Zip It
ScreenPlay II ©

A quick and easy pattern for handy zippered pouches.
Five sizes are included.

Models pictured are made from black "Pet Screen" available at hardware stores. It is a vinyl coated black polyester mesh that is available in rolls of various widths 36", 48", 54". Many quilt shops now carry colored mesh.

Gadget Size: Finished 10" wide x 9" high .

1. Screen 11" x 18"

2. 14" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper

3. Fabric strip 12" long x 1" to 6" wide.

OTHER SUPPLIES

4. Large head sewing pins and white marking pencil (Nounce, Quilters Rule or white coloring pencil works).

5. Thread to match the screen.

6. Jean's (sharp) #14 or #16 machine needle is helpful.

7. Bias tape, extra wide double fold, same color as screen

8. Option: Maxi piping, color that contrasts with fabric.

9. Option: Variegated top stitching thread for embellishment.

Have fun and be creative!

Customize by;

using other fabrics or screens (awning, umbrella, sunscreen), changing the dimensions, using more strips of fabric, using rick rack, buttons, beads, sparkle paint, adding pockets, using fusible for applique, personalizing using fun themes (holidays, names and hobbies.

Machine embroidery on screen: Use a stabilizer.

Fusible Applique on screen: I had good luck with a heavy weight low temperature iron-on adhesive (*Heat & Bond®UltraHold*) followed with a straight or machine buttonhole stitch.

★ Caution: Use a non-stick pressing sheet to protect your iron.
High heat may melt your screen.
Allow the screen to cool before handling it.
The straight or machine buttonhole stitch insures retention along the edge of the applique.
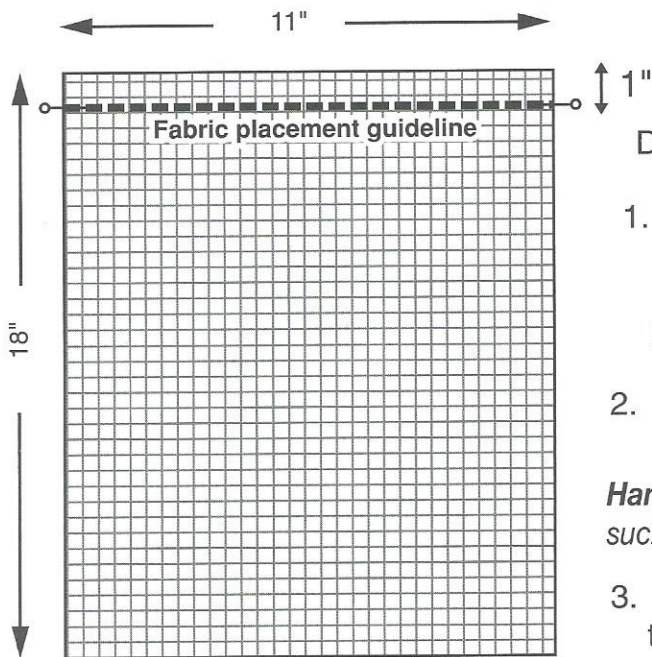
Zipper pull:
The zipper pulls shown are narrow strips of *Ultrasuede*. Ribbon, beads and leather are possible materials for pulls. Fun zipper fobs are available or use disassembled bracelets and necklaces.

Use the *Zip It* as gift wrap. Fill it with a gift certificate, money, fabric, pattern etc.

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11"

1"

18"

Fabric placement guideline

Dimensions for Gadget Size

Dimensions for other sizes are listed on page 4.

1. Mark 1" from the top edge with pins as shown.
   Do not remove the pins, they serve as exact beginning
   and end points. Draw a line with a white marker.
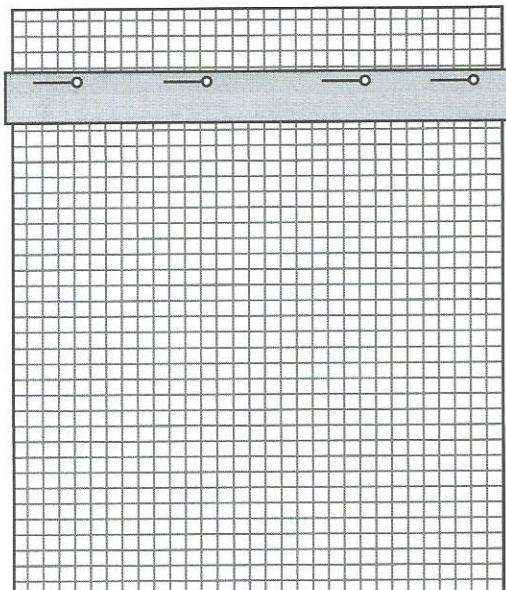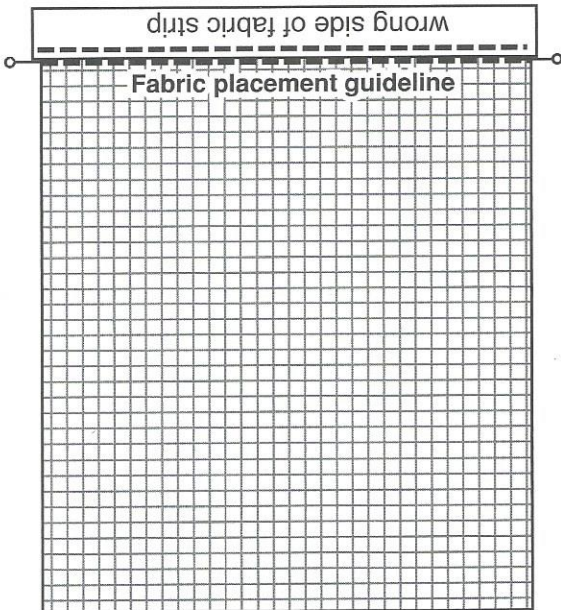   (Nounce, Quilters Rule or white color pencil may work well.)

2. Fabric strip 12" long x 1" to 6" wide. Fold and press the
   bottom long edge of your fabric strip under at least 1/4".

*Handy Hint: Cut a 1/4" x 12" or longer pressing guide from a heavy paper
such as a cereal box. Place it under the fold to press your strip uniformly.*

3. Lay unfolded top edge of fabric strip right side down against
   the screen, along and above the fabric placement guideline.
   Your fabric should extend beyond both sides of the screen
   and above the top edge of your screen.

← Stitch using a 1/4" seam.

4. Stitch a 1/4" seam. Begin and end with backstitch to secure.
   Remove the fabric placement guideline pins.

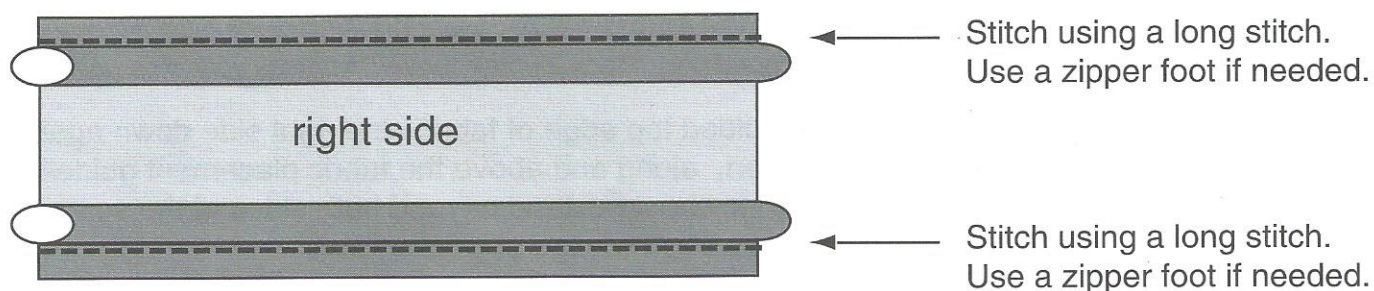wrong side of fabric strip

Fabric placement guideline

5. Flip fabric strip down, press seam with your fingers to flatten
   the seam against the screen. Pin in place to keep the strip flat.
   It is best to pin along the edge of the sewn fold first.
   Then pin along the unsewn folded and pressed edge.

6. Top stitch the unsewn folded and pressed edge of strip.
   Topstitch the sewn edge.

7. Trim excess fabric that extends beyond the screen.

OPTION...

ADDING PIPING TO YOUR FABRIC STRIP. A contrasting piping adds a nice finish. The strip would then be sewn to the screen in a different way than page 1.

1. Cut your fabric strip 12" long x 1" to 6" wide.

2. Place the piping with the raw edge of the piping along the long raw edge of the fabric strip. Stitch on top of the line of stitches on the piping, use a long stitch. A zipper foot may be helpful for this step.

right side

Stitch using a long stitch.
Use a zipper foot if needed.

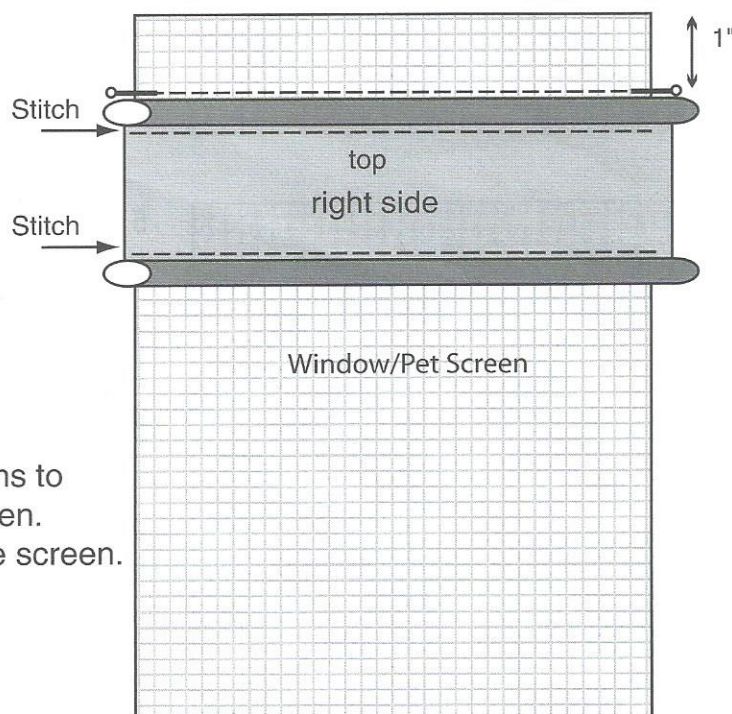Stitch using a long stitch.
Use a zipper foot if needed.

3. Repeat on the other long edge.

4. Fold the raw edges under, and iron the strip.

5. Place your screen on a cutting mat. Use the lines on the mat as a guide.

6. Mark with pins as shown, 1" from the top edge of the screen on both sides. This is the top line for the fabric strip.
Draw a line with a marker. Do not remove the pins, they will serve as an exact beginning and end.

7. Pin the fabric strip in place.
It extends 1/2" beyond both sides of the screen.

8. Top stitch on the fabric close to the piping, securing it to the screen. Repeat as shown. Remove the guide pins.
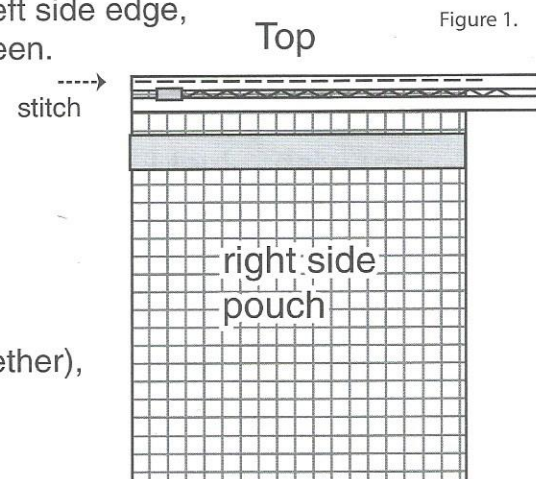
9. Turn the screen over, machine baste the side seams to the screen, approximately 1/4" from edges of the screen. Trim the excess fabric of strip that extends beyond the screen.

Stitch

Stitch

top
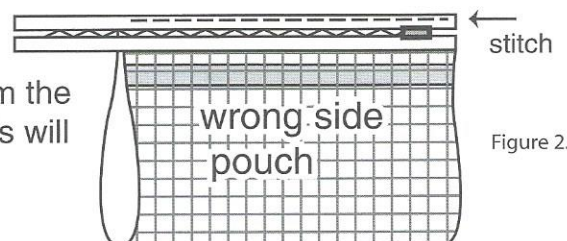right side

1"

Window/Pet Screen

2.

A nylon or polyester dress zipper that is a minimum of three (3) inches longer than the width of your pouch will work well. An even longer zipper will make step 3 easier.
You may find a zipper foot helpful. I have sewn the entire project, including the zipper using my 1/4" foot. I did not use a zipper foot.

1. Place the closed zipper on the top edge of the outside of the pouch. (Figure 1.)
   Right side of zipper to right side of pouch. The zipper pull at the left side edge, matching the edge of the zipper tape with the top edge of the screen.
   Zipper pull needs to be approximately 3/4" from the edge.
   Pin in place. Open the zipper completely.

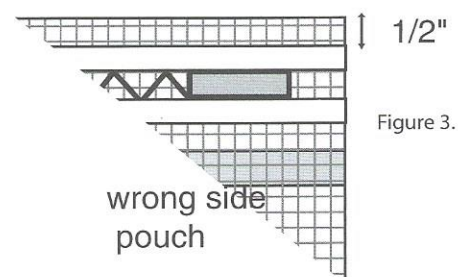   Stitch 1/4" from the top edge of the zipper.

2. Close the zipper.
   Bring up the other side of the pouch to the zipper (right sides together), matching the side seams.   (Figure 2.)
   Pin zipper in place along the edge of the screen.
   Open the zipper completely.
   Stitch 1/4" from the top edge of the zipper and screen.

3. From the right side of the pouch, fold back the screen away from the zipper and top stitch the folded screen and the zipper tape. This will help keep the screen out of the zipper pull.
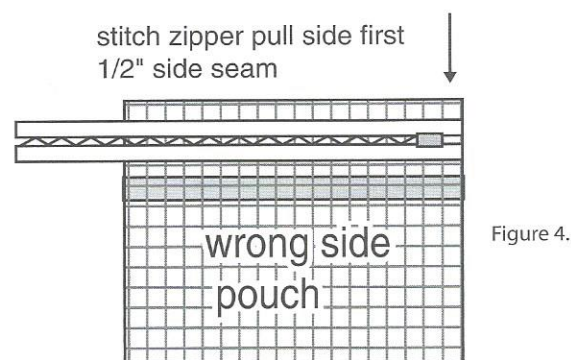
4. Close the zipper.
   With the pouch wrong side out,
   bring the sides of the pouch together.   (Figures 3 and 4.)
   The zipper needs to be on the same side as the fabric strip.
   Pin the zipper pull side seam so that the zipper tape is 1/2" from the top folded edge of the screen. Match the side seams.

   Stitch the zipper pull side of the pouch together (right sides in) with a **1/2"** seam.
   Backstitch the beginning and end and over the zipper to secure.

5. Open the zipper 2/3 of the opening.
   Pin the side of the pouch with the long zipper tail, with the top fold of the screen 1/2" from the zipper tape.
   Match the side seams.
   Stitch 1/2" seam sewing over the zipper. Backstitch the beginning and end and over the zipper to secure.

   Cut off excess zipper at the seam.

Figure 1.
Top
stitch
right side
pouch

stitch
wrong side
pouch
Figure 2.

1/2"
Figure 3.
wrong side
pouch

stitch zipper pull side first
1/2" side seam
wrong side
pouch
Figure 4.

then open zipper 2/3 opening,
stitch other side seam.

6. Cover the side seams with bias tape (extra wide double fold) in a color to match your screen. This extra wide double fold bias tape usually has one side slightly narrower than the other side. Place the narrow side on top facing you, encase the raw edge of the pouch with the bias tape. Leave an excess of bias approximately 3/8" at the top and bottom. Fold in the raw edge of the bias tape at the beginning and end to enclose the raw edge of the screen. Stitch close to edge of the bias, but far enough away that you are catching the edge of the bias on the back side also.

7. Open the zipper completely. Turn your pouch right side out and you have "Zipped It"!

Now that you have made one, you can see that you can make them any size you wish. Just keep in mind that your zipper should be at least 3" longer than the width of your cut screen. You can also vary the placement of your zipper and/or fabric strip. Here are some sizes that have worked well.

Coin Size: Finished 5" wide x 3" high.
1. Screen 6" x 6"
2. 9" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper
3. Fabric strip 7" long x 1" wide.

Wallet Size: Finished 8" wide x 5" high.
1. Screen 9" x 10"
2. 12" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper
3. Fabric strip 10" long x 1" to 3" wide.

Gadget Size: Finished 10" wide x 9" high .
1. Screen 11" x 18"
2. 14" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper
3. Fabric strip 12" long x 1" to 6" wide.

Book size: Finished 16 1/2" wide x 12" high .
1. Screen 18" x 24"
2. 21" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper
3. Fabric strip 19" long x 1" to 9" wide.

Project Size: Finished 17" wide x 18" high.
1. Screen 18" x 36"
2. 21" or longer nylon or polyester dress zipper
3. Fabric strip 19" long x 1" to 15" wide.

4.

Screen Play

This is the label off the screen that I have been using.
It is a vinyl coated polyester mesh.
This mesh is available in other dimensions and colors .
Many quilt, craft and hardware stores now carry this or
similar mesh in a variety of colors and textures.

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