



## Small Zip Purse

I use this little purse in my knitting bag to store stitch markers, needle, scissors and tape. You will probably think of lots of other uses for it, or you could give it as a gift.

### Materials and equipment:

- Small quantities of fabric for the outer layer and lining. 100% cotton patchwork fabric would be very suitable.
- Lightweight iron-on wadding
- Matching thread
- 18 cm (7") zip in matching colour

### Measurements

- Measurements are given in inches, as this is the measure commonly used by patchworkers. 1 inch = 2.5 cm.

### Seam Allowance

- Seam allowance is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch throughout unless otherwise stated.

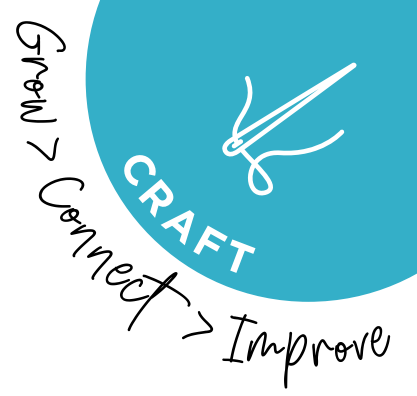
### Directions

- Outer fabric - cut two pieces each measuring 6" x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Lining - cut two pieces each measuring 6" x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Iron-on wadding - cut two pieces measuring 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" each (cutting the wadding slightly smaller means that you do not have the wadding included in the seam, making it thinner and easier when you turn the purse).





# Week Twenty One



Iron the wadding onto the wrong side of the outer fabric, leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " border on all sides.



Lay one piece of your outer fabric with the right side facing up.

Open your zip and place it on your outer fabric with the edge of the zip matching up with the raw edge of the fabric. The teeth of the zip are now facing into the piece of fabric. The top end of the zip should be  $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from the side edge.

Place one piece of the lining fabric face down onto the outer fabric, sandwiching the zip in between and level up the zip edge with the top edge of both layers of fabric. The right sides of the outer fabric and right side of the lining fabric should be facing each other.

Stitch through all three layers as close to the zip as you can using a zipper foot. Close the zip and repeat with the other two pieces of fabric.

Lay the two pieces of fabric out flat and press them flat. Top stitch close to the edge of the fabric on both sides, sewing through all three layers. This is to stop the lining moving and getting caught in the zip.







# Week Twenty One

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Fully open the zip. Open the bag out so you have the two outer fabric layers facing and the two lining layers facing.

Pin all around the outside.

Stitch along the bottom seam of the outer layers ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance).

Stitch one side of the purse, stitching in one line from the bottom seam of the outer fabric, through the zip and the lining fabric. Repeat on the other side making sure the zip tab is not outside the stitching line.

Stitch the bottom of the purse lining fabric, leaving an opening to turn the purse through.

Trim corners, any excess zip and any interfacing that may have been caught in the seam allowance.

Turn the bag right side out through the gap in the lining fabric. Ease the corners out.

Stitch the gap in the lining by hand.



You can make the purse larger just by increasing the size of the fabric pieces and using a longer zip.

Happy stitching!

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