

Easy Zipper Pouch

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Supplies:

Quilting cotton for exterior
Contrast quilting cotton for lining and zipper tabs
Thermoweb StitchnSew Fleece
Thermoweb SpraynBond Adhesive Spray
Thermoweb HeatnBond Light Weight Fusible
Zipper - Nine inch (or longer) with vinyl zipper teeth
Leather Scrap
Optional: fabric tag



Cut:

From exterior fabric

- two 10" x 7.5"

From lining fabric

- two 9.5" x 7"
- two 1.5" x 2" for zipper tabs

StitchnSew Fleece

- two 10.5" x 8"

HeatnBond light weight fusible interfacing

- two 9.5" x 7"

Sewing Instructions

Exterior Pieces Preparation

Step One: Use Thermoweb SpraynBond Adhesive Spray on the back of both exterior fabric pieces. Adhere to the Thermoweb StitchnSew Fleece. Iron the fabric side to set in place. (The fleece will be a little larger than the fabric.)

Step Two: Quilt both exterior pieces as desired. I chose to hand quilt a diagonal line using embroidery thread. However, you don't have to quilt at all if you prefer.



Step Three (optional): Attach a fabric or leather tag to one of the exterior pieces. I centered mine on the bag front.

Step Four: Trim both exterior pieces to 9.5" x 7".

Step Five (optional): Cut your leather scrap to 1" x 2". Fold in half and sew to the right edge of the exterior front approximately 2" down. This is definitely not necessary, but it does add a little something extra to the finish!



Lining Pieces Preparation



Step One: Place Thermoweb HeatnBond Lightweight Interfacing to the back of each lining piece and adhere by ironing in place and set aside for now.

Zipper Preparation



Step One: Take your zipper tab fabric pieces and fold and press them in half lengthwise (tabs will now be $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 2"). Fold and press them in half again (tabs will now be $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 2").

Step Two: Take your zipper and cut off the end of the zipper, removing the zipper stop. Measure the zipper from the cut off end to exactly 8.5 inches. Mark that measurement with a pen. Open the zipper past that mark (do not zip to the end, as you might accidentally remove the zipper pull!). Cut the zipper at the 8.5 inch mark you just made.





Step Three: Place the end of your zipper inside a zipper tab. Use a sewing clip to hold in place. Sew the edge of the zipper tab, enclosing the zipper. Repeat with the other end of the zipper. Cut the ends of the tabs to the edge of the zipper.

Zipper Installation

Step One: Place your zipper right side down on the front exterior fabric piece, centering it so there is $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each side. Use fabric clips to hold in place.



Step Two: Baste in place. (You may need to move your zipper pull up or down so it is out of your way when sewing.)

Step Three: Place a fabric lining piece on top of the exterior piece; right sides together. Carefully line up, sandwiching the zipper in between. Use fabric clips to hold in place.



Step Four: Sew along the previously basted stitch; sewing from one raw edge to the other.

Step Five: Repeat with the remaining exterior and lining fabric pieces.



Step Six: Iron each side so that they lay flat. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " along the edge of the exterior pieces (folding back the lining; only the exterior pieces will be topstitched).

Final Bag Assembly

Step One: Open the zipper! This is a VERY important step!!

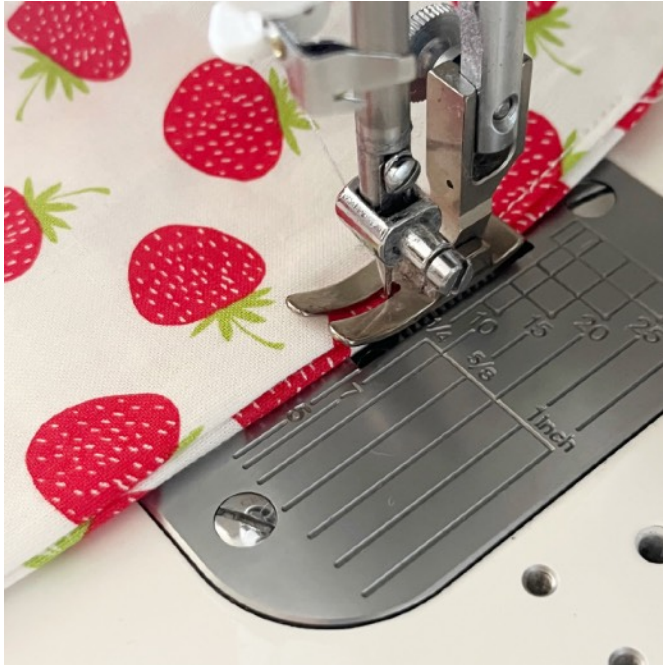
Step Two: Fold the bag so that the front pieces are facing each other and the lining pieces are facing each other.

Step Three: Carefully line up the edges and use fabric clips all the way around to hold in place.

Step Four: Sew $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam all the way around the bag, leaving a 3" opening in the bottom of the lining portions. (I marked the opening so that I did not forget to leave it open!)



Step Five: Turn the bag right side out by pushing the bag through the opening in the lining. Put your hand inside and push the corners out of the exterior portion of the bag. You can use a sharp pointer to do this, just be careful not to pierce the corners.



Step Six: Close the opening in the lining by folding in the raw edges and sewing along the fold.

Step Seven: Push the lining to the inside of the bag. Push and pull until everything is smooth and perfect! Give your bag a final press with your iron.



Attach little charm zipper pulls to your zipper pouch. These always add a little extra touch!



These pouches are super fun to make and are actually very fast. Selecting the fabric to use is always the hardest part for me!

These pouches make great holiday treat bags as well!





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