



## CRAFTY GEMINI PATTERNS

# Slanted Zipper Pouch

Finished measurements: Small: 6" x 5" x 1 ½"; Large: 7" x 6" x 1 ½"

Fat Quarter: a piece of fabric that measures ~18" x 22"



### Main supplies

- Exterior fabric: 1 fat quarter
- Lining fabric: 1 fat quarter
- Fusible fleece or batting: 1 fat quarter
- #3, #5, or zipper by the yard zipper: 16"+ for small; 18"+ for large
- Rotary cutter + cutting mat
- Ironing + ironing board
- Sewing machine with standard and zipper foot
- Size 80/12 universal sewing machine needle
- All-purpose polyester or cotton thread: 40-50 weight recommended
- Optional: wooden tailor's clapper
- Basic sewing supplies including scissors, plastic sewing clips, pins, fabric marker, etc.

### Fabric & Interfacing Cutting Directions:

- Cut 1 exterior fabric @ 8 ½" x 14" for small OR 10" x 16" for large
- Cut 1 lining fabric @ 8 ½" x 14" for small OR 10" x 16" for large
- Cut 1 interfacing or batting @ 8 ½" x 14" for small OR 10" x 16" for large

## Directions:

### Prep for both sizes (SMALL or LARGE):

1. Fuse interfacing to back of exterior fabric.
2. Flip interfaced exterior panel over (pretty side up) and place horizontally on worktable. Measure half way up from bottom left corner along side edge and mark. (Note: The measurement will be 4 ¼" for the SMALL, and 5" for the LARGE)
3. Cut from marked point to the top right corner to create angled edge. (The smaller piece is waste.)
4. Place lining panel pretty side down on worktable and place exterior panel on the top with pretty side up. Cut along the edge of the exterior panel to cut lining fabric to match. (Note: they should be mirror image of each other.)

### Install zipper:

1. Flip lining panel over (pretty side up). If using a close ended zipper cut off the metal stops on each end and separate zipper. If using zipper by the yard cut off a length to span the angled edge of fabric. Separate zipper as you will only need one zipper edge per pouch.
2. Place one edge of zipper tape on top of angled edge of lining panel (pretty side up!). Make sure zipper tape edge is aligned with fabric edge. The zipper teeth should be facing up but pointing towards your body. (See Video 4) Place pins or clips along the edge.
3. Place exterior panel on top of zipper tape edge so the zipper is now sandwiched between the fabric layers. Remove pins/clips and repin/reclip to hold all 3 layers (lining, zipper tape, exterior) together.
4. Install zipper foot on your sewing machine and sew through all layers with full zipper foot seam allowance. Press fabrics back and away from zipper.
5. Topstitch ~1/4" down from zipper through all fabric layers. Trim away any excess zipper tape.

### Align Zipper:

1. Bring both ends of zipper tape together side by side so the zipper teeth are next to each other. Slide on the zipper pull and close it all the way. (See Video #5 for how to do this.)

### Mark and Cut Corners:

1. Match up the four fabric layers on bottom right corners so all edges are aligned. Place clips.
2. Mark the bottom two corners as follows:
  - a. Bottom left corner (on fold) mark ¾" in from the left and ¾" up from bottom.
  - b. Bottom right corner (all four raw edges together) measure ¾" in and ¾" up.
3. With scissors cut out corners through all layers.

### Construction:

1. Pull fabric layers apart and align lining fabrics together pretty sides touching, matching the corners you cut out. Repeat on exterior side.
2. Using a ⅜" seam allowance sew along the bottom straight edges only of lining and exterior pieces. *Note: on the lining side, leave a 3"- 4" opening in the middle of the bottom edge.*
3. On exterior side only do this: sew from the bottom (where cut out is) up the side only to where the topstitching starts using ⅜" seam allowance. Backstitch at beginning and end.
4. On lining side only do this: sew from the bottom (where cut out is) up the side only to where zipper starts using a ⅜" seam allowance. Backstitch at beginning and end.
5. Fold everything so it lies flat and sew up the remaining bit of side seam through all layers (exterior and lining fabrics) from the top to where your stitches from the previous steps begin.
6. Box all four corners with either open seams or by abutting seams and sew with 3/8" seam allowance.
7. Reach in through lining opening and open zipper, then flip right side out. Poke out all corners and press if needed. Enjoy your new bag!