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Zipped Up Selvage Pouch

You can never have too many zippered pouches! Small or big, they can hold anything. Celebrate their usefulness from the ground up: Use fabric selvage strips from past projects to make the fabric for your pouch. You can relive the love of those past projects every time you pull it out.

materials and tools

- Selvages from past projects; you'll need approximately eight 6"-long strips for each square (12 squares = about 100 strips)
- Two 6½" x 9½" rectangles of fabric for the lining
- Two 6½" x 9½" rectangles of lightweight interfacing
- Two 1½" x 4" fabric strips for the tabs
- One 12"-long nylon-coil zipper
- Two sheets of paper
- White thread
- Clear gridded ruler
- Wash-away pen or pencil
- Wonder Tape (paper-backed fusible adhesive)
- Rotary cutter and mat (optional)
- Hand-sewing needle
- Quarter-inch foot (BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37/37D)
- Zipper foot (BERNINA Zipper Foot #4/4D)

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step one

- Cut twelve 3½" squares from the two sheets of paper. These will be the bases for your blocks.

step two

- Place a selvage strip diagonally across one paper square.



step three

- Set your sewing machine for a straight stitch with a length of 1.5 mm. This will perforate the paper so it will be easier to tear away from your completed blocks.
- Stitching close to the edge (⅛" to ¼" away), sew the woven edge of the selvage strip to the paper square.

step four

- With right sides together, place a second selvage strip along the other edge of your first sewn-on strip, slightly overlapping the first sewn line.



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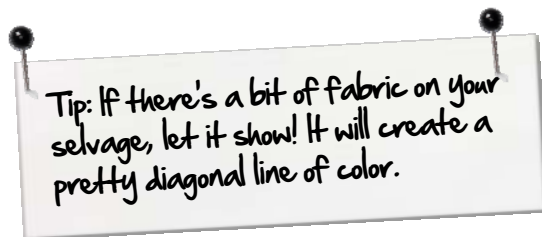
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step five

- Stitch close to the woven edge.
- Open the seam allowance and lightly press them.

step six

- With right sides together, place another strip along the opposite edge of your first sewn-on strip.



step seven

- Stitch.
- Press seam allowances open.

step eight

- Repeat these steps until the whole paper square is covered.



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step nine

- Turn the square over so the paper side faces up.



step ten

- Trim away the excess fabric that extends beyond the edges of the paper square.
- Congratulations! You now have one complete 3½"



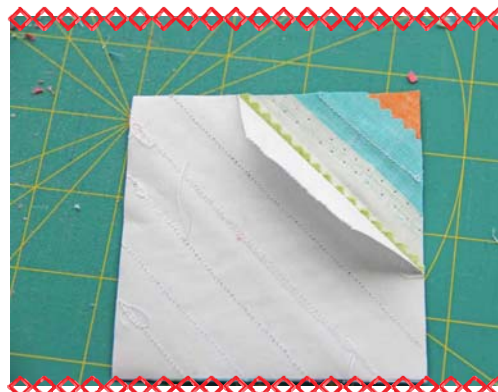
step eleven

- Repeat this process to create twelve finished selvage blocks.



step twelve

- Remove the foundation paper by folding along the stitched lines and then tearing it away.



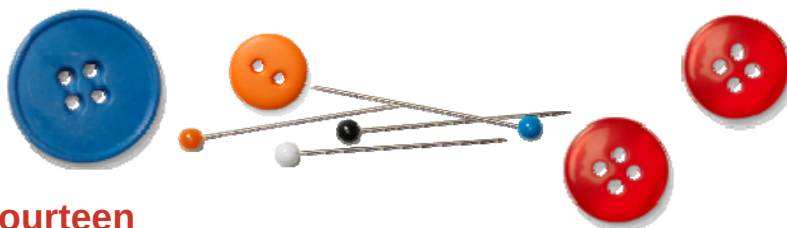
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step thirteen

- Arrange three blocks across by two blocks down for each outside panel.
- You can sew them three in a row and then sew the top row to the bottom row (which makes the most logical sense).
- Or you can make the mistake I did and sew two together on the top and bottom rows, then sewed the last row together and stitched it to the square. Either way is fine... I think it was because I was in a rush to get done before the kids got home that I did it the way I did in the pictures. Oh, well, same end result!



step fourteen

- Change to the zipper foot and adjust the needle position to the farthest left position.

step fifteen

- Fold the two 1½" x 4" strips in half to create two 1½" x 2" tabs.



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step sixteen

- Center the outer pouch panel above the zipper for a visual reference.
- Center the tabs on the zipper ends, folded edges toward the zipper.
- If you like, use fusible tape to hold the tabs to the zipper.

step seventeen

- Sew the tabs to the zipper.



step eighteen

- Trim away any excess zipper.

step nineteen

- Place fusible tape on the right side of zipper's outer edge.
- Layer as follows:
 - ◊ Outside pouch panel, right side up
 - ◊ Zipper, facing down, zipper tab on the left side
 - ◊ Inner lining panel, wrong side up
- Press with an iron so the fusible tape will adhere.



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step twenty

- Sew the layers together, lining side up, with the outer part of the zipper foot along the raw edge.



step twenty-one

- Open out the layers. Press.
- Topstitch along the folded edge.



step twenty-two

- Repeat on the other side of the zipper.



step twenty-three

- Change back to a quarter-inch foot.
- Unzip the zipper halfway.
- Unfold the layers and place both outer panels right sides together on one side and both lining panels together on the other side.



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step twenty-four

- Using a ¼"-wide seam allowance, sew the pouch sides together starting at the bottom of the lining side of the pouch.
- Stop and backstitch ¼" from the tabs at the ends of the zipper. (This will help your corners be more boxy.)

step twenty-five

- Continue stitching on the other side (the outer panels) ¼" from the tab, backstitching at the beginning.
- Do the same on the other side of the bag, leaving an opening at least 3" long on the lining side.

step twenty-six

- Position the bag so one side seam is centered over the bottom seam, forming a point.

step twenty-seven

- Measure down 1" from the point and make a mark with a washable pen or pencil.
- Stitch along the marked line.
- Cut away the excess fabric from the point.
- Repeat for the opposite corner.



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step twenty-eight

- Turn the pouch inside out through the opening in the lining.
- Push out the squared corners.
- Sew the lining opening closed.
- Push the lining back inside the outer pouch.



step twenty-nine

- Gently pull out the tabs at the top corners of the pouch. If needed, use a pin or needle to pull them out and define the corners.
- Hand-stitch the tabs to the outer panels to securely finish.

