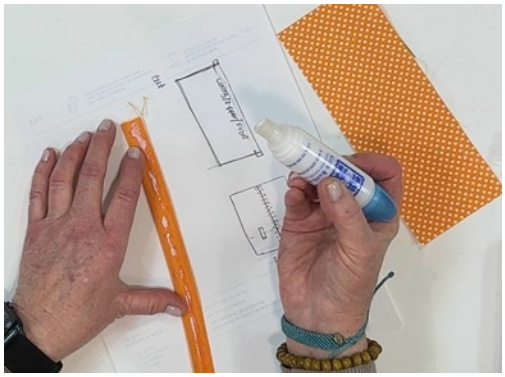
The fold the pouch in half and sew the sides and bottom . Easy!

3 D-Ring Application (optional)



Attach the D-Ring: Fold the twill tape in half, thread through the D-ring, and baste it onto the fabric about 1/8" from the edge.

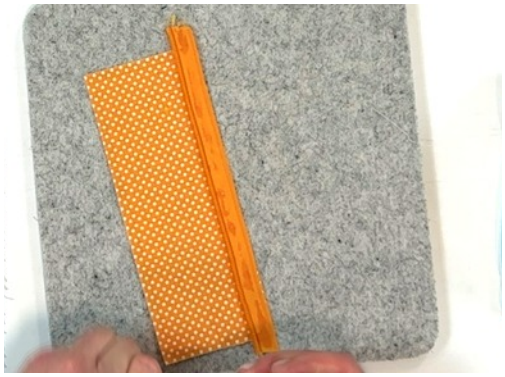
4 Zipper Application



1. Glue Basting the Zipper:

Place the wrong side of the zipper facing up onto a piece of scrap paper.

Apply a small bead of glue onto the zipper taper.



Center the zipper onto the RIGHT SIDE of the LINING FABRIC, aligning the edges. Press with an iron to set in place. (This is NOT permanent). This helps keep the zipper from shifting while sewing.

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Now apply a bead of glue to the RIGHT SIDE OF THE ZIPPER TAPE, and place the RIGHT SIDE OF THE OUTER FABRIC onto the zipper. Use a hot iron to set in place.

2. Sew the Zipper:

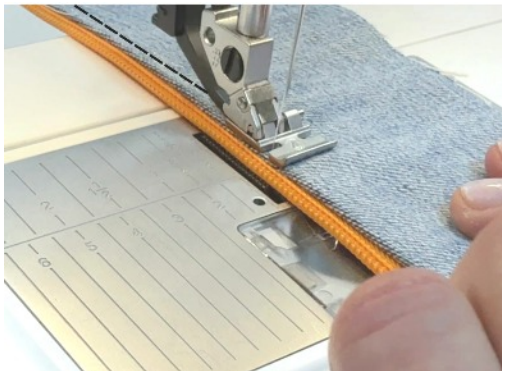
Attach the zipper foot to your machine with the needle on the left.

Sew along the edge, 1/8 inch from the zipper teeth.

3. Topstitch:

Fold the fabric so the wrong sides are together.

Press the edges well and topstitch about 1/8" from the edge for a clean, professional look.



5 Attaching the Zipper Pull

Using a “zipper gadget” is nice, but if you don’t have one, now worries. Line up the ends of the zipper tape and thread the zipper ends into the zipper pull. (Video tutorial is very helpful to watch). Once attached, zip the zipper up only half way.

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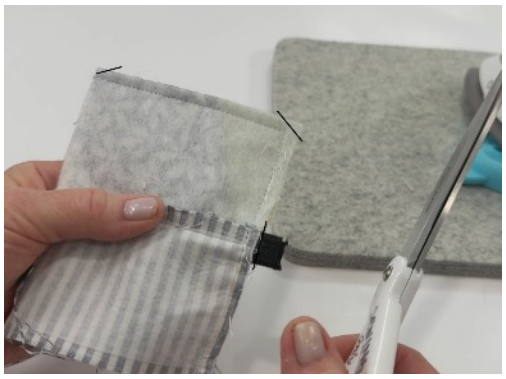
6 Assemble the Pouch

Open up the pouch so when folded in half, the lining and the outer fabrics are facing RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.

Line up the raw edges and pin in place. Place the zipper tape so it is facing towards the lining fabric.

Sew along the bottom of the outer fabric and the sides of the pouch. (Go slow when sewing over the zipper). Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.



***LEAVE THE BOTTOM OF THE LINING PIECE unsewn.

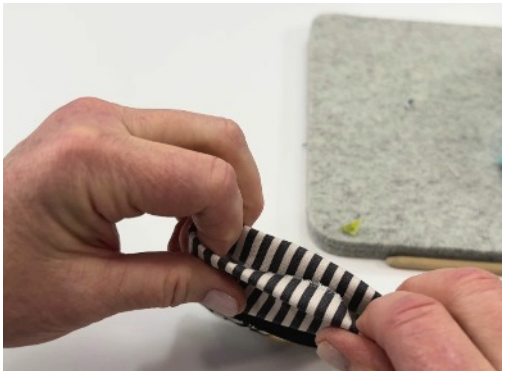
Trim off excess zipper.

Reduce bulk by clipping the corners and trimming excess zipper tape

7 Turn and Finish

1. Turn the Pouch Right Side Out: Use a turning stick to gently push out the corners.

2. Close the Lining Opening: Fold in the raw edges of the lining bottom under ¼ inch. Press and clip in place.

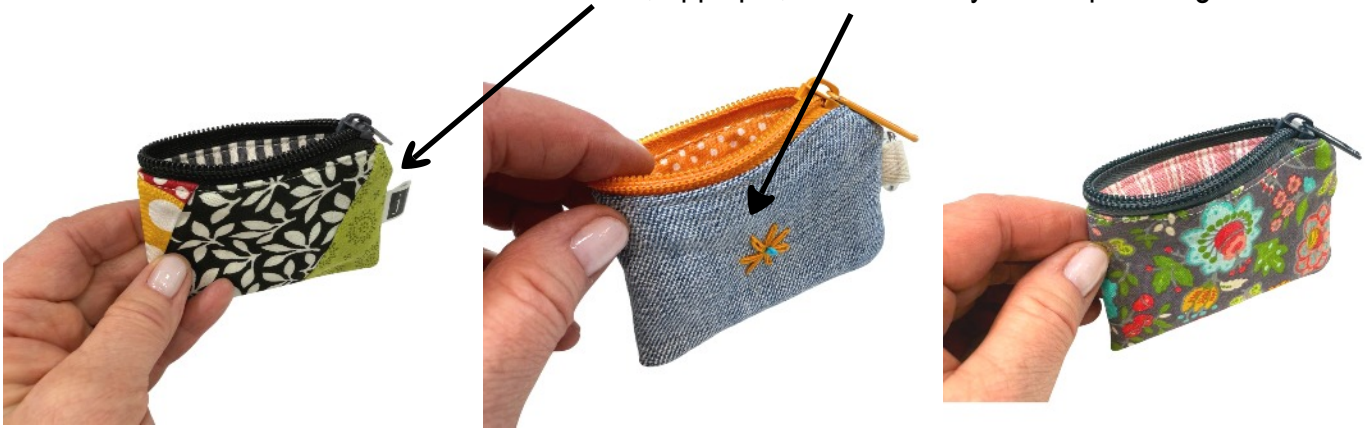


Topstitch close to the edge.

3. Stuff the Lining Inside: Push the lining inside the pouch and poke out the corners.

8 Alternative Materials & Embellishments

Personalized Touches: Add a fabric label, applique, or embroidery for unique designs.



Fun Zipper Variations: Experiment with different zipper colors and zipper pulls. to match or contrast with your fabric choices.

Have Fun Sewing!

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If you have any questions or concerns when sewing up your pouch, don't hesitate to send me a note. jannihowell@youmakeitsimple.com

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Mini Zipper Pouch

INTERFACING/FUSIBLE FLEECE

Cut 2

7 ¼ x 2 ½ inches

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Cut 1 Outer Fabric

Cut 1 Lining Fabric

7 3/4 x 3 inches