

Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Hacks #6 - #8

Pockets

Original Persimmon Dumpling Pouch Pattern can be found here-
<https://sewsweetness.com/2019/08/persimmon-dumpling-pouch>

Persimmon with Vertical Zipper - Hack #6

Supplies

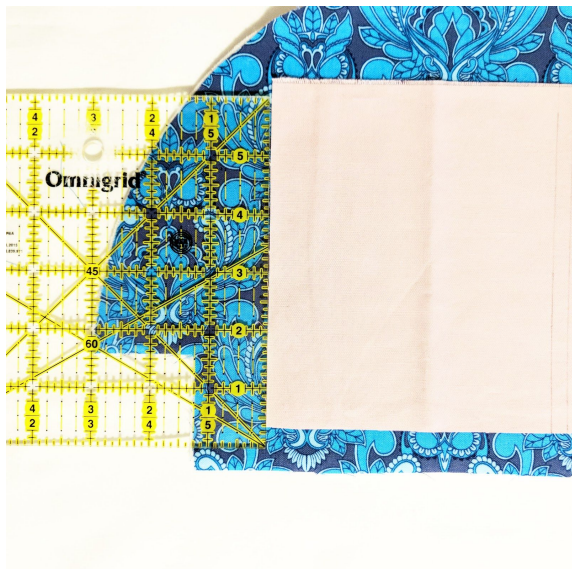
- One 8" zipper

Make the Pocket

1. Cut a piece of fabric that is 6" x 12". You can also add a piece of Shape Flex to this pocket. Cut it to this size and fuse according to the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Mark a 'T' on the 6" edge, so you know where the top is.
3. Measure down from the top and draw lines at 6-1/2", 6-3/4" then at 7". Measure in from the right and left hand edge, 3/4"; make a mark to join the lines you made previously. You will have created a box with a line in the middle. Then draw a line on each end, inside the box, 1/4" away from the 3/4" line.

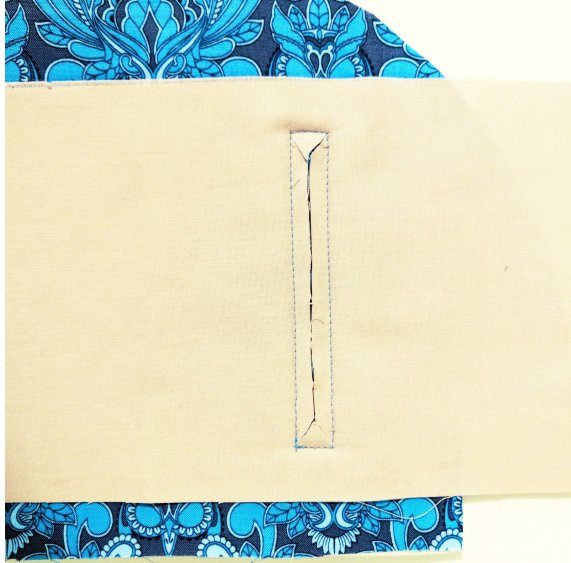
Attach the Pocket

4. Place the pocket, right sides together with the exterior panel. The pocket will be 1-1/4" away from the left hand edge and 1/2" up from the bottom.



5. Pin in place and sew the outer box, back stitching at start and stop.
6. Draw a "V" in that small box you created on the end. Using your seam ripper, start cutting where the line in the middle is, just to start a hole, then cut the rest with your scissors. Stop when you reach the "V" then cut on an angle to the corners, careful not to clip your stitches.

7. Pull your fabric through the hole you created and press. I like to trim away any excess foam from the zipper pocket. If using cork, vinyl or faux leather you can press the opening on the lining side but be very careful not to touch the materials. Use a pressing cloth for protection. For cork, vinyl or faux leather, I will place a piece of scrap fabric over the zipper opening and hammer the fabrics to flatten them. I find this helps it lay flatter when you sew the zipper in.



8. Using Dritz Wash Away tape or washable glue stick (if using glue stick allow it to dry for about 10 minutes before you sew or press it with a hot dry iron and a pressing cloth) or pin your zipper centered to the hole. Make sure you place your zipper so it zips up towards the top on the panel.

9. Sew around the zipper. Don't forget to make sure the zipper head is in the middle of the box so you don't sew it out of the hole.



10. Trim any excess zipper off.

11. Line up the bottom and sides of the zipper pocket, pin the fabrics together and sew using 1/4" seam allowance.



*This is for the large pouch. If you're making the medium, I'd decrease the size of the pocket by 2" all around. I wouldn't make a pocket for the small as it'd be too small.



Persimmon with Horizontal Zipper - Hack #7

Supplies

- One 8" zipper

Make the Pocket

1. Cut a piece of fabric that is 6" x 12"
2. Mark a 'T' on the 6" edge, so you know where the top is.
3. Measure down from the top and draw lines at 6-1/2", 6-3/4" then at 7". Measure in from the right and left hand edge, 3/4"; make a mark to join the lines you made previously. You will have created a box with a line in the middle. Then draw a line on each end, inside the box, 1/4" away from the 3/4" line.

Attach the Pocket

4. Place the pocket, right sides together with the exterior panel and centered, 1/2" up from the bottom.
5. Pin in place and sew the outer box, back stitching at start and stop.
6. Draw a "V" in that small box you created on the end. Using your seam ripper, start cutting where the line in the middle is, just to start a hole, then cut the rest with your scissors. Stop when you reach the "V" then cut on an angle to the corners, careful not to clip your stitches.
7. Pull your fabric through the hole you created and press. I like to trim away any excess fabric from the zipper pocket. If using cork, vinyl or faux leather you can press the opening on the lining side but be very careful not to touch the materials. For cork, vinyl or faux leather, I will place a piece of scrap fabric over the zipper opening and hammer the fabrics to flatten them. I find this helps it lay flatter when you sew the zipper in.
8. Using Dritz Wash Away tape or school glue stick (if using glue stick allow it to dry for about 10 minutes before you sew or press it with a hot dry iron) or pin your zipper centered to the hole. Make sure you place your zipper so it zips up towards the top on the panel.
8. Sew around the zipper. Don't forget to make sure the zipper head is in the middle of the box so you don't sew it out of the hole.
10. Trim excess zipper off.

11. Line up the bottom and sides of the zipper pocket, pin the fabrics together and sew using 1/4" seam allowance.



*This is for the large pouch. If you're making the medium, I'd decrease the pocket size by 2" all around. I wouldn't make one for the small as it'd be too small.



Persimmon with Slip Pocket - Hack #8

Make the Pocket

1. Fold the pattern piece down by 2" from the top.
2. Cut 2 pieces of fabric and Shape Flex using the pattern piece, keeping the top folded down that 2". Fuse Shape Flex as per manufacturer's instructions.
3. Pin the fabric right sides together and sew using 1/4" seam allowance.
4. Flip the fabrics so they are wrong sides touching and press.
5. Top stitch 1/8" away from the finished edge.



Attach the Pocket

6. Pin the slip pocket to the lining fabric, ensuring to line up the bottom and sides. Sew using 1/8" seam allowance. You can also sew up the center if you'd like, to create 2 pockets.



7. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.



NOTES

1. You can use a combo of any of these Persimmon Dumpling Pouch hacks on any one pouch.
2. To get your accent pieces on the pouches to line up and have perfect boxed corners, ensure you're placing the center of the zipper teeth, against the side seam and center to it. This way everything will line up in the final construction. Use lots of pins and/or clips to hold everything in place while you sew. Don't remove your clips until the presser foot touches them. This way nothing shifts while you're sewing.
3. To get a flat bottom, give the front that goes from one box corner to the other a really good press. You can find this edge, by pinching the one corner of the boxed corner and the opposite corner at the same time. This will help it sit flat. If using a material that can't be ironed, use clips on the seam and leave them for a couple of hours or overnight, the longer the better. Place foam between the clip and the material, so the clip doesn't leave teeth marks.
4. I recommend heat sealing all your zippers, this helps prevent them from fraying.

5. You can also use a scrap of zipper for a zipper pull. You can use one half or cut the tape off the zipper , so there is just the coil. Then heat seal the whole zipper so it won't fray. Please be careful.



Hardware

Zippers - <https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/hardware/zippers>

Hardware - <https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/hardware>

Cork - <https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/cork>

Faux Leather - <https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/leather>

Glitter Vinyl - <https://sewsweetness.com/product-category/fabric/glitter>

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