

Multi-Purpose Pouch

Finished size: 9" x 6" x 2"

When we designed *Chain Reaction* and *Whirly Gig*, we had 5 strips leftover from the *Hoffman Bali Pop* packages. So, not wanting to waste the strips, I created a little pouch with a zipper. I use these pouches for hundreds of different things. If you care to share some ideas, e-mail me at christine@ameliescott.com -- I'd love to hear how you use your pouch.



Supplies and fabric preparation

Supplies

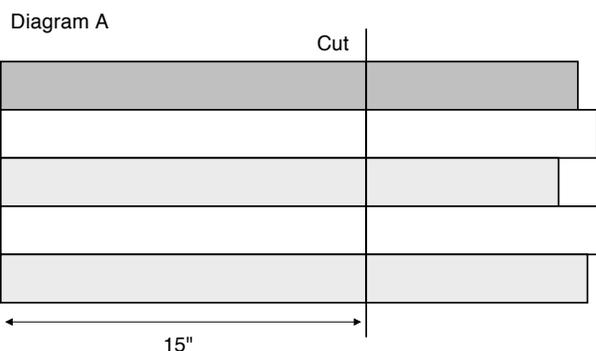
5 leftover 2-1/2" strips
16" x 11" scrap for lining
16" x 11" scrap of batting
14" zipper

Making strata

Sew 5 strips together lengthwise to create a strata. Press all seams in the same direction.

Cutting side strips

Take one strata and lay it lengthwise on your cutting mat. Square the left side with your ruler so the edge is straight. Cut one 15" section. See Diagram A. Trim so that the section is a 15" x 10" rectangle.



Quilting

Lay the 16" x 11" lining section wrong side up. Lay the batting on top of the lining, and lay the pieced section on top with the right side facing up. There is no need to pin the pieces together.

Quilt the pieces together by stitching 1/4" on either side of each seam and the outside long edges. I recommend starting in the middle. Use a pretty thread to match the fabric, and make sure your bobbin thread matches the lining.

Trim the lining and the batting of the quilted rectangle so it is flush with the pieced section on top.

Adding the zipper

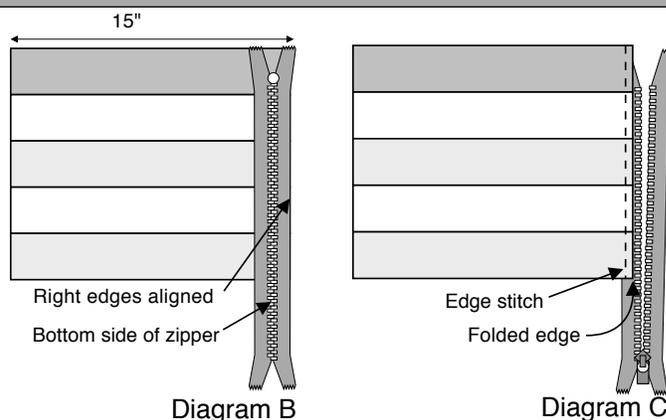
For this project, we'll use a zipper that is longer than you needed, because it makes it super easy to install.

Attaching on the right side - Place the zipper along the 10" side of the quilted rectangle, with the zipper pull facing down and the right edges of the zipper and fabric aligned. See Diagram B. Pin in place. Unzip the zipper and stitch the in place using your 1/4" foot. Trim threads so they don't get caught in the zipper.

Fold the zipper over so that both the quilted rectangle and the zipper are face up. Press. Edge stitch along the fold. See Diagram C.

Attaching on the left side - Zip the zipper back up. With the right side of the fabric facing up, fold the quilted rectangle so that the other side of the zipper aligns with the raw edge of the quilted rectangle. Pin in place. Unzip the zipper and stitch in place with 1/4" seam.

As before, Fold the zipper over so that both the quilted rectangle and the zipper are face up. Press. Edge stitch along the fold.



Finishing touches

Closing the sides - Zip the zipper closed about 1/2 way. Turn the quilted rectangle so that the backing faces out, and fold it so that the zipper is at the top, and the raw edges are aligned. Stitch both sides (the raw edges) closed with a 1/4" seam. See Diagram D. Sew a lock stitch (go back and forth a few times) near the zipper.

Making a new zipper lock - At the edge of the rectangle, sew a lock stitch across zipper to create a new zipper lock. Trim the zipper even with the side seam.

Marking the bag for the bottom - On both sides of the backing, use a pencil to draw a 1" box in the bottom corner of both sides of the pouch inside the seam line. See Diagram E.

Forming the bottom - Pinch the corner. The box you drew will become a straight stitching line. See Diagram F. Stitch along this line.

Trim off the triangle corner 1/4" from the seam. Turn the pouch right side out.

That's it! You have a cute little pouch from your scraps.

Now, enjoy!

