

Little Felt Zipper Pouch

Materials List

1. Wool felt - one piece of wool felt in the colour you'd like your pouch to be plus two little rectangles for the 'zipper covers'. You'll also need some smaller pieces of felt to make whatever design you choose for the front - this is up to you.

2. A zipper - I used an 18cm zipper with plastic teeth & cut it to size. If you choose a zipper with metal teeth you will not be able to adjust the length, so you'd need to make sure it was the exact length of the little pouch taking into account seam allowance.

3. Strong sewing thread - in a colour tone to match your pouch felt. Gutermann polyester thread or quilting thread is a good choice but you can also use 2 strands of embroidery thread.

4. Sewing needles - Quilt basting needles are my favourites, (these are very long thin sharp needles but many types of needle will work for this project.

5. Scissors & pins

6. Some pretty, chunky yarn - to make a zipper pull. You may also like to get creative as I did with my Pansy Pouch and create a little felt leaf as the zipper pull.

7. Additional Embellishments - whatever may be needed to create your chosen design. For Goldie the Fish I used orange felt, sequins, some black thread for the eye, orange quilting thread for the sequins, orange embroidery thread for the body and assorted yarn to create the seaweed.



About...

A beautiful little project perfect for gifting a little treasure in. My children also love to use these as coin pouches. You could add a simple finger knitted cord to the sides and it could be a simple cross over bag - perfect for when visiting school fairs & fetes!



Notes...

If you use a zipper with plastic teeth, these are very easy to shorten, either on a sewing machine or by hand. This means you can use a zipper you might already have at home or be able to choose from a wider range of colours at the craft store.

Natalie simply cuts off the zipper and when attaching the zipper cover, stitches over the zip to create a new stopper. If you aren't attaching a zipper cover, you can follow the instructions below.

To shorten a zipper with plastic teeth:

Close your zipper and mark the length you would like your zipper to be (measuring from the end where the zipper pull is).

Using a length of sewing thread doubled over, stitch over the zipper teeth using a bar tack; this means inserting and exiting the needle just on either side of the teeth. Go back and forth several times. You are creating a new bottom stopper on the zipper. Sew off your thread.

Trim off the excess zipper tape about 1" under your newly sewn stopper.