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Quilted Zipper Pouch Episode

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Finished Size: 4" wide x 11" long

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- 2. GET YOUR MACHINE READY**
Prepare for quilting success by reading through entire pattern before starting. Make sure you have a sharp rotary blade and needle. Are you experiencing breakage of your top thread, or skipped stitches? Do you hear a quiet popping sound when your needles move through the fabric? These are all signs that your needle is dull and it's time for a change.
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Materials

DIMENSIONS	FABRIC	BATTING	NOTIONS
4" wide x 11" long 3" deep	15½" x 15" Main Fabric 15½" x 15" Lining Fabric	15½" x 15"	14" all purpose zipper

Recommended Tools & Notions

- Rotary cutter
- Quilting rulers
- Cutting mat
- 50wt cotton thread

General Guidelines

Please read the entire pattern once through before starting. Follow seam allowance guidelines as directed.

Designer's Notes

Have you ever sewn a quilted zipper pouch? They are not as tricky as you might think! This quilted pouch tutorial will teach you how to make a very basic, lined zipper bag with boxed corners. If you prefer, you can leave the corners flat for a totally different look.

This quilted pouch is the perfect size to stash rotary cutters, scissors or other sewing notions. It could also be used as a makeup bag or for a variety of other creative uses!



Pattern Instructions

Quilt The Fabrics Together

STEP 1

Layer the batting between the main fabric and lining fabric to make a quilt sandwich. Baste as desired (spray basting is quick and easy). Quilt the layers together in any design you'd like. I chose a whimsical clamshell free-motion quilting pattern. Trim the quilted panel to 14½" x 14". Since there won't be a separate lining, you can choose to serge or zigzag stitch the edges for a cleaner, finished look inside.



Sew In The Zipper

STEP 1

Place the zipper right side down on one 14½" side of the main fabric (floral). The lining fabric (pink) will be face down.



STEP 2

Stitch the zipper to the quilted fabric panel along the left side. (Example is shown with white contrasting thread, but you'll want to use a matching thread.) Fold the fabric in half so the unstitched edge of the zipper is face down on the right edge of the main fabric. Stitch the zipper in place along the right edge to make the fabric panel into a tube.



Pattern Instructions

STEP 3

This is what the tube will look like after you've sewn the zipper.



STEP 4

Now turn the tube right side out and topstitch along both sides of the zipper. Use a zipper foot for the best results. An all-purpose polyester zipper works well. If using a sport zipper (with larger plastic teeth), you might need to separate the two halves of the zipper when top-stitching to get around the zipper pull. If you want to avoid separating your zipper, try this! Unzip the zipper 90% of the way. Topstitch the seam until you get close to the zipper pull. With the needle in the down position (use the hand wheel to do this) and the foot lifted up, move the zipper pull so it's actually behind the zipper foot (and just slightly into the territory of the topstitching you've already finished). Put the foot down again and continue sewing, with the zipper pull now safely out of the way. If you don't have a zipper foot, or you've tried and you still aren't getting super-straight results when topstitching around your zipper pull . . . adjust your stitch line so it's a hair farther away from the zipper teeth. This should make it easier to get around that pull.

STEP 5

Turn the tube wrong side out again and unzip the zipper halfway. Position the zipper in the center of the flattened tube. Close the tube by stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each open end, right across the zipper ends.



STEP 6

Stop and check your work. If you turn the pouch right side out, it's a flat quilted pouch with the zipper in the center of one side. This pretty case could make a nice pencil pouch or large quilted glasses case.



Pattern Instructions

Make the Corners

STEP 1

To make the boxed corners, once again turn the pouch wrong side out. Flatten and pinch each corner as shown, with the seam pressed open. Use a sewing pin to hold each corner in place.



STEP 2

Imagine or draw a line 2½" long across this corner where your pin is. This is the line you will stitch across each corner.



Finishing

STEP 1

Trim off the corners with pinking shears, or use regular scissors and finish with a zigzag stitch. Also, trim off any excess zipper ends inside the pouch.



STEP 2

Turn the quilted pouch right side out and it's finished! You can alter the dimensions to make different sizes of boxy quilted pouches. Just make sure that one side of the quilted fabric panel is ½" longer than your zipper.

