FREE PATTERN · BEGINNER

Easy Lined Zipper Pouch

The perfect first zipper project. Sew one in about an hour, then make a stack: for makeup, chargers, pencils, notions or gifts.



Finished size: **9 × 6¼ in (23 × 16 cm)** · Time: about 1 hour · Skill: beginner

- All-purpose thread to match
- Zipper foot
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat, or scissors
- Clips or pins, and an iron

You will need

	Supply	Amount
	**Outer: Among the Pines** Art Gallery Fabrics, Capsules Campsite	½ m (makes 4 pouches)
	**Lining: Hopping Hare** Art Gallery Fabrics, Capsules Campsite	½ m (makes 4 pouches)
	**Pellon Fusible Fleece #987F** Gives the pouch body	about 10 in
	**Coil zipper tape with slides** Cut to any length	12 in + 1 slide
	**Zipper pull (optional)** Size #5, assorted designs	1

Cutting

From	Cut
Outer fabric	2 rectangles 10 × 7 in (25.4 × 17.8 cm)
Lining fabric	2 rectangles 10 × 7 in (25.4 × 17.8 cm)
Fusible fleece	2 rectangles 9 × 6¼ in (22.9 × 15.9 cm)
Zipper tape	1 length of 12 in (30.5 cm), with 1 slide added (or use any zipper 10 in or longer)

Seam allowances: ¼ in (0.6 cm) along the zipper, ½ in (1.3 cm) everywhere else. Fabric picks are from our current stock; any quilting cotton works.

Instructions

1. **Fuse the fleece**
   Place a fleece piece on the wrong side of each outer rectangle, ½ in in from the sides and bottom and ¼ in down from the top edge. Fuse with a hot iron, following the fleece instructions.
2. **Prepare the zipper**
   Feed both halves of the zipper tape evenly into the slide and pull it a few inches onto the tape. The tape is longer than the pouch on purpose: the extra is trimmed at the end.
3. **First zipper side**
   Lay one outer piece right side up. Place the zipper face down along its top edge. Lay one lining piece face down on top, edges matching. Clip, then sew ¼ in from the edge with a zipper foot. Move the slide out of the way as you go.
4. **Press and repeat**
   Fold the outer and lining back from the zipper, wrong sides together, and press. Repeat with the other outer and lining pieces on the other side of the zipper.
5. **Topstitch (optional)**
   Topstitch ⅛ in from the fold on both sides of the zipper for a crisp, professional finish.
6. **Open the zipper halfway**
   Important: open the zipper at least halfway now, or you will not be able to turn the pouch right side out.
7. **Sew around**
   Open the pieces so the two outers face each other and the two linings face each other, with the zipper teeth pointing toward the lining. Sew around all edges with a ½ in seam, leaving a 4 in gap in the bottom of the lining. Sew slowly across the zipper ends: those stitches become the zipper stops.
8. **Trim and turn**
   Trim the extra zipper tape, clip the corners, then turn the pouch right side out through the gap. Push out the corners gently.
9. **Finish**
   Stitch the lining gap closed by machine close to the edge, push the lining inside and press. Add a zipper pull if you like.

Make it your own

- **Boxed corners:** before turning, pinch each bottom corner flat and sew straight across 1½ in from the point (outer and lining). The pouch stands up on its own.
- **Bigger or smaller:** add or take away the same amount from every rectangle and the fleece. Keep the zipper at least 2 in longer than the pouch is wide.
- **Gift set:** make three in coordinating prints and nest them.

Tips

- Use a fresh 80/12 needle and a zipper foot.
- If the slide gets in the way, stop with the needle down, lift the foot and slide it behind the needle.
- Sewing over a metal zipper? Use a nylon coil zipper instead: you can sew right across it.

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