

Grace's Cases Designs

Small Zipper Pouch



Don't fear zippers anymore!
This is a great
first zipper project

Materials needed:

- Small scraps of Main fabric (two pieces sized 5" x 7" recommended)
- Small scraps of Lining fabric (two pieces sized 5" x 7" recommended)
- Two 4 ½" x 6 ½" pieces fleece interfacing (thermolam recommended)
- Nylon skirt zipper 7" or as long as needed for a larger pouch
- 4" of ½" double fold bias tape (or make your own from scraps)

Let's Begin!

1. Prepare your fabrics by ironing well. Cut both Main and Lining fabric into the sizes specified above or to whatever size you prefer. Dimensions used should be 1" larger than finished product.
2. Cut two pieces fleece interfacing to 4 ¼" x 6 ¼" (or ¾" smaller each dimension than Main fabric).
3. Fuse fleece interfacing to wrong side of Main fabric pieces.
4. Make side tabs (optional) by stitching close to the edge of the two long sides of bias tape. Cut into two 2" pieces.
5. Attach side tabs to one piece of Main fabric. Place tabs 1" down from top edge and baste in place using ¼" seam allowance



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6. Place zipper along the top edge of one Main piece having both ends extend past the edges of the fabric and with the zipper face down (right sides together). I like to leave a very small amount of the Main fabric showing as this helps ensure a straight seam. I don't use pins or clips to attach zippers (though you may if you choose) because I find it easier to have the zipper completely flat. Using a zipper foot, sew the zipper to the Main fabric along the center of the zipper tape. Many zippers have a mark along the zipper tape you can use as a guide.



7. With one piece of Lining fabric right side up on the table, place the Main piece you just completed face down on top of it matching top and side edges. As before, I recommend leaving just a bit of the lining fabric exposed along the top to use as a guide. Sew along the previous seam.
8. Press each fabric away from the zipper.
9. Press the Main and Lining fabrics together, right sides together.
10. Repeat steps 6-9 using remaining Main and Lining fabrics, making sure the sides are aligned to previous pieces.



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Your pouch should now look like this:



11. Beginning along one side of the zipper, topstitch close to the edge down one side of the zipper and stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the end – leaving needle in the down position.



12. Turn and sew back and forth across the zipper end.



13. Sew along the other edge of the zipper. You may need to stop at some point to move the zipper head out of the way. Make sure you leave the needle in the down position while doing this. You may need to raise the presser foot.

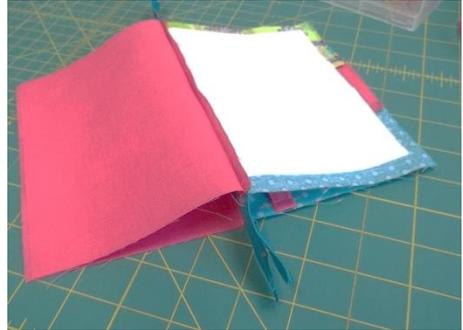
14. Stop sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " from last edge with the needle in the down position. Open the zipper $\frac{1}{2}$ way. Holding the two edges of the zipper together, sew back and forth across the zipper.



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15. Fold the fabrics so that the Main fabrics are right sides together and the Lining fabrics are rights sides together. The zipper will be in the middle.



Orient the zipper teeth so that they are facing the lining of the pouch.

Clip or pin Main and Lining fabrics together matching edges and corners.



16. You will be leaving a 3" opening in the bottom edge of the lining for turning right side out. Mark this opening with double pins if pinning, or make marks on the fabric if using clips.



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17. Using $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance and backstitching at the beginning and ending of this seam, begin sewing at one of the marks for the opening on the lining. Stop $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the corner and leave the needle in the down position and pivot. Continue sewing along the edge and over the zipper. I like to backstitch once over the zipper teeth for added security. Sew in this manner around all 4 sides of the pouch, ending at the second mark.



If this is your first time making a zippered pouch, you may want to turn the pouch right side out at this point to make sure that your zipper is open and that everything is OK.

18. Trim corners as shown. Using utility scissors (not your fabric scissors!!), trim off excess zipper. Turn pouch right side out by pulling it through the opening in the lining. Gently push corners out. Leave lining out at this time.



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18. Turn under the raw edges of the opening in the lining and press. Stitch opening closed by sewing close to the edge.



19. Tuck lining inside the pouch, gently pushing the corners into the corners.



Attach zipper pull if desired.

Smile and enjoy!

