

## Bernina Club July 2016

### Zipper Pouch

#### What you need:

-  1x Zipper – Longer than what you want finished size pouch to be
-  Scrap strips of fabric for the bag outside
-  1x piece of fabric twice the size you want your bag to be (lining)
-  1x piece of fusible fleece same size you want your bag to be
-  #10 Foot – Edgestitch foot
-  #21 Foot – Braiding foot
-  #12 Foot – Piping/Couching Foot

#### Method:

-  Fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the 1 piece of fabric that you cut to the size you want your bag to be.
-  Lay your scraps of fabric on top of your fleece and arrange as desired. (*This will create the outside of your bag*).
-  Now need to join these pieces together by putting them right sides together and sew with a ¼ inch seam.
-  Top stitch the edges of the seams using your #10 Foot. For a more defined top stitch use your triple straight stitch on your machine. Use foot #21 to decorate the outside of bag using wool, piping cord, foot #12 for strung pearls etc.
-  Trim off the uneven edges so all the sides are even.
-  Decide now how big you would like your pouch. E.g. 9 inches. So cut 2 pieces at 9 ½ inches.
-  Now is the time to prepare the zipper. With your zipper you are going want to cut it 1 inch shorter than your finished pouch. So before we do this we need to make some tabs.
-  Make 2 tabs for your zipper by cutting a piece of fabric 1 ½ x 5 inches. Fold and press the long sides of the strips to meet in the middle. Now fold over again and press. This will be the beginning and ending piece of our zipper.

- ✪ Cut the end off of the zipper at the staple end. Make sure the zipper head is at the other (top) end before you cut it.
- ✪ Place the folded tab over the end and then topstitch (#10) on the edge, so this now makes our end. Ensure when you topstitch that you stitch through both the top and bottom of the fabric. Move needle position as required to achieve this.
- ✪ Now trim the fabric to the same width as the zipper. Lay the zipper down along the edge of your bag.
- ✪ Move the zipper head down to the end we just sewed. Now cut off the top end of your zipper making sure it is 1 inch smaller than the length of your pouch.
- ✪ Now sew the tab to this end as before.
- ✪ Lay the zipper face down on one of the pouch sides. Place the zipper so it is ½ inch in from each side and matching the top edge. Sew down the side about ½ way between edge and zipper teeth. Don't sew right next to zipper teeth. The zipper will become a feature of the pouch.
- ✪ When sewing down the zipper stop about halfway, ensure needle is in the fabric, lift the foot and slide the zipper head down the other end that you have just sewn. Now fold it back and top stitch it down.
- ✪ Now do the same to the other side.
- ✪ Make sure your zipper is open. Sew around the pouch to join the rest of the seams together.
- ✪ With the raw edge zig zag around them to neaten.
- ✪ You now have a nice flat finished pouch. If you like you can square up your pouch by creating a flat bottom.