

# *SLIM PENCIL CASE*



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## INFORMATION BEFORE WE START

Read through all instructions before starting your Pencil Case.

Different seam allowance are used, but are provided in the sewing instruction.

Always remember to back stitch at start and end of stitching.

There are check boxes ☐ in every step, so you can keep track of your progress.

For this Pencil Case, fabric with small prints will work best.

If you have any questions, I am only an email away.

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**FINISHED SIZE:** Approx. 9" W x 2 1/2" H (23.5 cm W x 6.5 cm H)

### MATERIAL LIST:

Medium weight cotton fabric or quilters cotton fabric.

#### Outer Fabric:

1 fat quarter .....(30 cm wide x 20 cm high)

#### Lining Fabric:

1 fat quarter .....(30 cm wide x 20 cm high)

**Fusible featherweight interfacing** - Pellon (911FF) OR SF(101).....15" x 15" (38 cm x 38 cm)

**Fusible fleece** - Pellon (931TDW) OR (973F).....8" x 12" (20 cm x 30 cm)

**1 Nylon zipper** (with plastic teeth) 12" (30 cm) or longer to avoid the metal ends.

Normal sewing supplies.

**CUTTING INSTRUCTION:** Seam allowance is included in all measurements

#### OUTER FABRIC

☐ Cut two 9 3/4" W x 3 1/8" H (25 cm W x 8 cm H).....outer main body

#### LINING FABRIC

☐ Cut two 9 3/4" W x 3 1/8" H (25 cm W x 8 cm H).....inside lining main body

#### FUSIBLE FEATHERWEIGHT

☐ Cut four 9 1/4" W x 2 1/2" H (23.5 cm W x 6.5 cm H)

#### FUSIBLE FLEECE

☐ Cut two 9 1/4" W x 2 1/2" H (23.5 cm W x 6.5 cm W)

## **FABRIC COLORS**

*I used different solid fabrics for the outer fabric and the inside lining fabric, so it would be easy for you to see and follow along. I also used contrasting sewing thread, again for easy visibility.*



*Here are the different fabric colors I used:*

OUTER FABRIC.....	ORANGE	Outer main body
LINING FABRIC.....	PURPLE	Inside lining main body
ZIPPER.....	GREEN	Top zipper

## **FUSE INTERFACINGS**

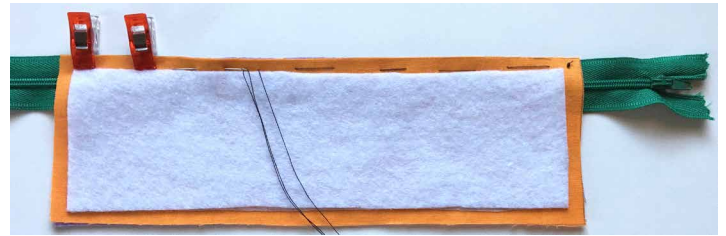


- ☐ 1. Center one piece of fusible featherweight interfacing (911FF) OR SF(101) on wrong side of each outer fabric and lining fabrics, using manufacturer's instruction how to apply.
- ☐ 2. Now center one piece of fusible fleece on wrong side of each outer fabrics. This is to be ironed on top of the fusible featherweight interfacing we just ironed on before. The reason for two different interfacings on the outer fabrics, is to protect your pencils.

## SEWING INSTRUCTION

### ATTACHING THE ZIPPER

- ☐ 1. Lay one of the lining fabrics on the table, right side facing up. Now lay the zipper on top with zipper teeth facing up and zipper pull on right side. Line up zipper top edge with lining fabrics top edge. Zipper should extend beyond fabric on both sides.



- ☐ 2. Now lay the outer fabric on top with right side facing down. Line up top, sides and bottom edges. Pin the top edge. You can hand baste the top edge where the zipper is, if you want to be sure nothing will shift while sewing. Use big basting stitches, just enough to hold it in place.

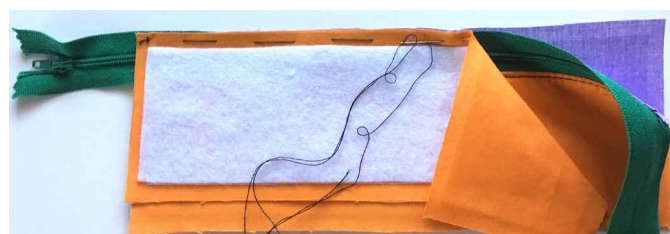
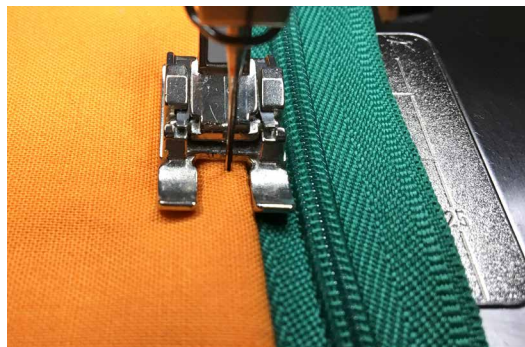


- ☐ 3. Align the edge of your zipper foot with the edge of your fabric and sew together using 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance.
- ☐ 4. Remove basting stitches, if any made.
- ☐ 5. Pull the outer front fabric to the back so the outer front fabric and lining fabric are on the same side of the zipper teeth, wrong sides together. Press, being careful not to touch the zipper teeth with the iron.



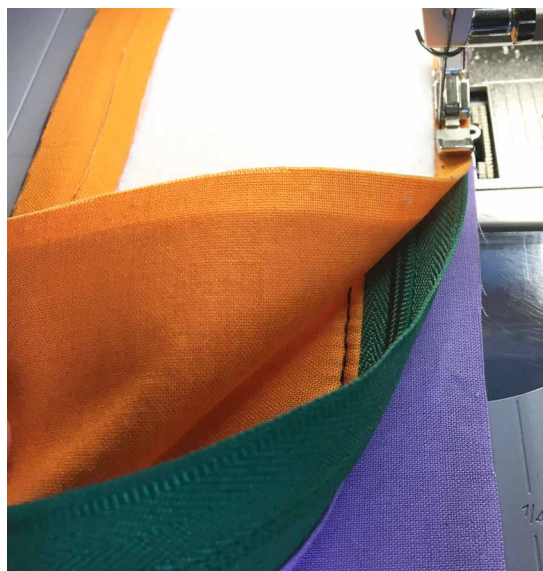
## SEWING INSTRUCTION

- ☐ 6. *Topstitch the zipper using 1/8" (4 mm) seam allowance. I use an open foot for this because I think it is easier. But you can also use your zipper foot. Remember to change your thread color so it matches fabrics on both sides.*



- ☐ 7. *Lay the last lining fabric on the table, right side facing up. Now lay the fabric piece with the zipper just made on top, right side (zipper teeth) facing up.*

- ☐ 8. *Now lay the last outer fabric on top, right side facing down, so the zipper is sandwiched between the lining fabric and outer back fabric. Align top edge and sides. Pin and/or hand baste.*



- ☐ 9. *Sew together using 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance. Remember to align your zipper foot with the fabric edge.*

- ☐ 11. *Spread out fabric so the zipper is in the middle. You should now have one lining fabric and one outer fabric, wrong sides together on each side of the zipper.*

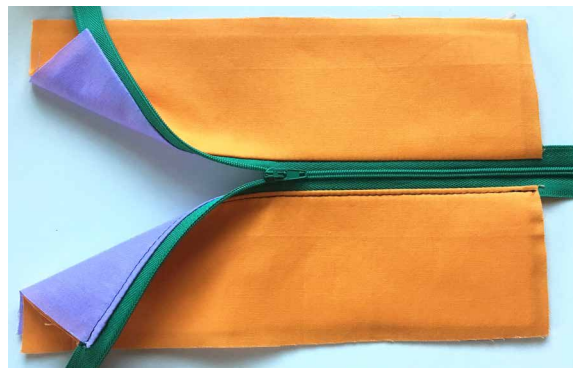
- ☐ 10. *Remove basting stitches, if any made.*

*Press, again being careful not to touch the zipper with the iron.*

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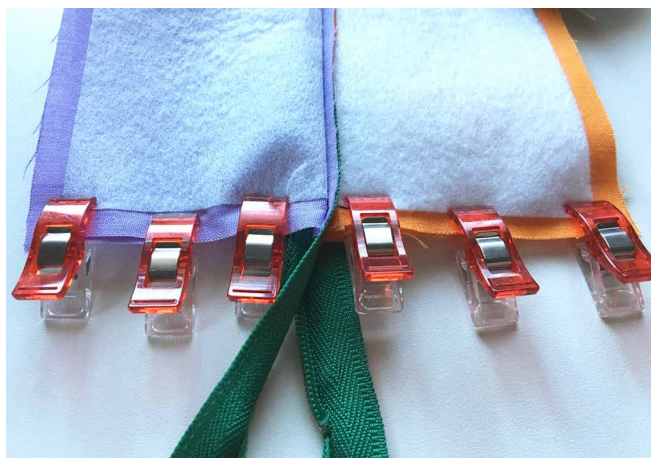
☐ 12. When the zipper is open, it should look like this.

☐ 13. Topstitch the other side of the zipper, like we did in Step 6 (page 5)



### **FINISHING THE PENCIL CASE**

☐ 1. **UNZIP** the zipper approximately 2/3 of the way.



☐ 2. Place the lining fabrics right sides together and the outer fabrics right sides together.

*Fold the zipper so the zipper teeth are facing towards the lining fabric.*



☐ 3. Pin around all edges and sew together using 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance, but leave 4" (10 cm) open at the bottom in the lining fabric for turning later.

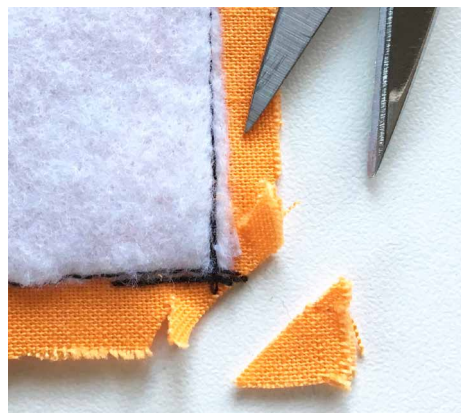
*Be careful when sewing over the zipper because the needle could bend or break; just go slow.*



## SEWING INSTRUCTION



☐ 4. Cut off excess zipper.



☐ 5. Cut off corners diagonally. Also cut diagonal snips into the corner, being careful not to cut into the stitches or your fingers.

☐ 6. Turn right side out through the opening at the bottom, and carefully poke out corners.

☐ 7. Tuck the openings seam allowance inside and press, so the edges are even with the rest of the seam.

☐ 8. Sew the opening closed using 1/8" (4 mm) seam allowance.



**Congrats- You Are Done!**



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