

FREE TUTORIAL: 'Waste-not' Coin Purse

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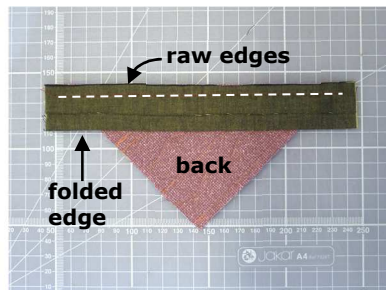
I hate wasting fabric and I am always looking for ways to use up left-overs of all sorts. The original version of this useful little purse was made from corners cut from quilted panels left over from my KISMET Pyramid Pouches (click on the link to visit the page:

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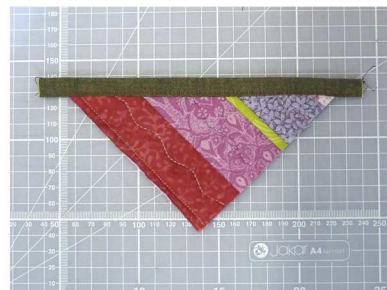
but you could make panels just for these. Here's the basic idea:



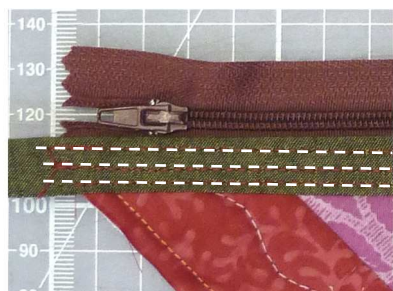
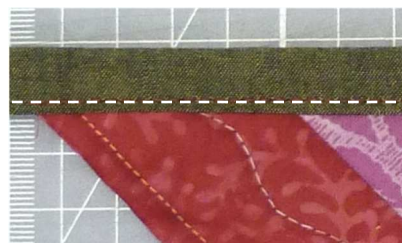
Collect all the fabrics you need: In addition to the two quilted triangles (approx. 5½ x 5½ inches) I have a nylon zip (6 inches – longer is better) plus two pieces of fabric for the zip binding (1¼ inch wide) a piece of bias binding left over from another project (or use commercial bias binding) plus a 2 x 3 inch piece for the loop & two squares of fabric (to suit) for the back of the purse.



1. Cut strips for the zip binding a little longer than the edge of the quilted panel you are stitching them to. Press a ¼ inch fold, Wrong Sides Together (WST) on one long edge of each strip. Place the first strip Right Sides Together (RST) on the back of one of the quilted panels with the raw edges lined up and stitch ¼ inch seam – I tend to use my walking foot throughout this project



2. Fold strip to the front of the quilted panel and stitch close to the first fold to hold the binding in place



3. Lay the quilted panel over the zip, both face up, as shown above with the bound edge approx. 1/8th inch from the teeth and stitch in place with two rows of stitches. No need to change to a zipper foot here, but you might have to move the zip slider out of the way once you have stitched half way down the zip.



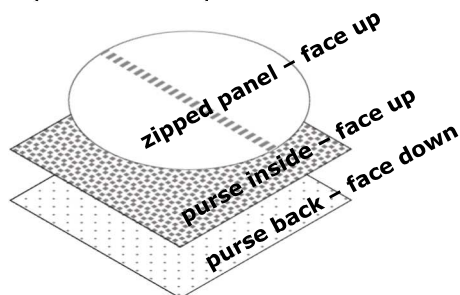
4. Repeat steps **1** to **3** with the second strip of zip binding fabric and the second quilted panel to end up with a square(ish) panel with a zip running diagonally. To make round purse I worked out the largest size I could get out of the panel and made a paper template which I then pinned to the panel



5. Before cutting to the edge of the template, pull the zip slider to the middle since you are likely to be cutting off the zip stop end!



6. If the zip stops at the open end of the zip are within ¼ inch of your newly shaped edge, trim these off carefully. You don't want to stitch over them!



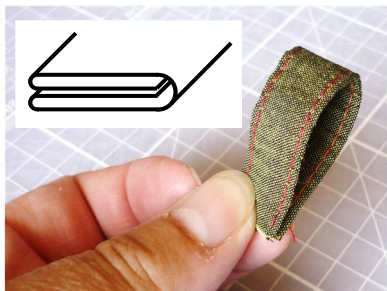
7. Take the two pieces of fabric for the back of the purse: one face down for the outside, one face up for the inside, then the zipped panel face up on top.



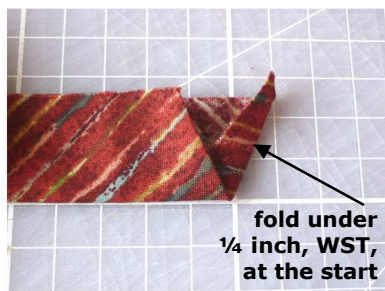
8. Pin all the layers together and stitch about 1/8th inch in from the edge of the front panel then trim the back fabrics to the same shape as the front.

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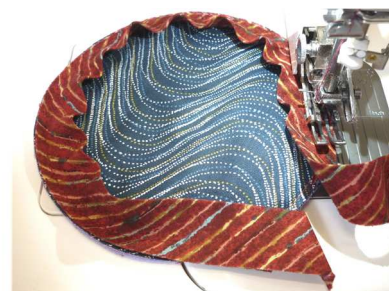
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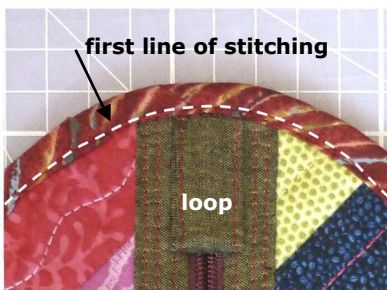
9. Make the loop by pressing the 2 x 3 inch piece of fabric in half lengthwise, WST, unfold and press each half towards the middle, WST. Re-make the original fold and press. Fold the loop in half and stitch it into the seam at the open end of the zip



10. To finish the edge of the purse, I used a left-over piece of binding which was about the right length. This was made from 2 1/4 inch wide strips, cut on the bias and pressed in half WST. Alternatively you could use commercial bias binding



11. Start by stitching the binding to the back, with the raw edges of the binding to the edge of the purse. When you get back to the beginning, trim off the excess binding leaving a 1/4 inch overlap and tuck this into the fold at the start to enclose the raw edges



12. Fold the bias to the front of the purse pulling tightly over the edge and stitch in place close of the inside folded edge



13. Fold the loop outwards over the binding and run a second line of stitching 1/8th inch away from the very edge of the purse

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Congratulations! You've finished your first purse.

USES & VARIATIONS:

Ideal for coins, or to keep your charger leads or headphones from getting tangled.

If you add a split ring to the loop you can put your keys on it too.

If you add a carabiner to the loop you can clip it to your bag or belt loops

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You can make these pretty much any size and shape to suit your requirements.

If you want make a different sized round version, have a look in your kitchen – it is full of potential circle templates!

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