Tech Pouch

Finished pouch size: 6-1/2" x 9-1/2"

paintbrush studio

You'll Need

6-8 fat quarters
12" long zipper
8" x 11" piece of muslin
(2) 8" x 11" piece and (1) 7" x 10" piece of fusible batting
Fabric marking pen

Cutting

From one fat quarter:
(2) 7" x 10" pieces for pouch lining

From one fat quarter:
(1) 7" x 10" piece for pouch backing

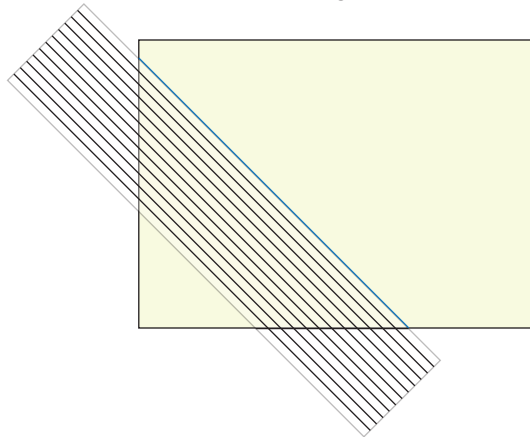From one fat quarter:
(1) 10" x 12" piece for back pocket

From the remaining fat quarter pieces:
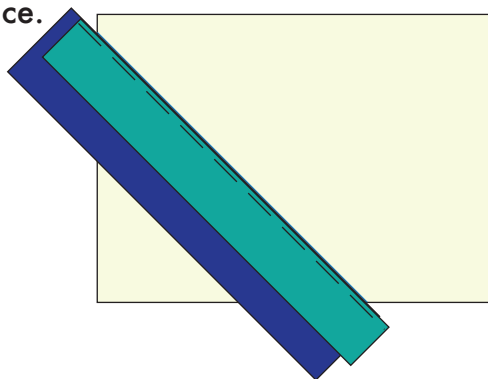A variety of strips ranging in width from 1-1/2" to 3"
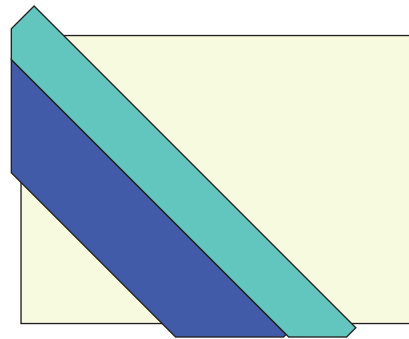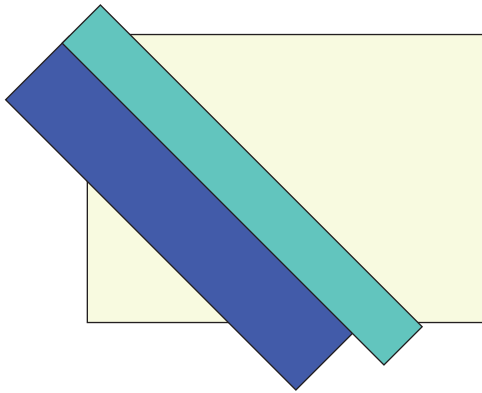
Make the Pouch

Pouch Front

1. Using the 45-degree line on a ruler, mark a diagonal line across the piece of muslin.
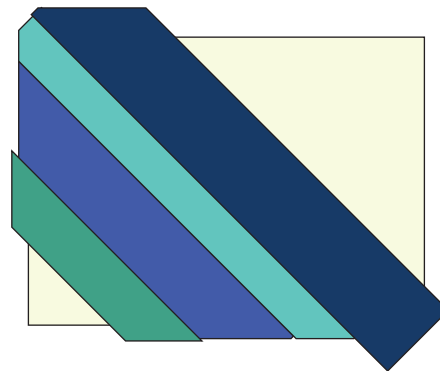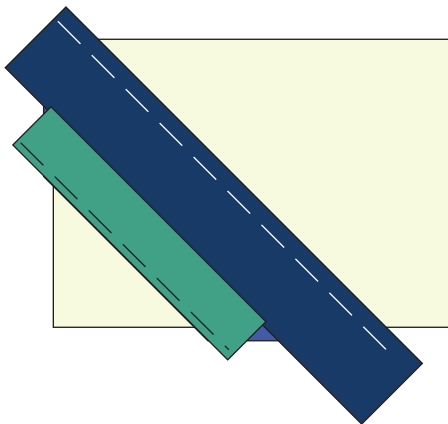
2. Choose your first two strips and layer them right sides together with raw edges lined up on the drawn line of the muslin. Make sure ends extend past the edges of the muslin. Stitching using a ¼" seam allowance.
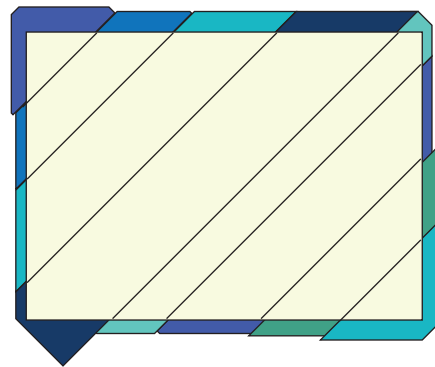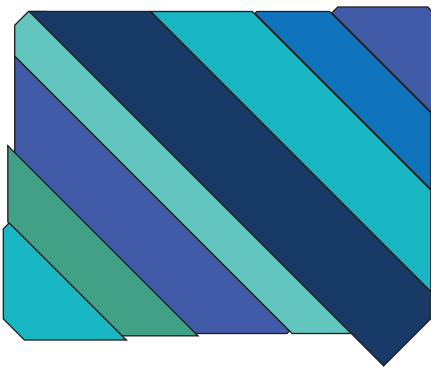
3. Press the strips open. Trim excess strips past the muslin edge. Note: You'll square up the pieced front at the end, but it can be easier to roughly trim them as you stitch them to the muslin.

4. Add another strip to each side in the same manner as in step 2.

5. Continue adding strips until the muslin is completely covered. Fuse an 8" x 11" batting piece to the muslin side.

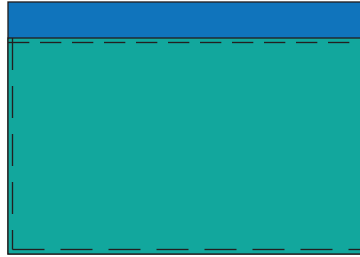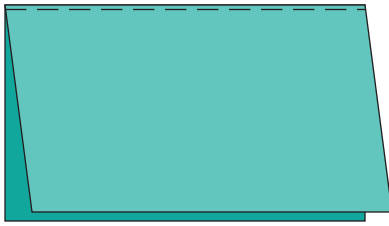6. With the back side facing up, trim to measure 7" x 10".

Pouch Back

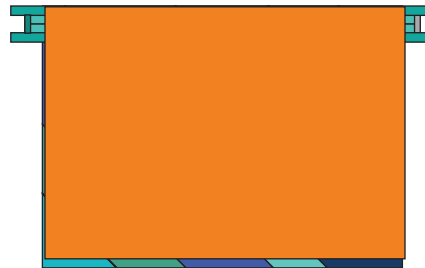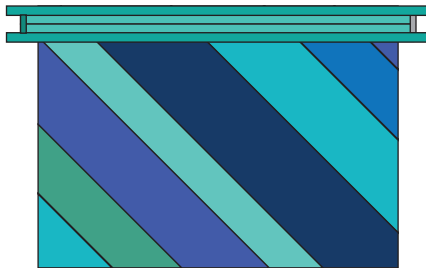7. Fuse the 7" x 10" batting piece to the wrong side of the backing piece.
8. Fold the 10" x 12" pocket piece in half, right sides together, so it measures 6" x 10". Topstitch ¼" from the fold line. Position on the right side of the backing piece, matching raw edges, and baste the raw edges in place.
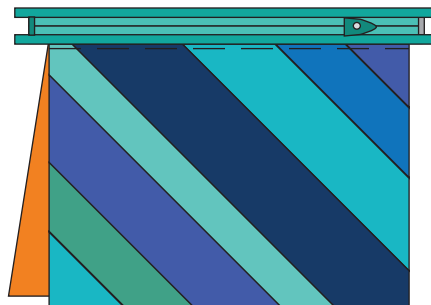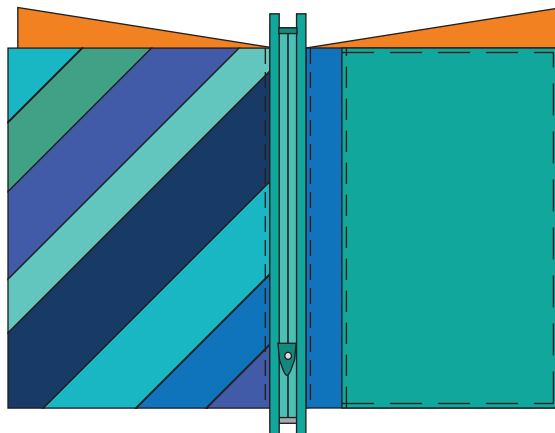
Assembly

9. Lay the zipper face down on top of the pieced front and pin in place. Add a 7" x 10" lining piece face down and pin in place. Using the zipper foot, sew along the edge to secure the zipper in place.
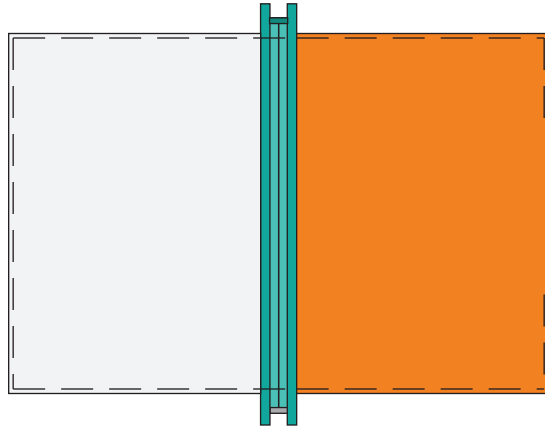
10. Fold back the lining and pieced front so the zipper is exposed and press. Temporarily fold the lining out of the way and topstitch pieced front ¼" from zipper edge.

11. Repeat on the opposite side of the zipper using the pouch back and second lining piece.

12. With the zipper halfway open, arrange the bag so the outer bag pieces are on one side of the zipper and the lining pieces on the opposite side. Match raw edges and pin to secure layers.

13. Stitch around the outside edges, leaving a 4" opening in the bottom edge of the lining.

14. Clip corners and turn bag right side out. Poke corners out as needed. Stitch opening in the lining closed before tucking inside the bag.