

# Organizer Wallet

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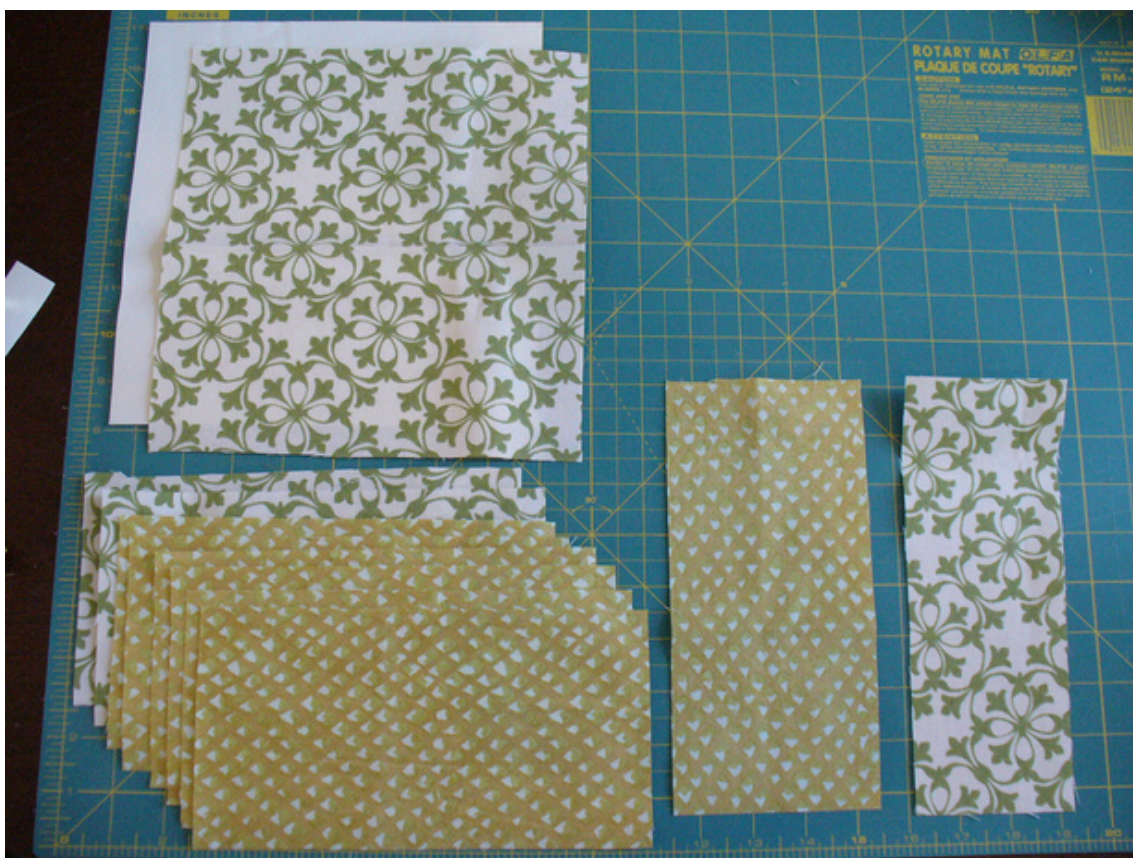
A wallet for my sister (to match her purse). I created a tutorial for this. Sorry, I did not attach a velcro pocket to the outside, but it's not that difficult. Whenever I make one for myself, I will update my blog with that portion of the tutorial. Features: snap tab closure 6 credit card slots zippered pocket 2 full width inner slip pockets optional: outer zipper pocket Also, see my blog for a full version of the tutorial.

## Materials

You will need: \* 2-3 fabric colors, about 1/2 yard total \* interfacing, 1/4 yard \* heavy duty snap, tools, and instructions \* zipper (I used 7â³, but you can always cut it shorter) \* 2nd zipper if you want an outer zipper pocket \* zipper foot \* size 16 needle \* a cutting mat and ruler make this much easier

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### Step 1 — Cut Fabric



Sorry, this picture is not completely accurate

2 – 8.5â³ x 9â³

6 – 8.5â³ x 4.5â³

1 – 8.5â³ x 4â³

1 – 8.5â³ x 3.5â³ (not pictured)

1 – 8.5â³ x 3â³

2 – 2.5â³ x 5â³ for snap tab (not pictured)

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## Step 2 — Insert Zipper



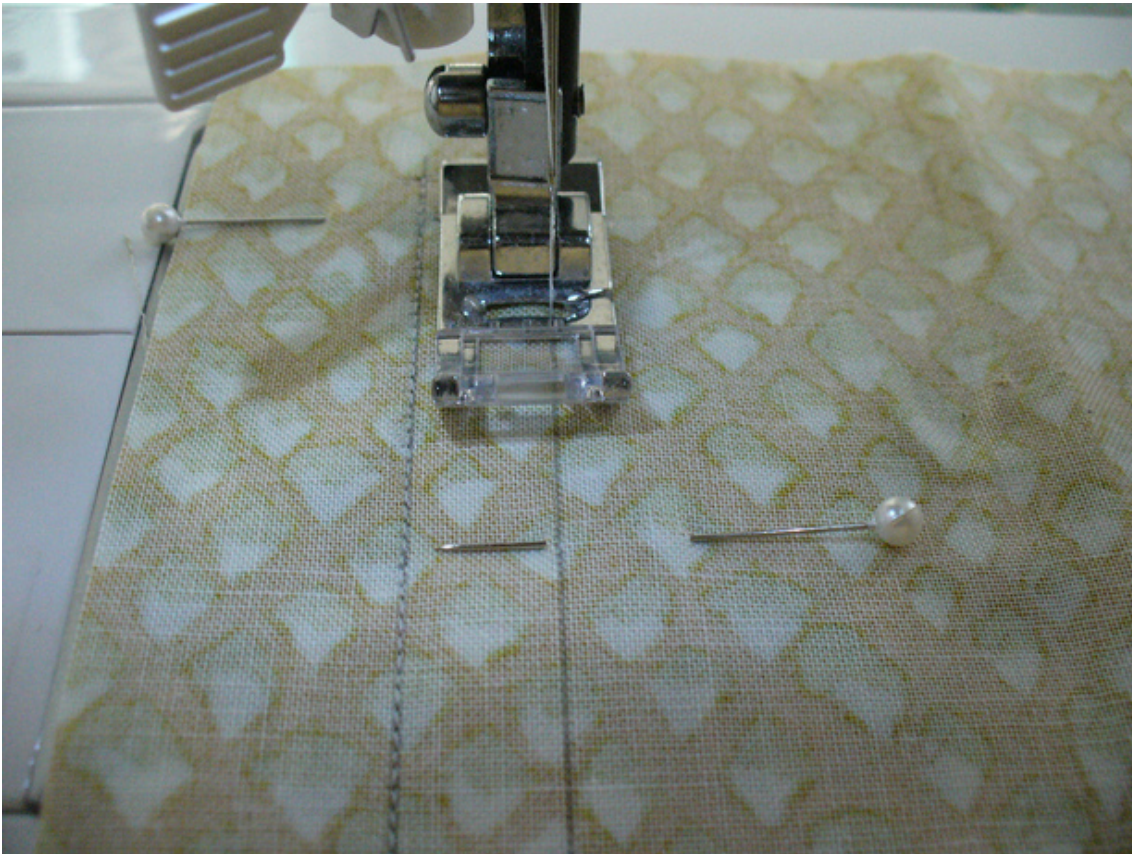
This is the hardest part, so I like to get it out of the way!

Take 1 of your  $8.5\text{â}^{\text{3}}$  x  $4.5\text{â}^{\text{3}}$  pieces (this one will end up on the inside of the zippered pocket).

On the wrong side, draw a line in pencil  $1\text{â}^{\text{3}}$  from the top. It should end  $1\text{â}^{\text{3}}$  from each edge. Draw an identical line  $1/2\text{â}^{\text{3}}$  below the first one, and connect them at the ends. This will be the square into which your zipper will be inserted.

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## Step 3

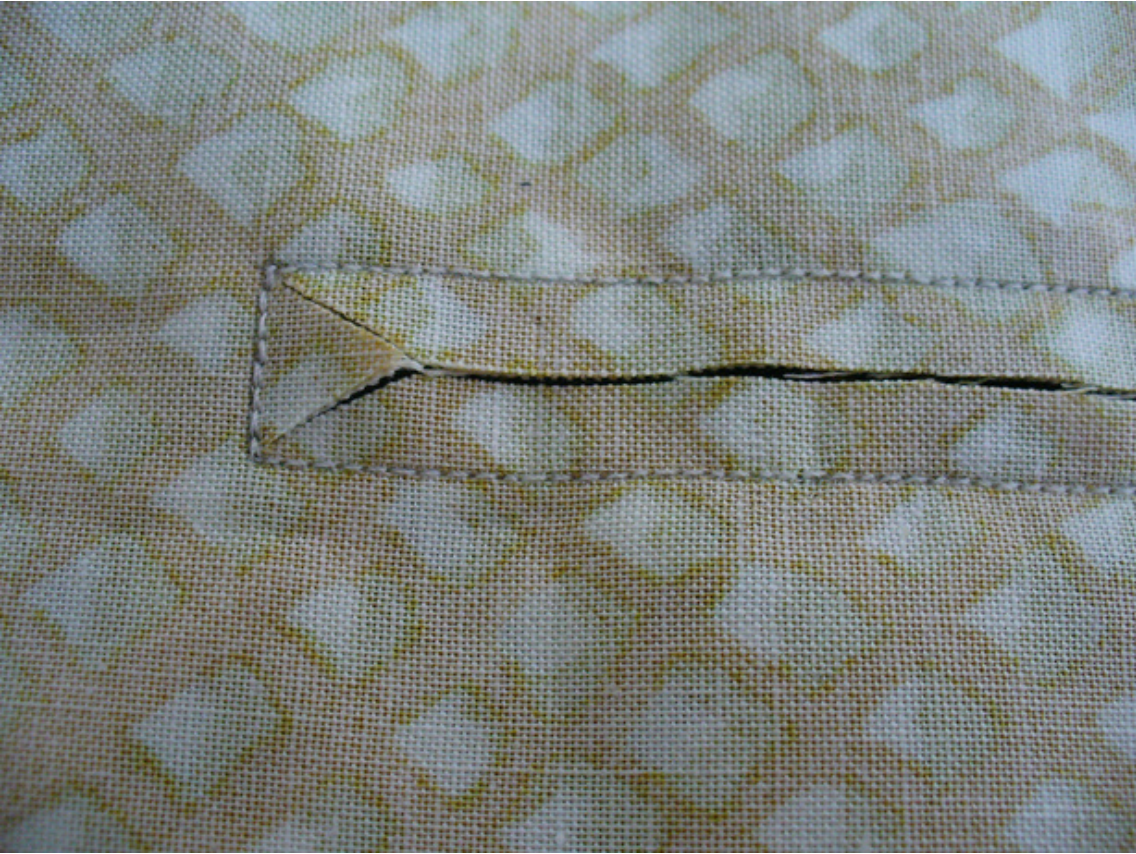


Place another 8.5â³ x 4.5â³ piece (the outside of your zippered pocket) underneath the piece you just drew on, right sides facing. Pin.

Carefully sew around the box you drew using a small stitch length (I used 1.8). Make sure your corners are neat. Tie the ends off to ensure the thread will not come loose.

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## Step 4



Cut down the middle of your rectangle to about 1/2" from each end. Then cut to each corner (as close as possible) creating a triangle at the end. Make sure this is neat.

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## Step 5



Flip one side right side out through the hole you just created, and press carefully around the rectangles edges. This can be a bit fiddly, just go slow and pin it if you need to.

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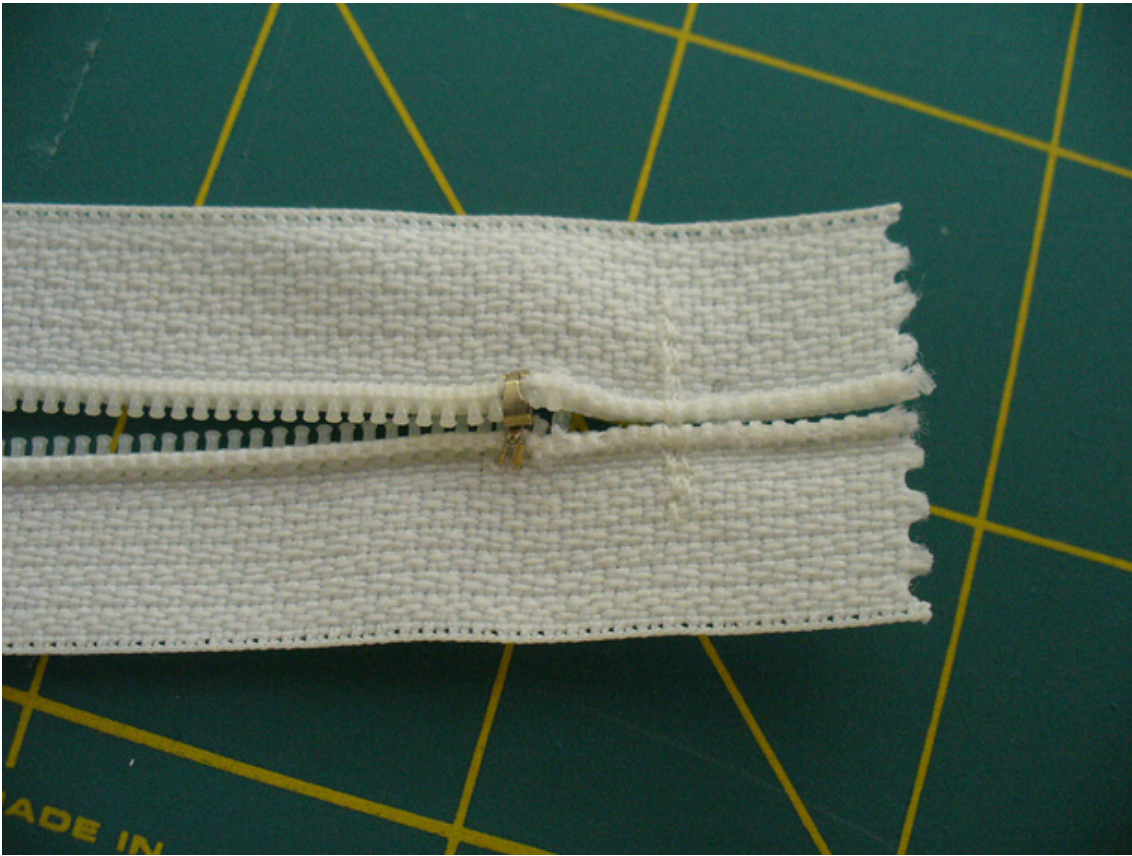
## Step 6



Pull each end back and you will see the triangle you cut before. Tack these down to the inside piece (marked with red). This helps make the small ends of your rectangle neater.

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## Step 7

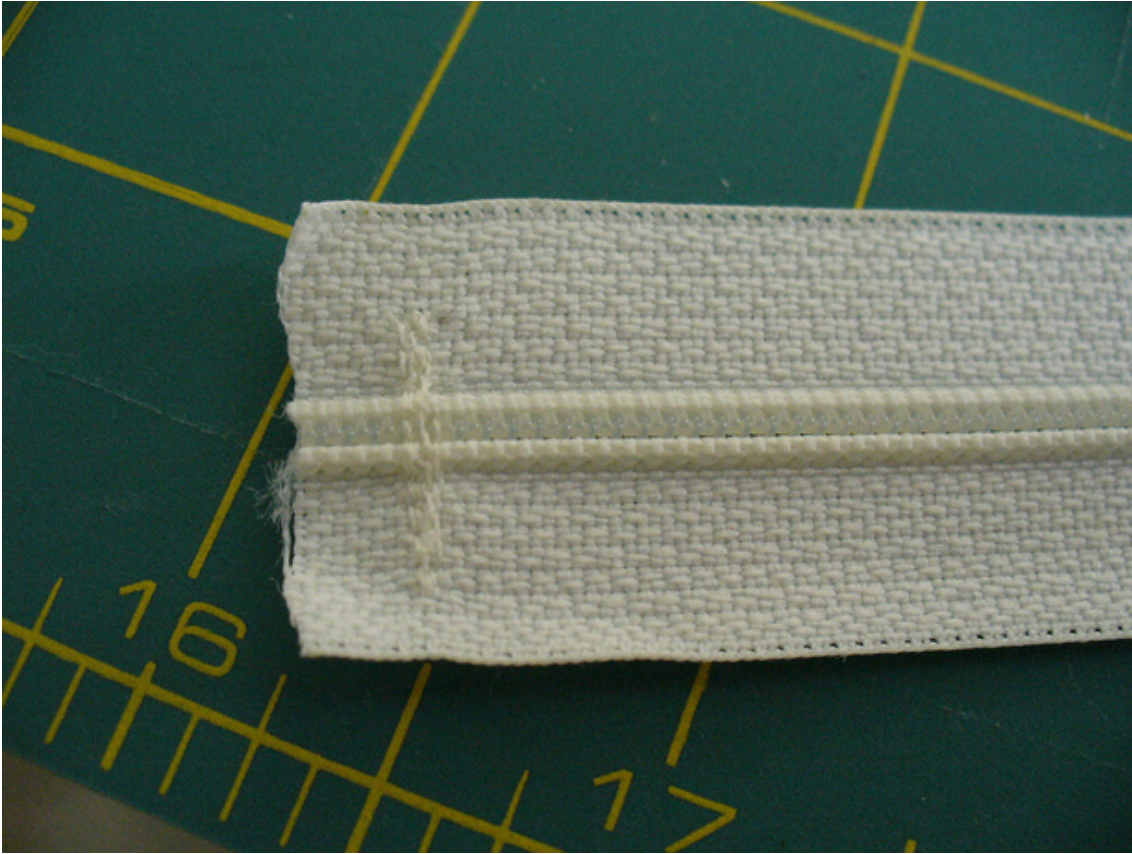


I like to sew across the open end of the zipper to make it easier to handle when inserting.

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## Step 8





Now, measure your zipper against the opening in your fabric. It should be just a bit long. This is good. I hate the metal end- if your needle ever gets stuck in there, it's very very hard to get out- I know from experience!

Sew across the teeth of your zipper (several times) just past where it will be hidden from sight. Cut off that darn metal piece. You probably want the zipper to have about an extra 1/2" or so on the end for inserting.

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## Step 9



Pin and sew the zipper in place (using a zipper foot). Sew close to the edge of the fabric (less than  $\frac{1}{8}$ "<sup>3</sup>). Notice the stitches from the previous step are hidden past the edge of the fabric.

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## Step 10 — Finish Zipper Pocket



Take 2 more 8.5" x 4.5" pieces and place them wrong sides together. These will be the inside of your zipper pocket, and the inside of the slip pocket.

Pin these pieces (wrong sides together) onto the outside of the zipper pocket (so the zipper is facing these new pieces).

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## Step 11



Stitch only the top edge together using a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.

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## Step 12



Flip so the seam is hidden (the new pieces are behind the zipper piece). Press the seam well.

Pin all edges of the pocket. Topstitch the top edge that you just sewed together (marked with red). Baste together the other sides using about a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (marked with blue). Your zippered pocket is now complete!

*Note: my actual stitches are much neater than my drawing skills might suggest :)*

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## Step 13 — Credit Card Pouches



Take 2 more 8.5" x 4.5" pieces. Place them right sides together and pin. Sew the top edge only using a 3/8" seam allowance.

Flip so the seam is hidden, press the seam. Topstitch about 1/8" from the folded edge. This will be your bottom pocket.

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## Step 14

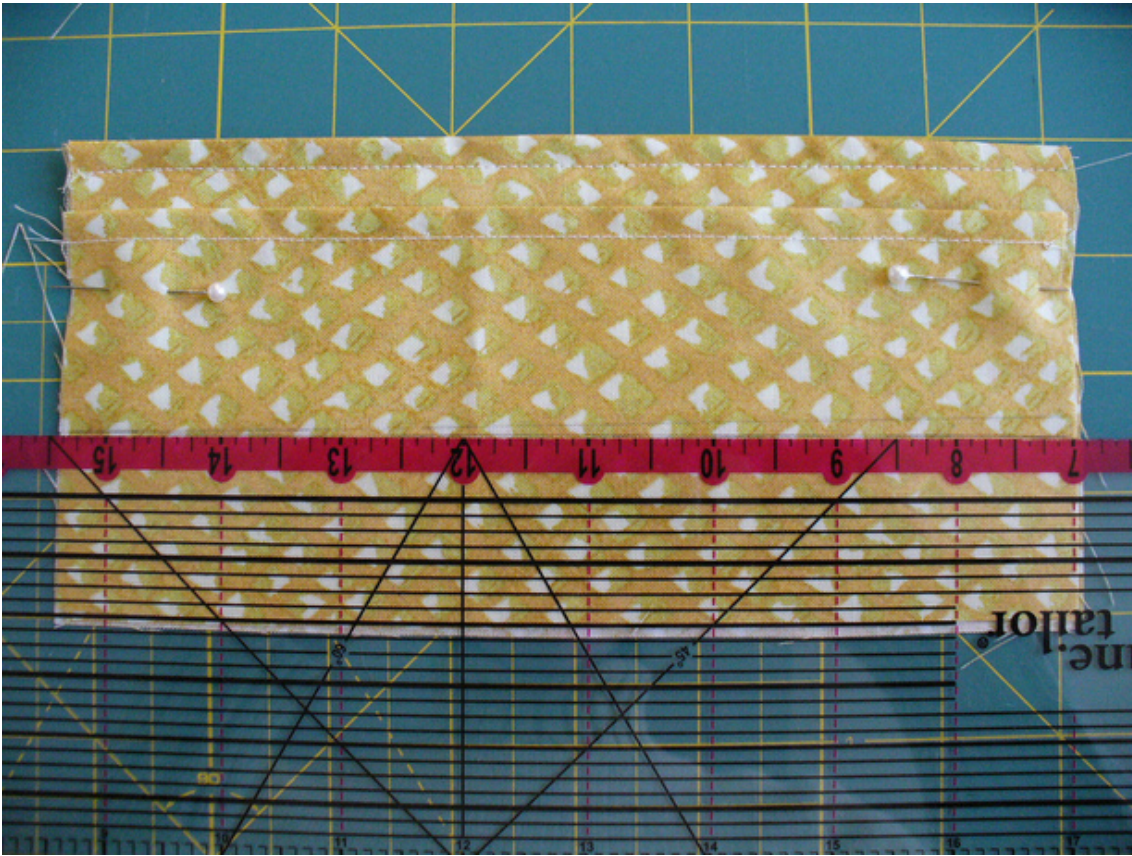


Take your 8.5" x 4" piece. Fold the top edge over 1/2" and press. Topstitch about 1/8" from the folded edge.

Repeat for both other pieces- 8.5 x 3.5 and 8.5 x 3.

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## Step 15



Line the largest 2 pockets up & pin. Make sure the top edges are parallel- this is more important than the bottom edges being exact.

Draw a line in pencil 2.5" from the top edge. Stitch over your line (this will be hidden from sight).

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## Step 16





Do the same with the next piece, only draw your line 3â³ from the top edge.

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## Step 17



Place the smallest piece on top. Pin all together, and baste the 3 unfinished edges using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Find the middle of your pockets (width-wise) and lightly mark points in pencil along that line.

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## Step 18



Topstitch neatly over this middle line and tie off the ends nicely.

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## Step 19



Your inside pieces are now ready to be assembled!

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**Step 20**



Place both your credit card slots and zippered pouches on top of the 8.5" x 9" piece you will use for the inside. Pin together, baste all around the edges using 1/4" seam allowance.

*Note: I recommend interfacing this main piece before doing so. I did not since I used home decor-weight fabric, although I wish I had.*

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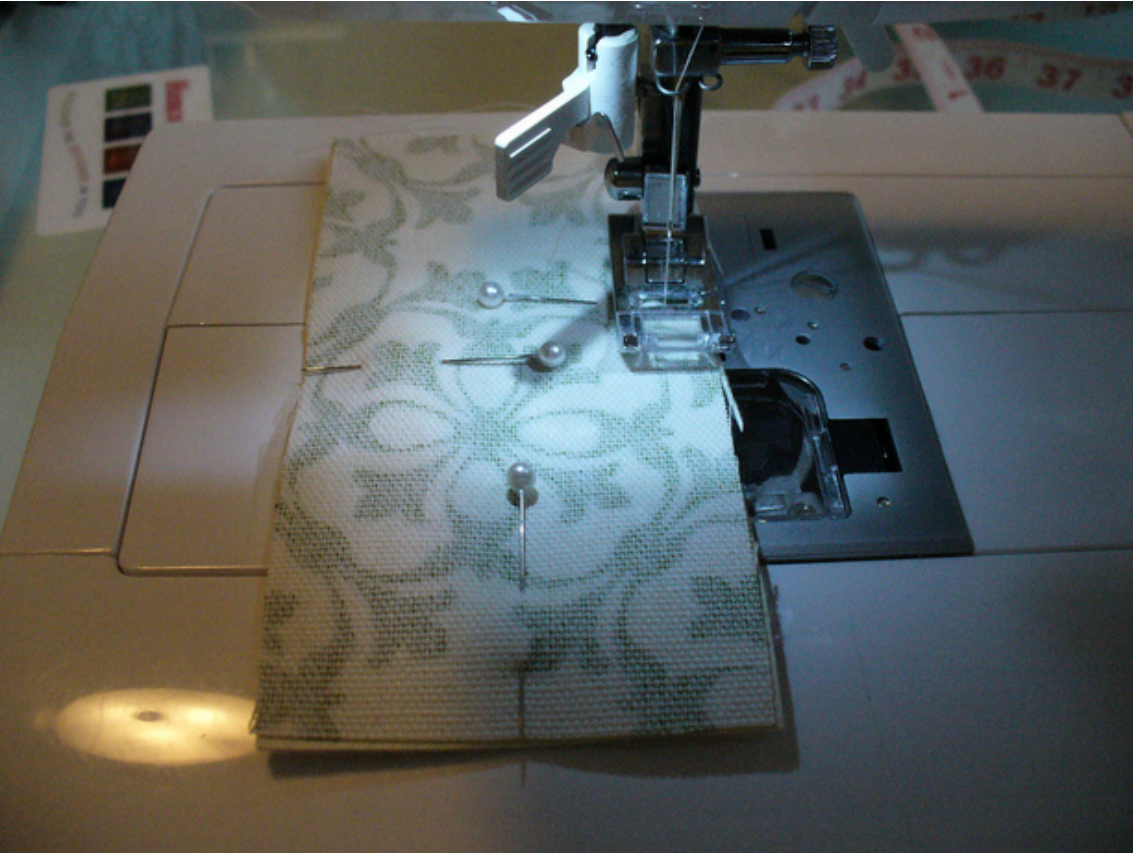
## Step 21 — Snap Tab



Place your two 2.5â³ x 5â³ pieces right sides together and pin.

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## Step 22



Stitch around the outside using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave one end open. Make sure to backstitch at the corners so they are strong for flipping.

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### Step 23



Clip the corners and trim the seam allowances. Flip right-side out and press. Topstitch on the three sides with seams about  $1/8$ " from the edge.

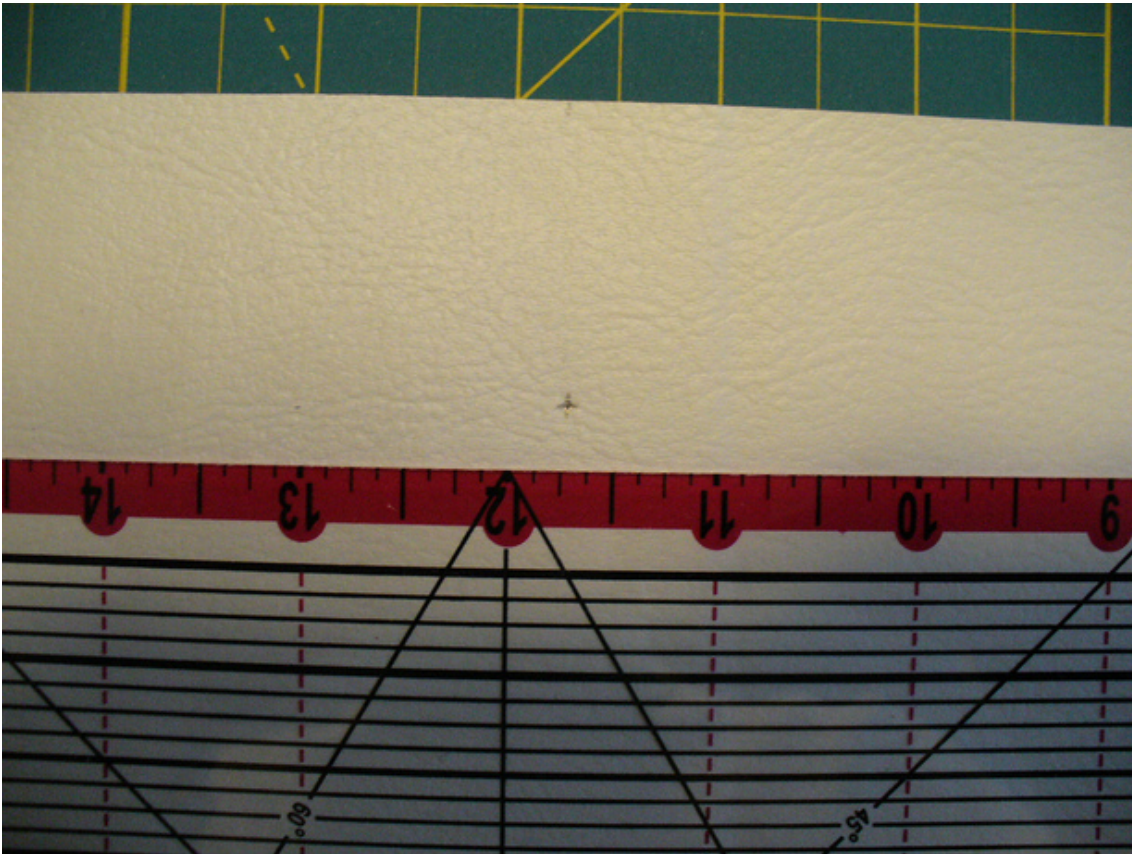
(sorry no picture of this...)

Make marks for inserting your snap about  $1$ " from the edge of your finished tab. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for inserting your snap.

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## Step 24





Take your main outer piece (8.5 × 9), and make a mark in the middle about 1.5" from the top edge (one of the 8.5" sides). Again, follow the manufacturer's instructions for inserting the other side of the snap.

*Note: You may also want to interface this piece. I used vinyl, so it was not necessary, but any other material should probably use interfacing.*

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## Step 25



Place the inside and outside pieces right sides together and pin. Make sure the snap edge of the outer piece matches up with the card slots on the inner piece. Leave the opposite end (with the zippered pocket) open for flipping.

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## Step 26



Stitch all around using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Use a small stitch for strength. Backstitch at the corners for extra strength (they are very hard to flip).

Cut your corners and trim the seam allowances (except on open edge).

*Note: Again- my stitches are much better than my computer drawing capabilities!*

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## Step 27



Flip the whole thing right side out and press it well. Insert the snap tab in the opening and pin in place. Make sure it closes correctly before stitching.

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## Step 28



Change your needle to a size 16 (or if you use vinyl like I did, a leather needle).

*Slowly and carefully*

, topstitch all the way around. This takes time and patience. In the places with lots of layers, you may need to turn the wheel by hand to get through the layers. Be especially careful around the corners and the ends of the zipper pocket.

*Note: I usually lose a needle in this step- make sure you have extras!*

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## **Step 29**



You are now finished! Fill it up and enjoy!

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**Step 30**



And the outside...

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