



Patchwork Pouch

6 x 8

Materials:



Fabric A: Various Scraps for exterior



Fabric B: 1 Fat Quarter for accent/lining

Cut (1) 5 1/2" x 9" rectangle

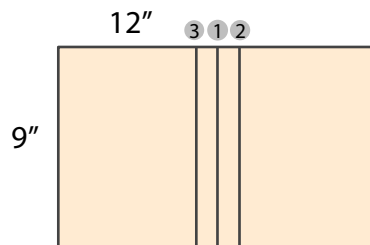
Cut (1) 9" x 12" rectangle

Foam interfacing or batting: (1) 9 x 12 piece

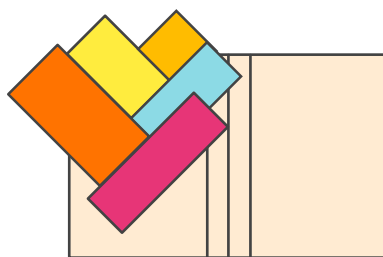
1 zipper, at least 10"

Make Exterior:

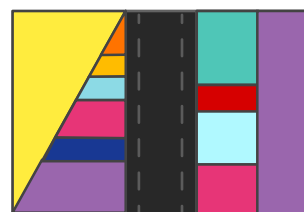
Find the center of the foam/batting piece across the length and mark line #1. Measure out 1" on either side of the center line and mark lines #2 and #3.



Using the quilt as you go method, add scraps of fabric to either side of the marked lines filling in the space completely. Make sure you go over lines 2 & 3 so the space is filled in completely and has room for a seam allowance. You can make this section as scrappy or as simple as you desire. Add any top stitching or quilting before moving on to the next step.

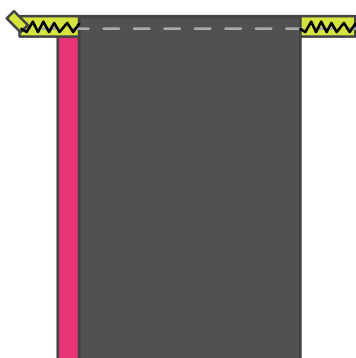


Once both sides of the foam are filled in, you are ready to add the center strip. Take the 5 1/2" x 9" rectangle from fabric B and fold it in half, WST, lengthwise. Place the raw edges against line #3 over the scrappy section. Sew a 1/4" seam allowance. Fold over and press. The folded edge should line up on the opposite side at line #2. Top stitch this in place.

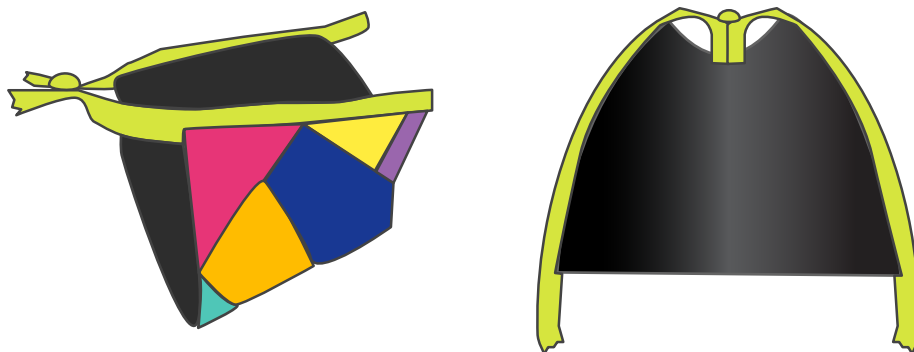


Insert Zipper:

Sandwich the zipper between the exterior and lining by placing it RST on the exterior quilted piece and placing the right side of lining down over the top of it. Matching raw edges. Sew a 1/4" (or as close to the zipper teeth as you like) seam allowance through all 3 layers. Flip open, putting exterior and lining wrong sides together, exposing the zipper. Press well. Top stitch along the edge of the exterior fabric if desired.

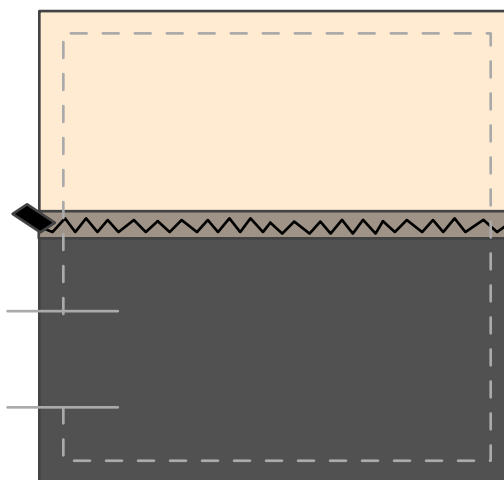


Flip this unit back over so the right sides are together again. Open the zipper, being careful not to have it separate. On the opposite side of the bag, place the second side of the zipper in between the 2 layers. Sew the zipper in place. Flip this unit right sides out, press well and add top stitching to this second side if desired.



Finish:

Flip the unit wrong sides out again and line up the layers so that the exterior pieces line up, and the lining pieces line up, all with right sides together. Make sure the zipper is left partially open and that it is lined up and pinned well. Trim the excess zipper off at this point. Sew all the layers of the pouch together as shown, being careful going over the zipper section. Leave an opening on the side to turn it through.



Flip the pouch through the open section, and poke out the corners well.
Slip stitch or machine stitch the opening closed and your are done!

