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Quilted Strips Pouch

Colorful, fun, and useful, this simple zippered bag is made from hand-crafted fabric and decorated with an appliquéd zipper and decorative buttons. The “patchy” fabric is stitched to a base of wool felt that serves as the lining of the bag. Once the fabric is created, the bag construction is easy and goes together quickly!

Supplies

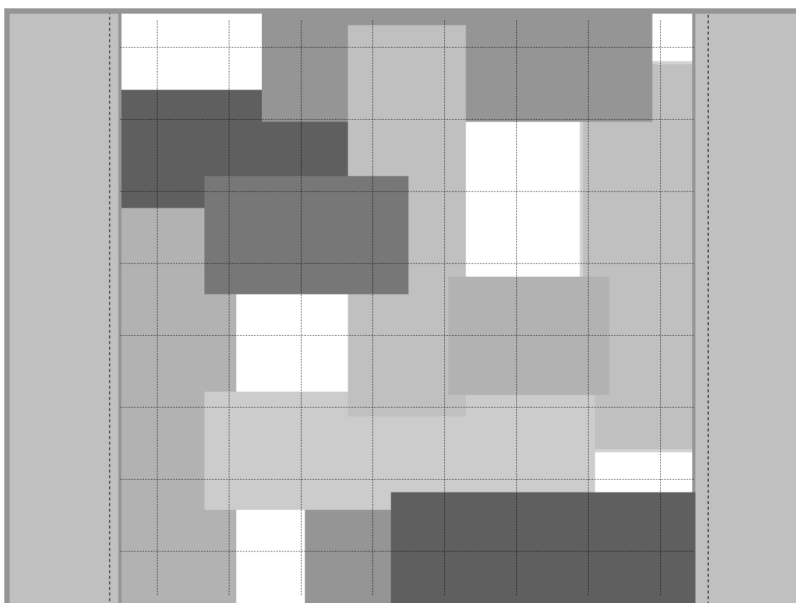
- Wool felt, 11" x 16"
- Assorted fabric strips, 2¼" wide by various lengths
- Two strips of “solid” fabric, 2¼" x 11"
- 14" - 18" zipper in a coordinating color

Step 1—Creating Fabric

Arrange the assorted fabric strips on top of the felt, overlapping them as desired to cover the entire piece of felt. Secure them in place with glue stick or temporary spray adhesive. Using Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D, select the straight stitch and sew a grid design using the edge of the presser foot as a spacing guide. *Tip: For slightly wider spacing, move the needle to the far left and align the right edge of the presser foot with each previous line of stitching.*

Step 2—Upper Bands

Fold one long edge of each “solid” strip under ¼" and press. Position one strip at each end of the created fabric, aligning the raw edges. Edgestitch along the pressed edge, securing the band to the patched fabric. Serge or sew with an overcast stitch along the the two ends of the fabric, sewing through all layers.



Step 3—Applied Zipper

Position the zipper right side up on one end of the created fabric with the coils extending slightly past the overcast edge. Using Zipper Foot 4/4D and a thread that matches the color of the zipper, sew on the tape, stitching it to the edge of the fabric. Unzip the zipper and repeat for the other end of the fabric and the remaining zipper tape.

Change to Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D and a contrasting thread color. Select the Double Blanket Stitch and adjust the width and the length to 5-6 mm. Engage the Mirror Image function if needed so that the horizontal part of the stitch sews onto the zipper. Sew along the edge of the zipper. *Tip: Move the needle position all the way over so the vertical part of the stitch forms along the outer edge of the zipper. Keep the edge of the zipper aligned with the inside edge of the toe for perfect stitch placement.*

Step 4—Attaching the Buttons

Unzip the zipper and flatten the bag as much as possible. Select the Universal Stitch and using Button Sew-On Foot #18, sew five decorative buttons across each band at the upper edges. *Tip: The longer the zipper, the flatter the bag can be, making it easier to sew on the buttons.*

Step 5—Side Seams

Fold the bag wrong side out with the zipper at the top; pin the side seams. Unzip the zipper and trim the excess at each end. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, stitch both side seams using a straight stitch. Serge or overcast the raw edges of the seam allowances together as one.



Coiled Containers

Fabric strips, cotton cording, and a simple zigzag stitch is all you need to make a variety of projects including bowls, baskets, coasters, placements, and trivets.

Machine Settings

- Double Cord Foot #59C or #60C
- Zigzag Stitch: W = 2-5 mm; L = 2-3 mm
- Center needle position

Step 1

Cut or tear strips of fabric and wrap around a sturdy cotton cord, overlapping the edges so the cord is completely covered. *Note: The cord should be able to fit in the groove of the selected Double Cord Foot.*

Step 2

Fold the end of the covered cord into a spiral and pin it together. Position the folded cord under the Double Cord Foot with one cord in each groove.

Step 3

Begin stitching, making sure that the stitch is wide enough to catch each cord as it goes from side to side. Coil the cording while stitching to form a circle or oval as desired.

Step 4

Once the spiral is the desired size for the base of the bowl, tilt while continuing to stitch the cords, building the sides of the bowl until it is the desired depth.

Step 5

When coming to the end of the coil, trim the cording, leaving about 1" extra fabric. Tuck the fabric under and stitch to the end of the cord, backstitching to secure.



Patchwork Memories Journal

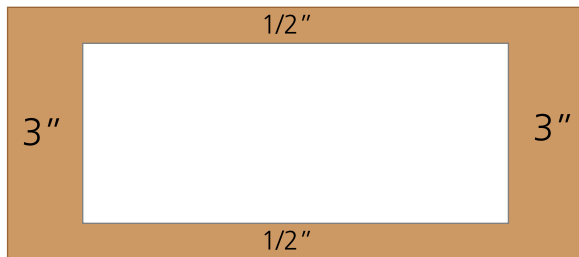
This simple journal cover with de-constructed patchwork embellishment is made of Kraft-Tex, a rugged paper that looks, feels, and wears like leather, but sews, cuts, and washes just like fabric. Easy to make, this is a great beginner project!

Machine Settings

- Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D
- Triple Straight Stitch; W = 0 mm & L = 3-4 mm
- Center needle position

Measurements & Cutting

Lay the book flat and measure the width and length. Add about 6" to the width and 1" to the length. Cut a piece of Kraft-Tex using these measurements.



Step 1—Folding

Fold the Kraft-Tex to wrap around the book; crease the folds using a bone folder, wooden iron, or wooden spoon to make sharp, flat edges. *Note: If the book has a spine, crease two folds to fit the material around it.*

Step 2—Embellishing

Cut several 1" squares from assorted fabrics. Unfold the book cover and arrange the squares on the front as shown in the photo or as desired. Using glue stick or temporary spray adhesive, secure the squares in place. Starting at the upper edge of the cover, sew vertical lines of Triple Straight Stitching, catching the fabric edges in the stitching.

Step 3—Finishing

Cut about 1 yard of 2mm cord. Position it as desired on the front cover and bartack it in place. Stitch a button over the end of the cord and sew it in place.

Fold the side flaps to the inside of the cover along the creased lines and stitch along the lower edge using a straight or zigzag stitch along the edge. Repeat along the upper edge. Insert the journal; wrap the cord around the journal, then around the button to secure the closure.

