

Easy Zippered Pouch

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Materials:

Fabric A - for outside of pouch

Fabric B - for lining of pouch

Zipper with plastic coils somewhat longer than the desired width of the pouch

Instructions:

Cut Fabric A: 17½" x 8½"

Cut Fabric B: (lining) 21½" x 8½"

Note: Cut lining at least 4" longer than outer fabric. If you want a wider border cut Fabric B (lining) more than 4" longer.

Join one short end of Fabric A to one short end Fabric B (right sides together).

Sew in pocket at this point if you want one. If not, go on.

Join other short end of Fabric A to Fabric B (right sides together).

Turn right sides out.

Find center of both long edges of Fabric A and then of Fabric B. Match centers of A & B, then press. About 1 ½" of lining fabric (B) should be visible on both ends when outside of pouch lays facing up. (make sure they are even)

Top stitch along seam.

Note: If you want to embellish the lining fabric with decorative stitches or ribbon, now is the time to do it. If using buttons or jewels to embellish, wait until zipper is installed.

Stitch in zipper by laying a short end directly on top of zipper.

Note: Make sure zipper is going in the direction you want.

Open zipper all the way then stitch onto other short end.

Open zipper half way. Important!!!

Position zipper as desired and pin sides of pouch, lining side outward (unless doing French seams).

Put pleat in bottom as desired by folding up bottom edge ½" into pouch on both sides & pin. Now stitch both sides.

Finish side seams by zig zagging, serging or binding edges.

For French seams, with pleat pinned in place, stitch side seams with right sides of pouch outward.

Trim seams down to about ⅛".

Turn wrong sides out. Be sure zipper is opened half way and stitch sides again.

