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#1080 Ear Bud Wristlet

Keeps your tunes close by with this easy to make Ear Bud Wristlet. This small zipper pouch is designed for easy cutting and assembly. It's big enough to keep your essentials close to you while on a car or plane trip.

It is made from one long rectangle sewn into a tube with a zipper. The zipper is easy to install, you don't even need to use a special foot. It has two elastic loops, a small one that makes it easy to use the zipper and a longer one that goes over your wrist.

This project is made with two rectangles, and is easy to cut by hand or with your favorite cutting machine.



Finished size: 4.5" wide x 5" tall (about 11x13 cm)

Seam Allowance: 1/4" (6 mm) included

Materials:

Fabric: woven cotton "Quilting Cotton", linen, or flannel. Use smooth solid color fabric or fabric with a small non-direction design if you want to include an heat transfer vinyl design on it.

Amount: Two Pieces - 10" tall x 5" wide (25.5 x 13cm). - Outside & Lining

Elastic: Fold-over-elastic is very soft and comes in lots of colors. So it's a great choice for this project.

Amount: 3/4" to 1.5" wide - 12" (30.5cm)

Zipper: A 6" or longer nylon or plastic zipper. May be called #3 zipper, or dress zipper.

Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV): Contrasting color for optional design - 4" x 2" (10 x 5 cm)

Tools

- Rotary Cutter, Scissors, or a Cutting Machine, like a Cricut
- For Cricut Maker
 - Rotary Blade
 - Fabric Mat
- For Cutting Machines with a Fine Point Blade
 - Standard or Light Grip Mat
 - Freezer Paper for Bonding
- Typical Sewing Materials (pins, scissors, matching thread, iron, etc.)

Prepare Fabric

1. Wash Fabric if desired, recommended.
2. Press smooth if wrinkled.

Cut Materials

1. Cut two pieces of fabric 10" tall x 5" wide (25.5 x 13cm). Cut one from outside fabric and one from the lining fabric.
2. Cut two pieces of Elastic. 3" long and 9" long.

Sew In The Zipper

1. Place the two fabric rectangles wrong-sides together. Treat these fabrics like one piece of fabric from now on. Tip: I attach mine two fabrics together with temporary spray adhesive, also called basting spray.
2. Place zipper right side up on to your work surface.
3. Lay out the zipper right-side up. Place your fabric sandwich on top of it. The fabric closest to the zipper will be the outside of the pouch.
4. Aligning and clip/ pin one of the short edges of the fabric sandwich to the zipper tape. Your zipper will be longer than needed.
5. Sew your fabric to the zipper. Tips: Align the edge of your sewing machine presser foot with the edge of the zipper teeth. If may need to move your sewing machine needle, or switch presser feet to sew at least 1/4" on to the zipper tape.
6. Top-stitch that seam. Details: Fold the fabric away from the zipper. Then sew again sewing on top of the fabric about 1/8" from the seam line. This is called top-stitching, because the stitching line is on top where you will see it.
7. Repeat the above steps 4-6 with the other side of the zipper. Make sure the fabric is in the same part of the zipper, so that when zipped the edges of the fabric match. At the top-stitching step 6, Unzip it to access that part.



Pick Your Look

1. With the fabric & zipper tube right-side out, decide where you would like the zipper to be in relation to the top of the wristlet. In my example I have it about 1" down from the top.
2. Once decided, mark the top fold with a pin.

Apply Heat Transfer Vinyl Decoration - Optional

1. Choose which design you would like.
2. Cut your HTV using a cutting machine and the included SVG file. They are sized to fit on the wristlet. Remember to Mirror the design and cut with the carrier sheet down.
3. Remove from Mat
4. Cut around design leaving at least 1/2" (1 cm) room.
5. Weed excess HTV
6. Place the wristlet right side up on your ironing surface. Press to flatten and preheat
7. Choose location that will not interfere with the zipper and is out of the seam line.
8. Apply HTV following the manufacturer directions for heat and pressure. Do not press over the zipper or your pins, as they could damage your iron.

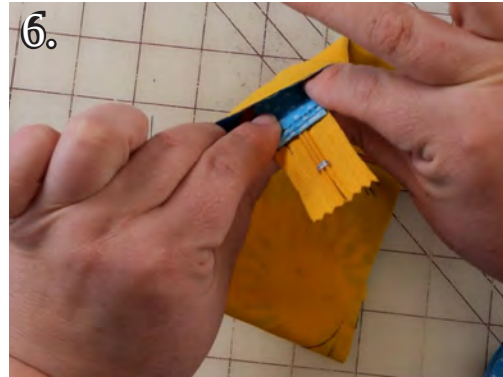


Prep for Sewing

1. Open the zipper so that the zipper pull is within the area with fabric.
2. Flip zipper and fabric tube wrong side out.
3. Align the top pin mark at the top fold.
4. If you would like curved corner, my preference, use a spool of thread or quarter to draw curves on all 4 corners.

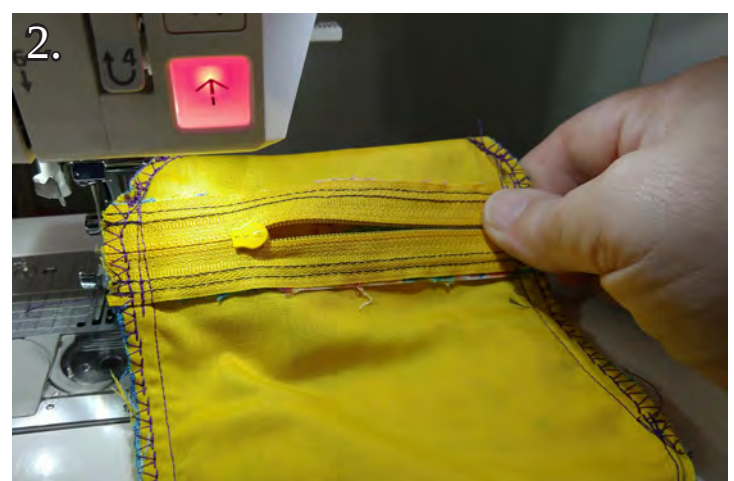


5. Fold both elastic loops in half and pin, clip, or baste. The pretty side should be facing out.
6. Put the long elastic loop inside the fabric zipper tube. Align it with the end of the zipper and pin or clip in place. If this is the open side of the zipper, take care to align the teeth close together.
7. Put the short elastic inside, doing the same at the other end of the zipper. If this is the open side of the zipper, take care to align the teeth close together.
8. Pin or clip the rest of the sides of the wristlet together, if desired.
9. Sew along the sides of the wristlet, following the optional curve if drawn. I suggest that you sew over the elastic loop several time for security



Finishing

1. For curved corners, trim along optional curves 1/4" to 1/8" from the seam line.
2. Finish the raw edges with a zigzag, faux serge stitch, or pinking shears.
3. Turn right-side out through the zipper
4. Push out corner/curves using a pencil or chop stick.
5. Press if desired. Take care not to melt the HTV, elastic or zipper.



Ta Da! Look what you made!

Show it off you all your friends.

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