

Suffolk Coin Purse with a Zipper and Wrist Strap Hack

You will need a 16" #3 dress skirt zipper

-Cut out pattern pieces and fuse the interfacings as per Sara's instructions

-Mark the center of all your pattern pieces and the center of your zipper

-Line up the center marking of the zipper with the center mark on the exterior pattern piece, right sides touching and pin in place. Veer the zipper up off the fabric when you get to the place where Sara has "Mark on Fabric" on the pattern piece on both sides. Make sure your zipper pull is in the middle, so it doesn't get sewn out of the pouch. Using your zipper foot, sew using 1/4" seam allowance, starting and stopping at the "Mark on Fabric" mark. Pin the lining to zipper, right side of fabric against wrong side of zipper. Pin in place lining up center marking and "Mark on Fabric" mark. Sew on top of previous stitches. Turn fabrics so they are wrong sides touching and press. Top stitch using 1/8" seam allowance

-Repeat this for other side.

If you want to add the wrist strap, you can use Sara's tutorial for adding a wrist strap or what I did was...

-Cut exterior fabric and Shape Flex 2" x 10" and fuse Shape Flex to fabric

-Fold fabric in half on the long edge and press. Open and press the long edges towards the center crease. Fold everything back up, you will have created what looks a double fold bias tape, and press. Top stitch 1/8" on each long edge. Fold so short edges meet and baste using 1/8" seam allowance. Place the strap between the "Mark on Fabric " mark and where the top of the cut out for boxing the corner is. Or you can place it where ever you would like. The strap will be laying across your exterior fabric, edges lined up. Baste it to the exterior fabric using 1/8".

Continue with Steps 3-4 of the pattern to complete the coin purse. When you sew the sides in Step 3, sew up to the zipper but not over it.

Sara's tutorial for veering zippers off the edge of the fabric, which may help you,

<https://youtu.be/QHEapiDBok0>

Sara's tutorial for adding a wrist strap to any bag, she starts at the 31:15 mark,

https://youtu.be/7TYeBPdtU_0

Pictures of finished Suffolk Coin Purse for reference

