

# Zipper Pouch

## By Just Sew

### Materials:

- ¼" yard each of 2 coordinating fabrics
- ¼ yard fusible fleece
- [1] 9" zipper
- Coordinating thread

### Cutting:

1. Cut 2 5 ½" x 9" pieces from each of the two coordinating fabrics for exterior and lining of bag.
2. Cut [2] 5 ½" x 9" pieces from fusible fleece.
3. Cut [1] 1" x 5" piece from lining fabric for handle

### Assembly:

1. Fuse a piece of fusible fleece to the WRONG side of each exterior fabric.
2. Place one exterior piece RIGHT side up. Place the zipper with the pull tab to the LEFT on long edge of exterior piece. The RIGHT side of the zipper should be facing DOWN. Then put the lining piece WRONG side up on top of the zipper. Pin in place.
3. Using your zipper foot sew along the edge of this zipper sandwich. It is helpful to sew halfway, lift up your zipper foot, open the zipper past where your zipper foot is, then continue stitching. This makes it so you don't have to sew around the zipper pull.
4. Fold back the lining and press. Carefully top stitch the lining in place along the zipper, 1/8" away from the fold so the lining doesn't get caught in your zipper when opening and closing the pouch, moving the zipper out of the way as you did in Step 3.
5. Fold down the bag exterior so the WRONG sides of exterior and lining are together.
6. Place the other exterior piece RIGHT side up. Put the zipper teeth side down with the pull tab on the RIGHT this time. Place the remaining lining piece WRONG side up on top of the zipper. Pin in place, sew as you did in Step 3. Fold back the lining. Press and top stitch the lining.
7. To make handle, fold the 1" x 5" piece in half the long way, WRONG sides together. Open and press both long edges in to the center. Fold the handle in half again and press. Top stitch 1/8" away from each long edge of the handle.
8. Open your zipper halfway.
9. Lay out the bag so the exterior pieces are right sides together and the lining pieces are right sides together. Tuck the handle in between the bag exterior pieces on the side opposite where the zipper pull is when it is closed. Position it ½" below the zipper, and match raw edges so the handle is INSIDE the sandwiched exterior pieces. Pin in place, then pin all the way around the bag.
10. Stitch all the way around the bag with a ¼" seam allowance, leaving a 4" opening on the long edge of the lining. Press the seam allowances of the long edge of the lining up toward the lining to help make stitching the opening closed easier.
11. Clip corners. Turn and push out corners. Hand or machine stitch opening closed. Tuck lining into bag and zip closed. Press.