



Tutorial

Assemble Zipper Pocket

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The method used in this document to assemble a zipper pocket may require a little more work compared to other techniques that are much faster, but the result is worth it. If you peek inside of the pocket, you can see how nice and neat it looks, since the edges of the zipper and the seam are not visible which gives it a pretty clean and professional look.



What pieces will you need?

- Lining main panel (Where you are going to place the pocket)
- Zipper facing. (Will allow to reinforce the fabric where the zipper will be inserted).
- Zip pocket piece. (With which the pocket will be shaped).

Each of our patterns will include these three pieces. (In previous patterns, only the respective measurements are provided in the cutting table) These pieces vary in each pattern according to the dimensions and characteristics of each design.

Materials

- Zipper #3 or #5 according to your preference. (The suggested measurement will be found in the list of materials of each pattern).
- Double sided tape 6 mm (1/4") or temporary adhesive spray.
- Scissors
- Seam ripper
- Pins and hooks
- Iron
- Coordinating thread
- Zipper foot

Instructions

1. Flip the zipper facing wrong side up. Transfer the stitching line for your zipper pocket opening found on the corresponding pattern piece.



2. Take the lining main panel in which you are going to install the pocket, right side up. Add the zipper facing, wrong side up. Place at the distance suggested by each pattern. Hold with pins or adhesive spray. Take a moment to make sure it is lined up the way you like.



3. Stitch around the marked stitching line (red lines). To make sure your stitched rectangle comes out perfect, you can keep the following points in mind:

- It is suggested to use small straight stitches in length.
- Start sewing in the middle of the mark and not on one of the corners.
- Slow down as you approach the corner, using your hand wheel for the last few stitches to make sure the needle hits the corner exactly. Leave the needle down in the fabric before you turn.
- Sew very slowly or use your hand wheel to stitch down the short ends of the rectangle. This will allow you to count your stitches, so you can make sure the other end is exactly the same.



4. Using sharp scissors, cut the center line and the triangle points. (Red lines).

To make this easier you can make a small opening with the seam ripper and from there insert the scissors to finish the cut. You can also use a rotary cutter, instead.

At the “V” shape lines that extend to the corners, make sure you snip all the way into the corner, however, be careful you don’t cut through the stitching. This is why you will need small, sharp scissors for this to work, because your scissors don’t reach far enough, it will be very difficult to get a nice opening.

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5. Pull the zipper facing through the opening of the zipper pocket and press it to the wrong side. If your corners wrinkle up just turn your zipper facing back to the wrong side and check if you can clip a little further into the corners. Take some time to gently press that seam with your fingers, making sure it's as flat as possible, and that the fabric is rolled completely away from the stitch.



6. Apply your hot iron.

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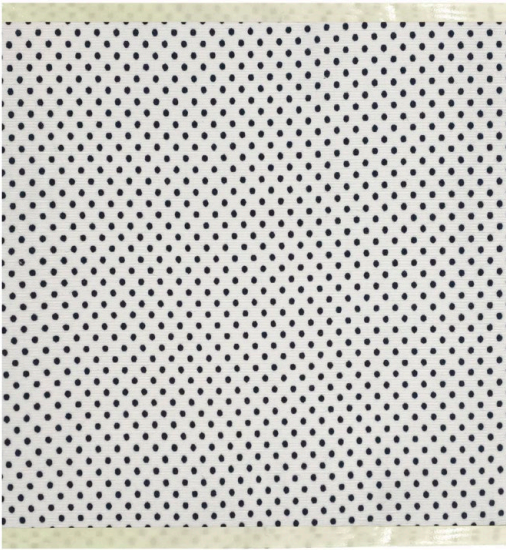
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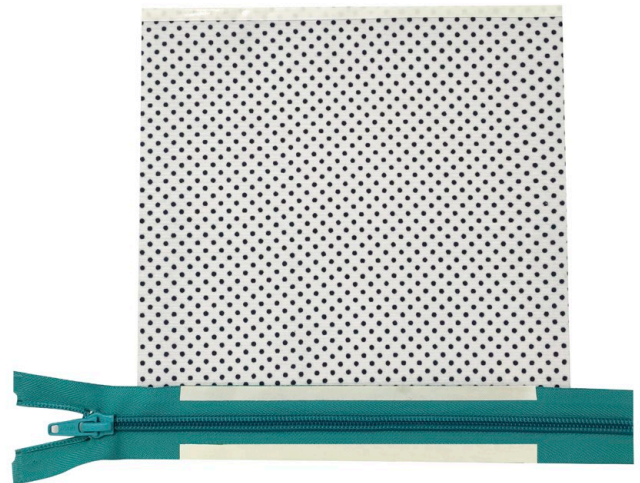
7. Add double sided tape to the top and bottom edge of the zip pocket piece, right side up.



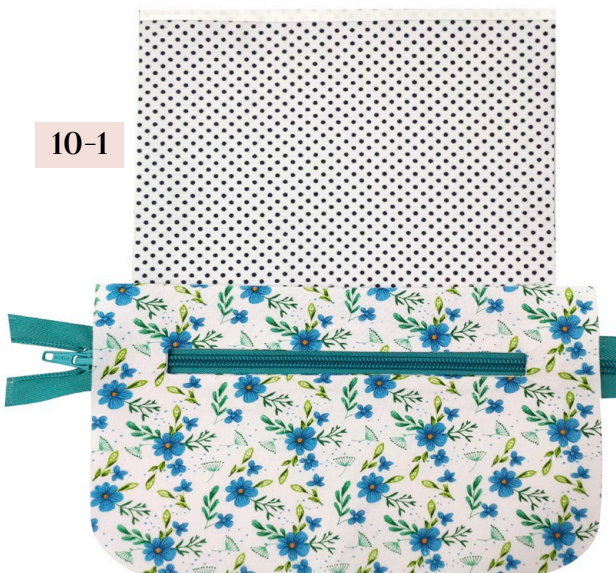
8. Remove backing from double sided tape on the bottom of the zip pocket piece and place the zipper right side up. Make sure the zipper is centered and that the zipper pull is positioned to the left.



9. Add double sided tape to both long edges of the zipper. The double sided tape should be the same length as your zipper opening, so it shouldn't cover the entire width of the zipper, otherwise it could be interfering with the seam later.



- 10.** Remove backing from double sided tape on the zipper and put the lining main panel wrong side down on top of the zipper; make sure the zipper is centered. Don't rush through this step. Take some time to carefully position your zipper so that zipper teeth are positioned right down the center of the zipper opening.



- 11.** Use your zipper foot. Topstitch at 3 mm (1/8") seam allowance away from the lower zipper cut out. Start just past where the zipper ends and stop just past where the zipper closes. Do not backstitch; instead, leave the thread tails from both ends long, pull these top threads to the back, and tie them off.



- 12.** In this step check that the zipper pull is inside the zipper opening.



- 14.** Remove backing from double sided tape on the top of the zip pocket piece, fold the piece up and align with the upper edge of the zipper facing.



- 13.** Pull down the zip pocket piece and finger press at the fold.



- 15.** Turn to the right side. Use your zipper foot and topstitch at 3 mm (1/8") seam allowance around the other three sides. Start at the last stitch and sew up the side, around, and end at the first stitch. Do not backstitch; instead leave the thread tails from both ends long, pull these top threads to the back and tie them off.



- 16.** Sew on both sides to close the pocket. (6 mm, 1/4" seam allowance). Don't catch in the lining main panel underneath. You will only be sewing around the zip pocket piece.



- 17.** Trim the seams to about 3 mm (1/8") seam allowance.



- 18.** Flip. Press again to remove any wrinkles.



- 19.** Finally, you're done! And there you have a lovely zipper pocket to put your money, phone, keys and other essentials. You can add a tassel, pompom or other decorative element to the end of the zipper head for a bit of individuality.



**Congratulations,
your zipper pocket is complete!**