

JEANS POCKET PURSE



Carrying on with the theme of upcycling our old jeans, I have taken the two back pockets and created a handy purse with a zipped central pocket and two external ready-made pockets.

Step 1 From your old jeans cut around the pocket with a 5cm border. Choose some nice cotton for the lining, you could use an old shirt. Cut two pieces the same size as the denim sections.



Step 2 Find a zip which is at least as long as the top edge of the pocket. Place the pocket right side up. Lay the zip face down on the pocket with its edge aligned with the top edge of the pocket. Now place the lining section right side down on top of the zip. Make sure all three layers are lined up then pin in position. Sew along the pinned line. Repeat this process with the other edge of the zip and the remaining pocket and lining.



Step 3 Open up your sewing so that you can see the zip and press the fabric away from the zip. Top stitch both sides, this helps to prevent the fabric getting caught in the zip.



Step 4 Position the purse so that the two pocket section are facing each other and the two lining sections are facing each other. Both with right sides together. At this point it is very important to make sure the zip is OPEN. Stitch all the way round the outside, leaving a gap in the lining section. Clip the corners and then turn the purse through the gap so that the right side is facing.



Step 5 Sew up the gap in the lining and then push it inside the denim section.

Well done you have now completed your purse. You could if you wanted to make it into a small over the shoulder bag by adding a long strap. I think this makes an ideal bag for travelling. Your passport would fit nicely in the outside pocket and your money would be safe inside the zip pocket.