It is a well-known fact that little ones lose school supplies faster than you can procure them. The solution: Let their new best buddy keep track of their pencils. This zipper pouch is so cute your little one won’t want to part with it… problem solved.

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Tip: A fat quarter is 18” x 22”. Why is it called a “fat quarter”? A regular quarter-yard of fabric is 9” x the width of the fabric (typically 45”), so a regular (AKA “skinny”) quarter yard is a 9” x 45” strip. But… take a half-yard of fabric (18”) and cut it in half through the middle, and you have a “fat” quarter of 18” x about 22”. Even this cute little dachshund is too tall to fit into a “skinny” fat quarter!
Dachshund Pattern Printing Tips

Print pages on standard paper.

Make sure "Auto Rotate and Center" is checked and that "Scaling" is NOT checked. If you have a newer version of Adobe Reader, your options might look like "Fit to Size" or "Actual Size." If so, be sure to choose "Actual Size."

To connect the pages, trim each sheet along the gray borderline (do NOT cut off the gray border) and match the letters in the corners of the pages. Tape the pages together.

Once the pattern is printed and taped, cut along the black lines.

To make sure your pattern is printing at the right size, measure the 1" x 1" test square.

Step one

- If desired, fuse lightweight interfacing to the wrong side of the exterior fabric for added sturdiness.

- Print and cut out all pattern pieces on pages 7-9 following the tips above.

- Transfer markings from the pattern to your fabric using a wash-away pen or pencil.
step two
- Place two ear pieces right sides together, matching the raw edges; pin. Using your standard presser foot and a straight stitch, sew around the ears, leaving the top of the ear open.

- Clip seam allowances, turn ear right side out, and press.

- Repeat for the remaining ear pieces.

step three
- Pin the ears to the dachshund head pieces, positioning them between the two black dots.

- Baste ears in place to secure them.

step four
- Turn your zipper so the teeth and pull are face down. Place it along the top of the dachshund exterior fabric piece, with the bottom of the zipper at the “x” indicated on the pattern piece. Pin in place.

step five
- Attach a zipper foot to your sewing machine and adjust the needle position to the far left or far right as needed.

- Using the zipper foot, baste the zipper foot in place along the “back” of the dachshund.

Note: You are only sewing one side of the zipper at this time. The other half will be sewn in place later.
step six

- Place one lining piece right sides together with the exterior fabric piece (the one with the zipper attached), aligning all the raw edges. Pin the lining to the exterior fabric, sandwiching the zipper between them. Adjust placement so both ends of the zipper extend ½" beyond the pattern pieces and are exposed (not sandwiched between the fabric layers).

step seven

- Stitch the lining to the zipper/ exterior fabric using a zipper foot and a ½"-wide seam allowance.

step eight

- Clip seam allowances at the curves, as close to the stitching as possible, including the zipper tape.

- Fold the lining and exterior fabric pieces “right side out,” exposing the zipper. Press.

step nine

- Repeat for the second side of the zipper using the remaining exterior and lining fabric pieces.
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step ten
- The zipper should now be properly installed. Check to make sure it lines up on both sides; fix if needed.

step eleven
- Unzip the zipper about halfway. This is very important, as you will turn the fabric through this opening later.
- Place the two exterior fabric pieces right sides together, and the lining pieces right sides together, matching all edges.
- Pin, leaving the “underbelly” of the lining unpinned.

step twelve
- Sew around the outer edges using the standard presser foot. When you reach the point where the lining and exterior fabric join, simply sew directly over the zipper about ½” from the zipper edge in a small straight line.
- Clip seam allowances all around the outer edges, as close to the stitching as possible.

step thirteen
- Turn right side out through the zipper opening. Using a point turner or other blunt, pointy object, push out all corners carefully. Press.
- Whip stitch the bottom of the lining closed.
step fourteen

- Push the lining to the inside of the pouch, once again using a point turner to push the feet, head, and tail parts into place inside the pouch.

- Press. You’re finished!

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Dachshund Pencil Case Pattern Part A

Join to Part B as indicated.
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Part B

Join to Parts A and C as indicated.

Cut two from exterior fabric
Cut two from lining/ear fabric

Note: All seam allowances are ½" wide.
Join pieces, then cut on fold.

Join here.

Dachshund Pencil Case Pattern
Part C

Join to Part B as indicated.

Dachshund Pencil Case Pattern
Ear
Cut four from lining/ear fabric

Join pieces, then cut on fold.