

FREE TUTORIAL: Making a Hanging Pocket

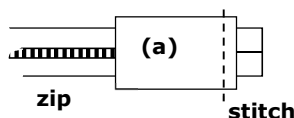
Cut the following pieces of fabric:

- a) 4 pieces; 2 x 2 inches
- b) 2 pieces; 9 x 6 inches
- c) 2 pieces; 9 x 2 inches
- d) 2 pieces; 9 x 8 inches

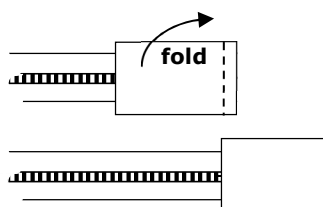
Other requirements:

1 nylon zip at least 9 inches long

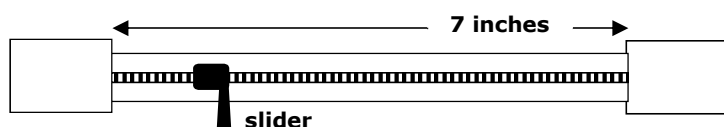
1. Place two of the small (a) pieces right sides together with the zip between them and stitch across the short end, taking care not to hit the metal stopper at the end of the zip. You can easily sew through the teeth of a nylon zip on a domestic sewing machine.



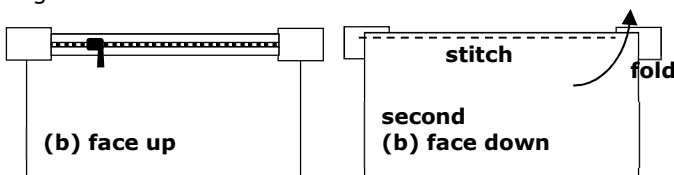
2. Trim the end of the zip and fold the fabric back over the seam. Finger press to create the end tab.



3. Repeat with the other two small pieces at the other end of the zip – you will have to unzip slightly first – leave a 7 inch gap between the two seams.



4. Lay the first of the fabric pieces (b) face up on your work surface with the long edge uppermost. Lay the zip face up on top, lining up the edge of the zip with the edge of the fabric. Lay the second piece of (3g) face down on top, lined up likewise. Pin all the layers together.



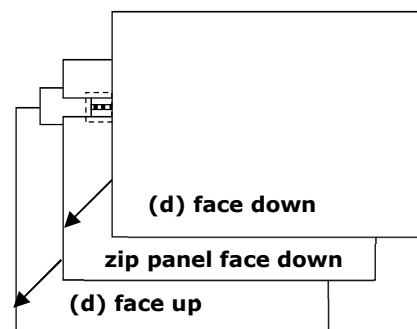
5. With the zip foot attached to your machine, sew the zip in place. Stop part way to ease the slider past the foot with the needle fully down and the presser foot raised. Fold both pieces back and finger press in place – do not attempt to iron near a nylon zip!

6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 with the fabric pieces (c) lined up on the second edge of the zip.

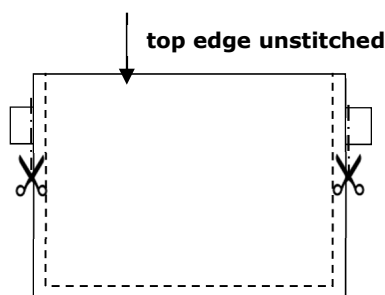
7. Top stitch round all sides of the exposed zip 1/8th inch from the edge of the zip.



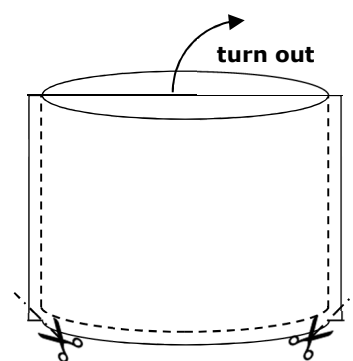
8. Lay the first of fabric pieces (d) face up on your work surface, lay the zip panel face down on top of this and then the second (d) panel face down on top. Line the bottom edge of each up and pin all the layers.



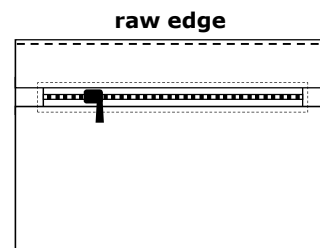
9. Stitch with a 1/4 inch seam through all layers, down both sides and across the bottom of the pocket (the narrow fabric strip above the zip should be at the top!) Trim off the zip tabs and zigzag stitch round the three sides to reinforce.



10. Trim the bottom corners off just outside the original line of stitching and turn the pocket the right way out through the bottom two layers.



11. Trim the top edge of the pocket square/level and stay stitch closed 1/8th inch from the raw edge.



12. Stitch the raw edge into the lining or binding of a bag for a secure pocket.