

Handy Wee Zipped Bag

Today we are going to make a handy wee zipped pouch. It is a bit more complicated than previous weeks. Just take your time and follow the instructions carefully. I know you can do it.



Step 1 Trim all the hems from the tea towel and cut out a rectangle 47cm x 35cm. Cut a piece of lining the same size. You will need a 34cm zip. Place the tea towel right side up, place the zipper right side down along the top edge with its opening on the left. Lay the lining on top forming a zip sandwich. Sew through all three thicknesses.



Step 2 Turn the fabric so that they are wrong side facing. Press. Now with the tea towel right side up and the zipper edge nearest you, fold the bottom edge up to align with the top edge. Turn over and fold up the lining forming another zip sandwich. Stitch in place.

Step 3 Turn the fabric right side out. Press fabric and lining away from the zip. Topstitch both edges close to the zip.



Step 4 Make a loop by cutting a strip of fabric 12cm x 5cm. Fold in half, then fold edges into centre fold, giving a strip 12cm x 1.25cm. Topstitch along both edges. Pin the loop onto either side of the zip opening.

Step 5 Make a tab by cutting a piece of fabric 7cm x 7cm. Fold it in half, right sides together. Stitch the longer side. Turn right side out. Press. Pin the tab over the zip with the raw edges aligned.



Step 6 With the zip half open for turning out, stitch a 1cm seam along both ends. Trim both seams to 0.5cm. Turn the bag inside out and flatten the seams. Sew 1cm seam down either side to form a French seam.



Step 7 Turn bag out the right way and box all four corners. Stitch a seam at 90 degrees 6cm from each corner point. Trim the seam to 0.5mm and turn the bag inside out. Stitch 1cm along each corner. Turn right side out again and admire your finished product.

