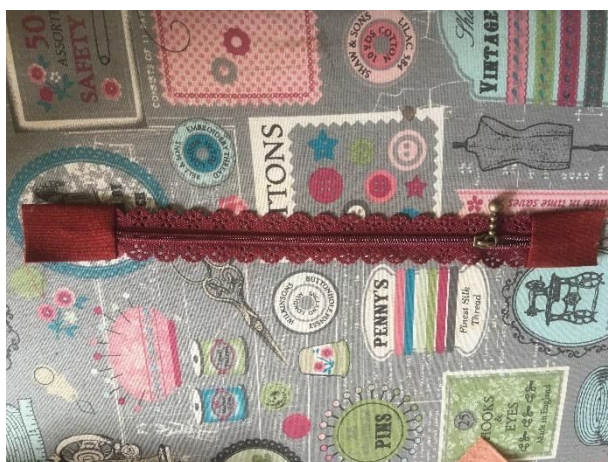


Useful Pencil Case

Today I thought we could have a go at making a pencil case. I don't know about you but I find myself making loads of lists during this time and can never find a pencil when I am looking for one!



Step 1 Cut two pieces of outer fabric 11" x 5.25", two pieces of lining fabric 11" x 5", two small pieces of fabric for zip tabs 2" x 2.5". You will also need an 8-inch zip.



Step 2 Lay the tab pieces over the ends of the zip and sew right sides together.



Fold the tab over the end of the zip and press. Wrap the ends under the zip and press. Do a tab on each end of the zip.

Step 3 With right sides together sew each lining to an outer along the longer side.

Step 4 Press the seam open. Right sides together lay an outer on top of an outer and a lining on top of a lining. Carefully match the seams, one on top of the other. With a large running stitch tack the layers together along the centre of the seams. Open and fold with the outers over their linings.



Step 5 Pin the closed zip over the tacked seam being careful to centre it. Sew the zip in position. Edgestitch around the tabs.



Step 6 OPEN THE ZIP. Match the outer fabric pieces right sides together and pin the long bottom seam. Do the same with the lining pieces but mark a 3" gap which you will leave open for turning. Sew the seams. Press the seams open. Push the outer through the gap in the lining.



Step 7 You should now have a tube shape. Turn it lining side out and hand stitch the gap closed.



Step 8 Pin and sew both ends. Neaten the raw edges. You can finish your pencil case at this point and it will be flat or if you want to box the corners carry on to



Step 9.

Step 9 To box the corners, lay the pencil case down flat with the zip facing downwards. Putting your finger into a corner, flatten the seam so it makes a point with the seam right down the middle of it. Measure up 1" from the corner and draw a pencil line. Stitch across the folded point right on the line. Repeat this for all four corners.

Step 10 Turn the pencil case right side out and fill with all your favourite pens and pencils. You can easily adjust the measurements to make a makeup bag or whatever.

P.S If you find yourself unable to complete this project because you don't have a zip please get in touch.

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