

Project 6: Zipper Pouch



Materials	Tools
Fabric 16" x 10"	Sewing machine
Lining 16" x 10"	Measuring tape or ruler
Matching thread	Fabric scissors
Zipper, 12" long with plastic teeth	Sewing clips
	Iron

Steps for making the Zipper Pouch:

1. Cut 2 rectangles from outside fabric both 8" x 5"
2. Cut 2 rectangles from lining fabric both 8" x 5"
3. Place one lining fabric piece horizontally right side up
4. Place the zipper on the top edge of the lining fabric right side up about center
5. Place one outside fabric piece on the top edge of the zipper wrong side up, matching up all the top edges

6. Clip all three pieces together making sure to square up both pieces of fabric



7. Install the zipper foot on the sewing machine and set stitch length to about 2.5
8. Sew a seam to connect both fabric pieces and zipper. Place the zipper foot as close as you can to the zipper feet which will be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance
9. Next, repeat steps 4-9 for the other side.



10. Press all 4 seams down



11. Next topstitch on the outside fabric. Change the stitch length to 3.5 and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.

12. IMPORTANT: Unzip the zipper pull so that it is in the center

13. Next match up each outside fabric piece and match up each lining fabric piece. The zipper teeth need to be folded towards the lining.

14. Pin or clip into place.

15. Install the standard presser foot. Change the stitch length back to 2.5.

16. Sew around the pouch with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance. Leave a few inches open on the lining side to be able to turn the pouch right side out. Make sure to back stitch at the beginning and end of the stitch. When sewing over the zipper teeth make sure the teeth just meet and do not overlap, also go backwards and forwards a few times over the teeth and tape to secure the stitch.



17. Make sure the zipper pull is inside the pouch then, trim away the extra zip tape from the sides.



18. OPTIONAL: zigzag stitch down the side to prevent fraying of fabric and zipper tape
19. Trim the four corners but do not cut the seam
20. Next, turn the pouch inside out.
21. Poke out the corners.
22. Press the pouch
23. Tada! Your zipper pouch is complete!

