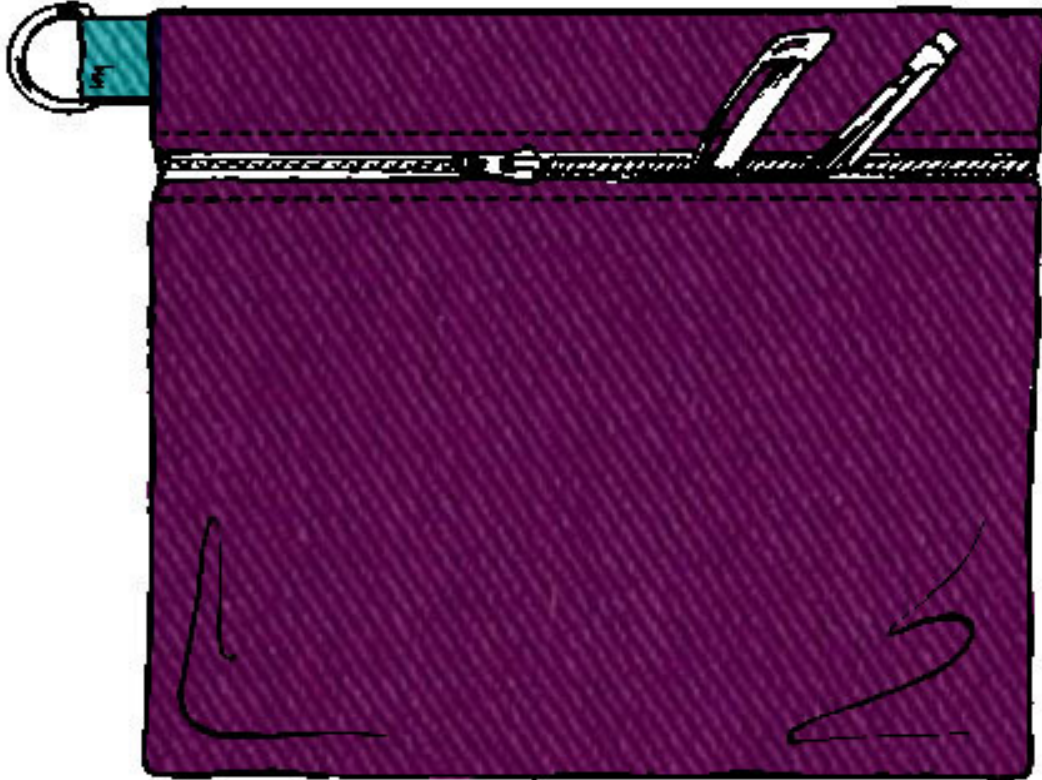


Zipper Pouch



The Sacred Sewing Room is a program created by Enchanted Makeovers to create beautiful and inspirational sewing rooms in shelters across the country. Through this program shelter residents can learn sewing basics to use as a coping mechanism, an expression of creativity and a way to build the future.

Amy Barickman, founder of Indigo Junction, serves on the board of Enchanted Makeovers and developed the Sacred Sewing Series line of free patterns to be used as a teaching tool in shelter sewing rooms. We offer these patterns to you free of charge, but hope that you will consider donating to Enchanted Makeovers. This non-profit program can only subsist with help from donors like you.

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MATERIALS LIST:

11" x 12" rectangle of denim or heavy fabric for pouch back

11" x 8" rectangle of denim or heavy fabric for pouch front

14" long zipper

1" D-ring

3" long piece bias tape

Thread

Pins

Sewing machine

Iron, ironing surface

INSTRUCTIONS

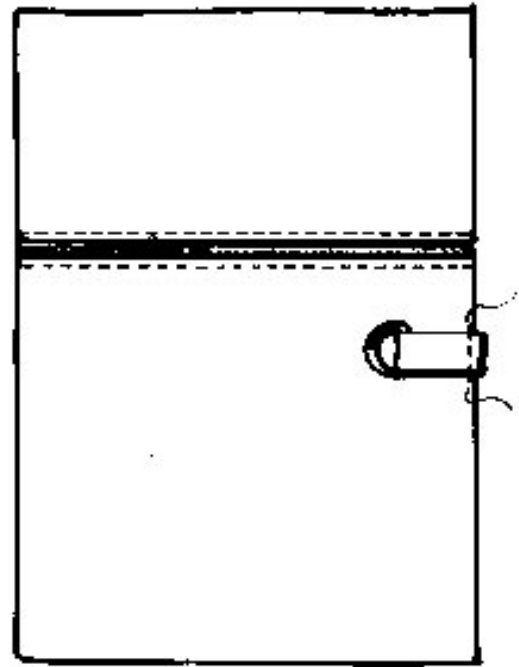
1. A 14" long zipper is commonly available at fabric stores and can be trimmed to fit needed dimensions. Lay both rectangles on a flat surface, matching 11" long edges. Center the 14" long zipper between the rectangles. Trim zipper ends, making sure zipper pull is between cut ends; throw away cut ends. Carefully zigzag-stitch three times over each end of zipper teeth.

2. Match the right side of zipper to the right side of your 11" x 12" rectangle. Pin along the length of the zipper. If your machine has a zipper foot, attach it to your sewing machine. If you don't have a zipper foot you can still sew on a zipper, making the stitching line as near to the zipper teeth as possible. Sew along the edge of the rectangle near zipper teeth.

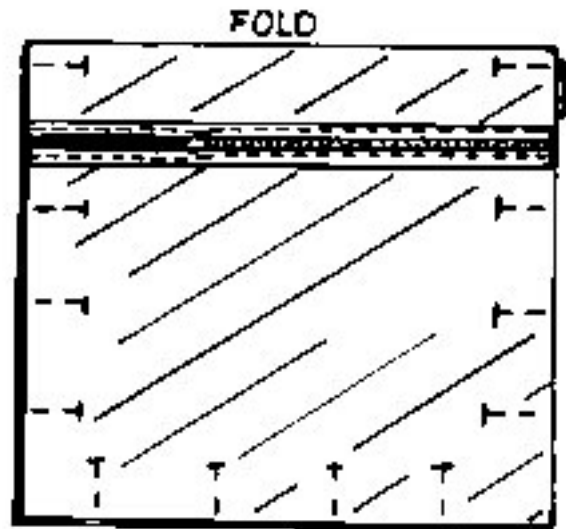
3. When you get to the zipper pull, do not swerve to go around it. Instead, stop with the needle down in the fabric, lift presser foot, and slide zipper pull up and out of the way. Lower presser foot and continue sewing. Fold zipper faceup. Finger-press rectangle away from zipper. Repeat step 2 with the 11" x 8" rectangle, sewing down opposite side of zipper teeth in same manner. Finger-press as before.

4. Topstitch 1/8" from folds on each side of zipper.

5. Slip bias tape through the straight side of the D ring. Bring the raw edges of the bias tape together and baste to edge of 11" x 12" rectangle. See image in next column.



6. Remove the zipper foot from the sewing machine and replace it with a regular sewing foot. With right side inside, fold the rectangle in half, matching 11" long edges. Pin together along sides and bottom. The D ring and bias tape will be inside the pencil case. Sew together through all the layers. Backstitch at beginning and end of the sewing line to secure stitching.



7. Clip bottom corners to reduce bulk. Turn pouch right side out. Use a rounded object, such as a pencil eraser or chopstick, to gently push the corners out; press to finish the pencil case.