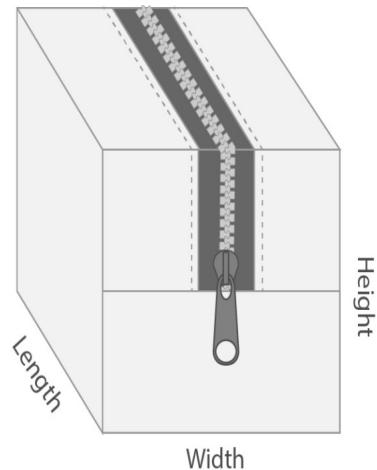


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Free Pouch Pattern Calculator -<https://sarkirsten.com/pouch-pattern-calculator>



Box Pouch / Toiletry Bag

Dimensions: 9 inches Length x 3 inches width x 5 inches Height

Seam Allowance: .05 ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch

Materials:

1 fabric for outer layer

1 fabric for inner layer

1 nylon zipper 16 inches (longer can be cut to size of bag when sewing together)

7 inches of ribbed ribbon, braided ribbon, or strong ribbon.

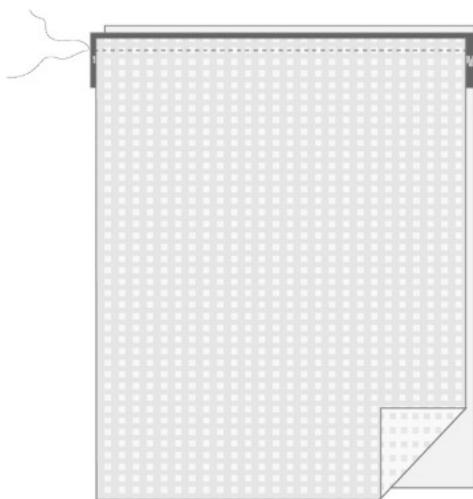
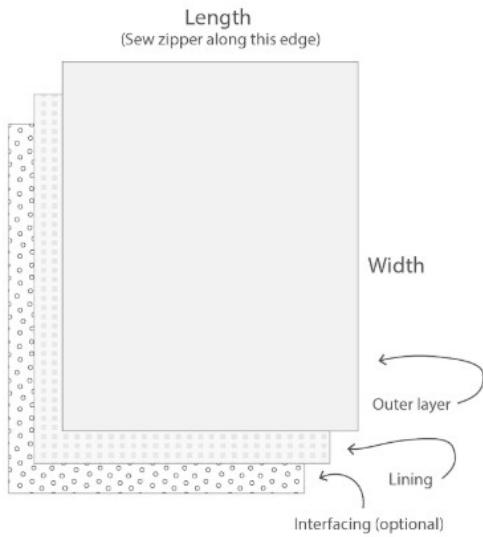
Iron on stabilizer (optional)

Cut Instructions:

Outer Layer: Cut 1 - 16 inches length x 17 Inches width

Inner Layer: Cut 1 - 16 inches length x 17 inches width

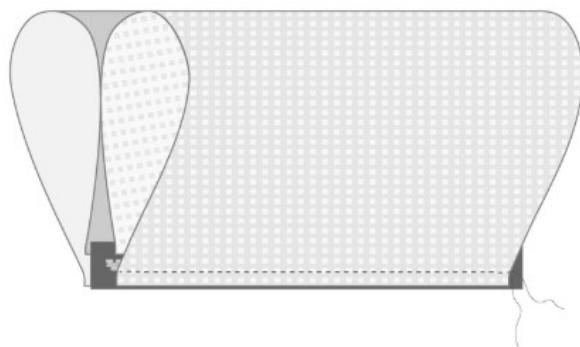
Stablizer: Cut 1 - 15 x 16 inches



1) With the dimensions provided by the Pouch Pattern Calculator, cut 1 outer layer and 1 lining. Interfacing too, if you want the pouch to have more structure.

2) Place the lining and outer layer with **right sides together** and sandwich the zipper inbetween. The right side of the zipper should be facing the outer layer. Line up the edges and sew the whole length of the seam through all layers with the seam allowance you entered in the calculator.

If you are using interfacing, place the interfacing on the wrong side of the outer layer. (Interfacing not shown in illustrations.)

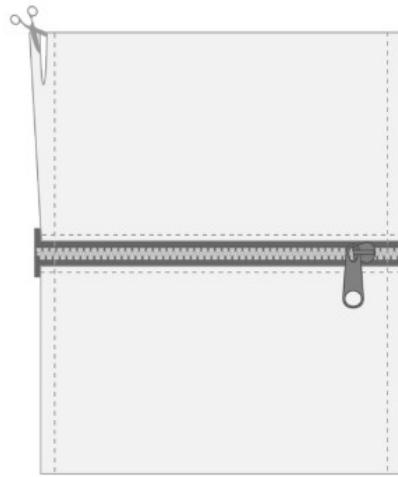
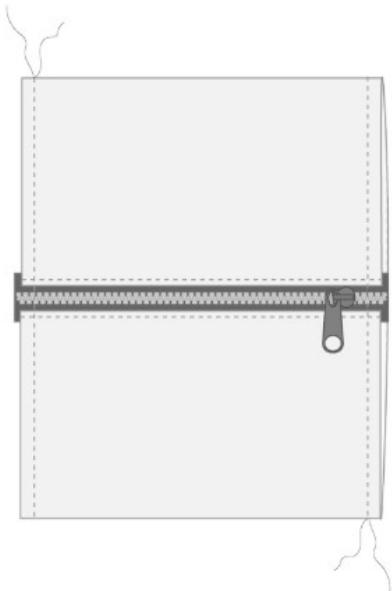


3) Flip the other edges of the fabric up and sew the ends to the other edge of the zipper using the same seam allowance.



4) Roll and tuck the outer layer over the lining so the pouch is right side out.

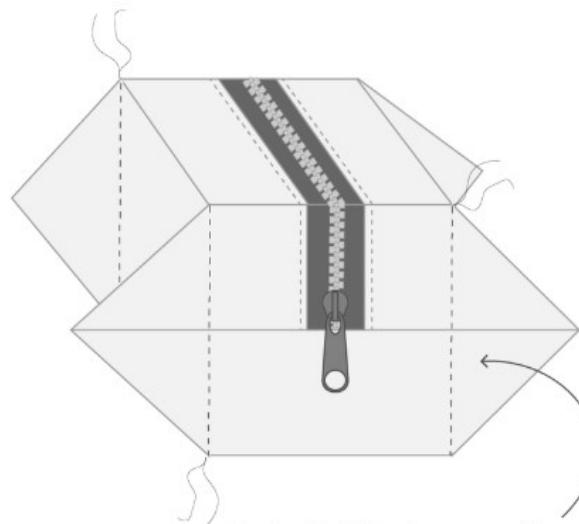
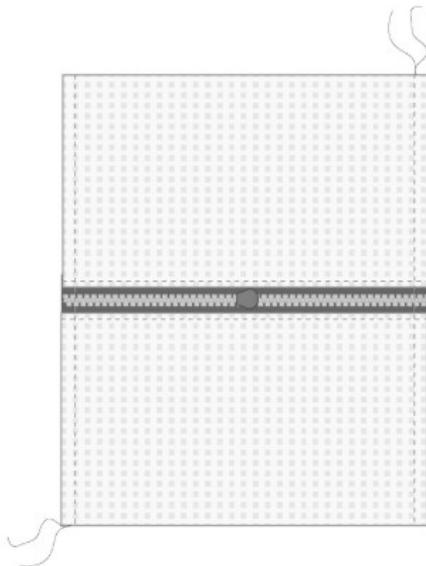
5) Press the fabric away from the zipper and edge stitch down each side of the zipper $1/8" | 0.32\text{ cm}$ from the edge of the seam.



6) With the zipper exactly in the middle of the pouch, line up the edges and sew both sides through all layers using the seam allowance you entered into the calculator.

7) Trim seam allowance to $1/4"$ | 0.64 cm to prepare the edge for French seams.

Pattern addition: # 6a. Add a 4 to 6 inch Loop on the zipper pull side.
Be sure to tuck in to the outer layer side.
Proceed with step 7.



Desired height minus seam allowance

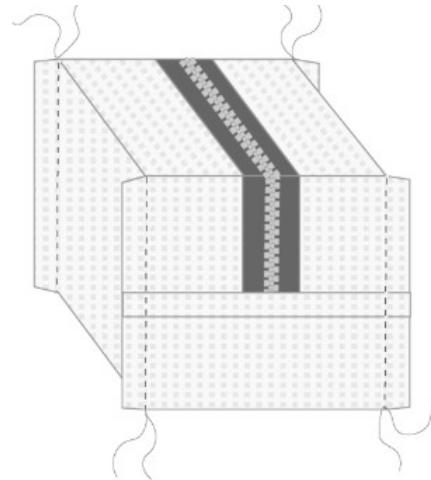
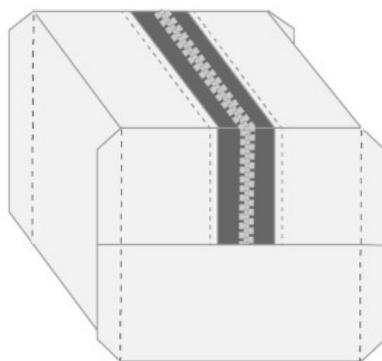
8) Turn the pouch inside out. Press the seams flat. Sew French seams by sewing along the same seams with the seam allowance you entered in the calculator so the raw edges are totally encased by the new seams.

Tip - Depending on the length of zipper you are using, it may be helpful to cut off some of the teeth on the end so it can bend into the French Seam more easily.

9) Turn the pouch right side out. Push out the corners of the pouch and stitch where the length across the triangles is your desired height (the height you entered in the calculator) minus your seam allowance.

For example, if you want the pouch 4" high and are using a 1/2" seam allowance, you want to stitch where the triangles are 3 1/2" across.

Pattern Adjustment: # 9 – measure down 2 inches from the point and sew (this will allow the bag to have more room inside than her instructions of 1/2 in less than the 3 inches high in the calculation.)



10) Trim the triangles to a 1/4" | 0.64 cm seam allowance.

11) Turn the pouch inside out. Press out seams you just sewed. Resew them with the seam allowance you entered into the calculator so the raw edges are totally encased by the new seams (French seams).

12) Turn the pouch right side out. Woohoo! It's ready to be filled with all sorts of lovely things.