



Technique:	Zipper installation
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting time:	An evening

Unzipped it's a puzzle piece, but close the zipper and this clever shape becomes a perfect pouch for holding tiny treasures.

Finished Size of Project: 4" x 4" x 2"

Supplies:

Coats Polyester All-purpose Zipper, 22"

Dual Duty XP All-Purpose thread

Print fabric, outer ½ yd (45.72cm) or
1 fat quarter

Solid fabric, lining ½ yd (45.72cm) or
1 fat quarter

Fusible interfacing ½ yd (45.72cm) or
1 fat quarter

Additional Requirements:

Sewing Machine with zipper foot

Basis Sewing Supplies

Printer

Instructions

Note: Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6cm)

1. Print the pattern (**on page 3**). You'll need to use 11" x 17" (28 x 43cm) paper or set your printer to tile the shape onto two pieces of letter-size paper. If you do this, you will need to tape the pattern together to use when cutting out the fabric. Be sure to check the printed size by the 1" test box.
2. Cut one shape from each of the outer and lining fabrics and two shapes from the interfacing. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse a piece of interfacing to the wrong side of each fabric shape.
3. Place the shapes right sides together and sew around the entire outer edge, leaving an opening for turning between the lines on the pattern. Take one stitch across each of the two dots to allow room for turning.

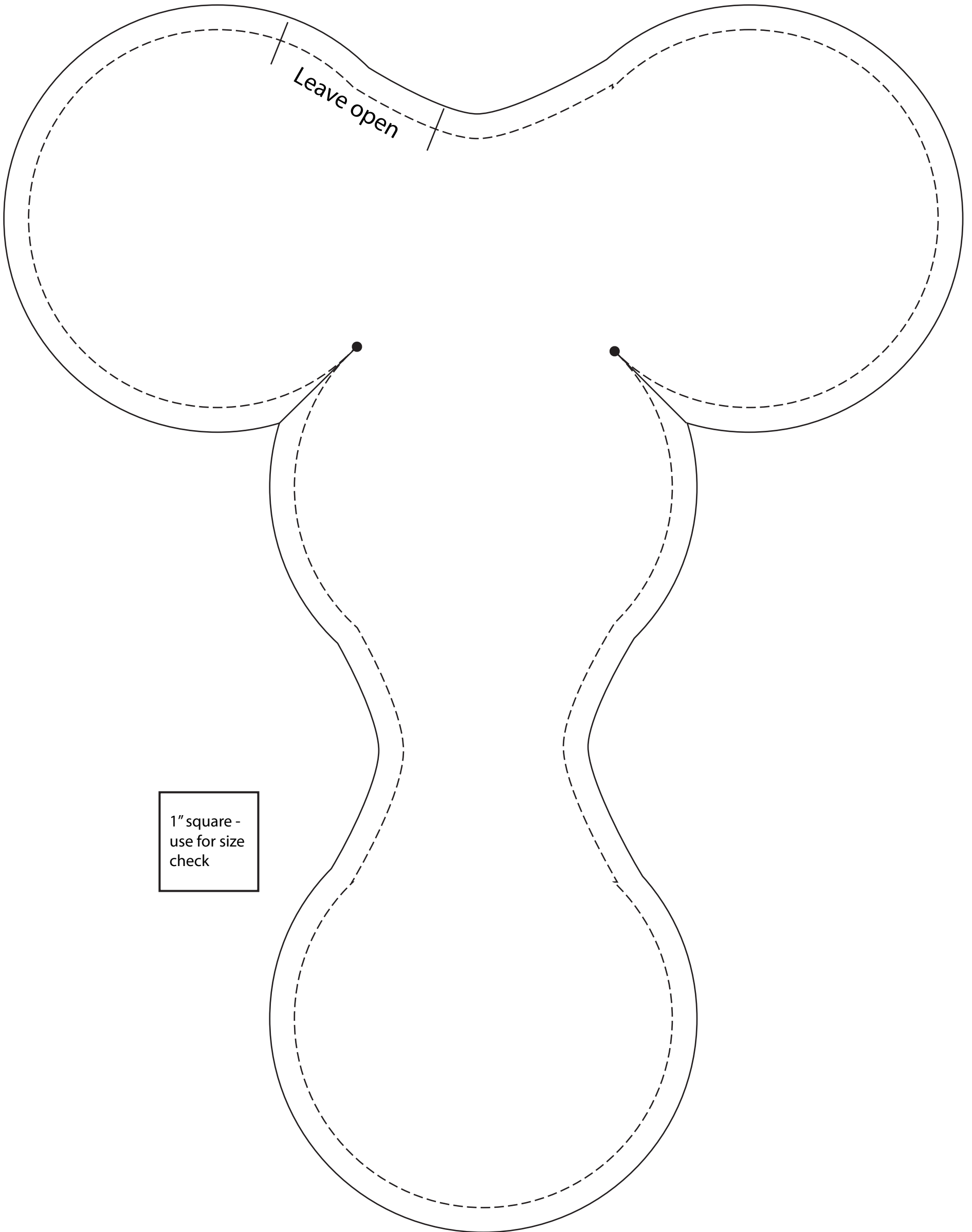
TIPS:

- Sew slowly and steadily around the curves to create a smoothly curved shape.
- Set the machine for a shorter stitch length (2.0 mm or 12 stitches per inch) for sewing around the curves.
- Use pinking shears to trim and clip the seam allowances in one operation. The resulting regularity of the clips/notches yields the smoothest results when the curves are turned and pressed.

4. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and make a clip to, but not through, each dot. Turn the shape right side out. Press, turning the seam allowances to the wrong side along the opening. Slipstitch the pressed edges together to close the gap in the seam.
5. Set your machine for a long stitch (4.0 mm or 6 stitches per inch) and sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.4cm) from the outer edge of each zipper tape. Stitch with the zipper right side up.
6. Position the zipper tape under the outer edge of the shape with the top stop at one of the dots on the pattern and pin. The fabric edge should lie $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.4cm) from the zipper teeth. Position the zipper's bottom stop at the second dot on the pattern and pin. Unzip the zipper and continue pinning it to the fabric shape; one side of the zipper will extend around the crossbar of the "T" and the other will extend around the vertical part of the shape. Distribute the zipper fullness evenly around the shape as you pin. Pull the bobbin thread in each line of long stitches to gather the tape slightly, easing the zipper into place.
7. Edgestitch the fabric to the zipper tapes, sewing as close to the fabric edge as possible. Tuck the excess zipper tape under the fabric at the dots.
8. Carefully press the zipper tape only – not the teeth – to set the zipper shape and flatten the tapes. Use pinking shears to trim the ends of the zipper tape about $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6cm) beyond each dot. Zip the zipper to shape and close the bag.



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Leave open

1" square -
use for size
check