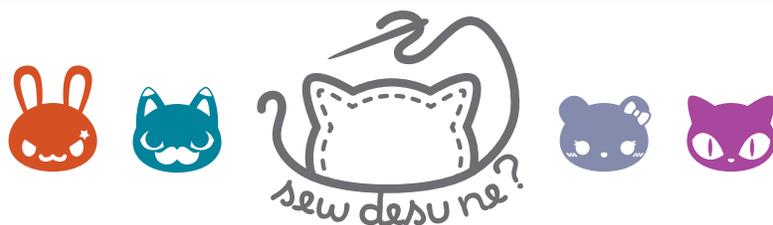


# CASSETTE TAPE POUCHES



A SEWING PATTERN BY



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## CASSETTE TAPE POUCHES

This project on its own is just a simple zippered pouch, sewn together with French seams. The optional applique turn it into an homage to retro technology.

DIFFICULTY: 

Really basic, though there are French seams and some zippers to deal with if you find those tricky.

MAKES:

one 7" x 4 1/2" pouch

## MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1/4 yd. of light to medium weight fabric for case (cotton or light twill would be perfect - I used corduroy)
- 1/4 yd. of lightweight fabric for lining (light cotton would be perfect - I used polyester lining fabric)
- 8" (at least) zipper
- Appliqué supplies:
  - 2" x 6" scrap of appliqué fabric for bottom section
  - 3" x 7" scrap of appliqué fabric for label
  - 2" x 5" scrap of appliqué fabric for middle section
  - 2" x 5" scrap of black appliqué fabric
- 2" x 1" scrap of white appliqué fabric
- 8" x 8" scrap of light or heavy duty fusible web
- Matching sewing thread
- Basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out the project pattern, pages 6-7
2. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric and cut them out
3. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern



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As per usual, we start with the appliqué. Trace the appliqué patterns to your fusible web, iron them to your fabric, cut them out, then arrange them on your pouch according to the pattern guideline. This part is a ton of fun, getting to choose all the wild colors for the label and everything. And you have every excuse to go crazy with the colors since it just looks more retro :D I sewed mine on with a zigzag stitch, but you could also use a straight or satin stitch. Or you could skip the sewing altogether if you've used heavy duty fusible web.



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Trim your zipper to 7" long, then sew the zipper tabs on the ends: sandwich the cut ends of the zipper between two of the zipper tab pieces and sew through all the layers. This will make the zipper much easier to install into the pouch later.

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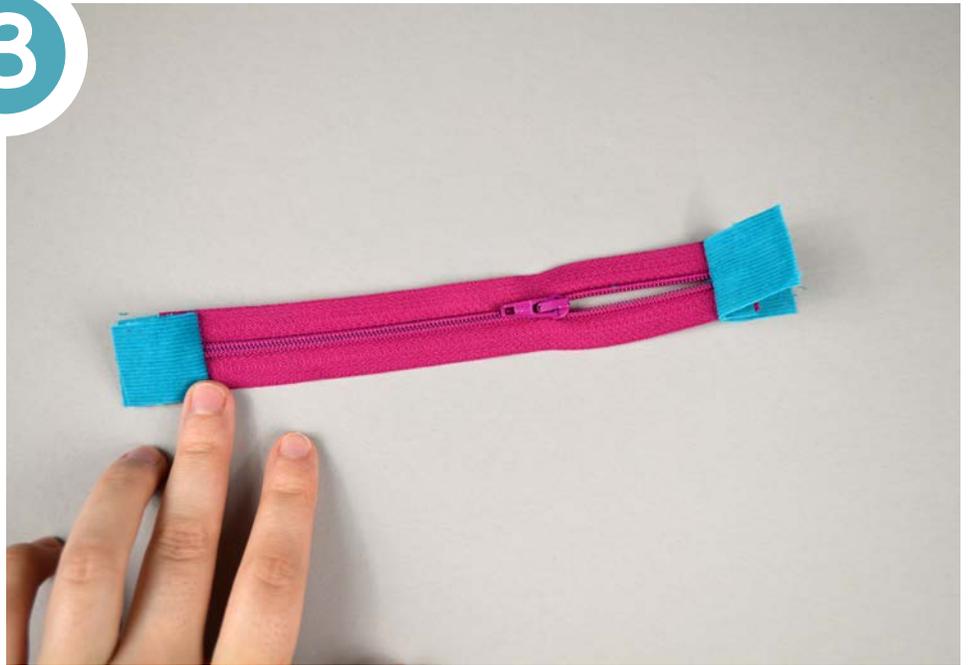
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Press the zipper tabs away from the zipper and they should look something like this.

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To install the zipper, layer the zipper between the outer pouch fabric and one of the lining pieces with right sides facing. Sew all three layers together with a 1/4" seam allowance. When you finish, press the fabric away from the zipper, then repeat the same step with the other side of the zipper and the remaining pouch pieces.

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Layer all the case fabrics together with lining fabrics facing inward and outer fabrics facing outward - everything should be arranged as if the case were finished.

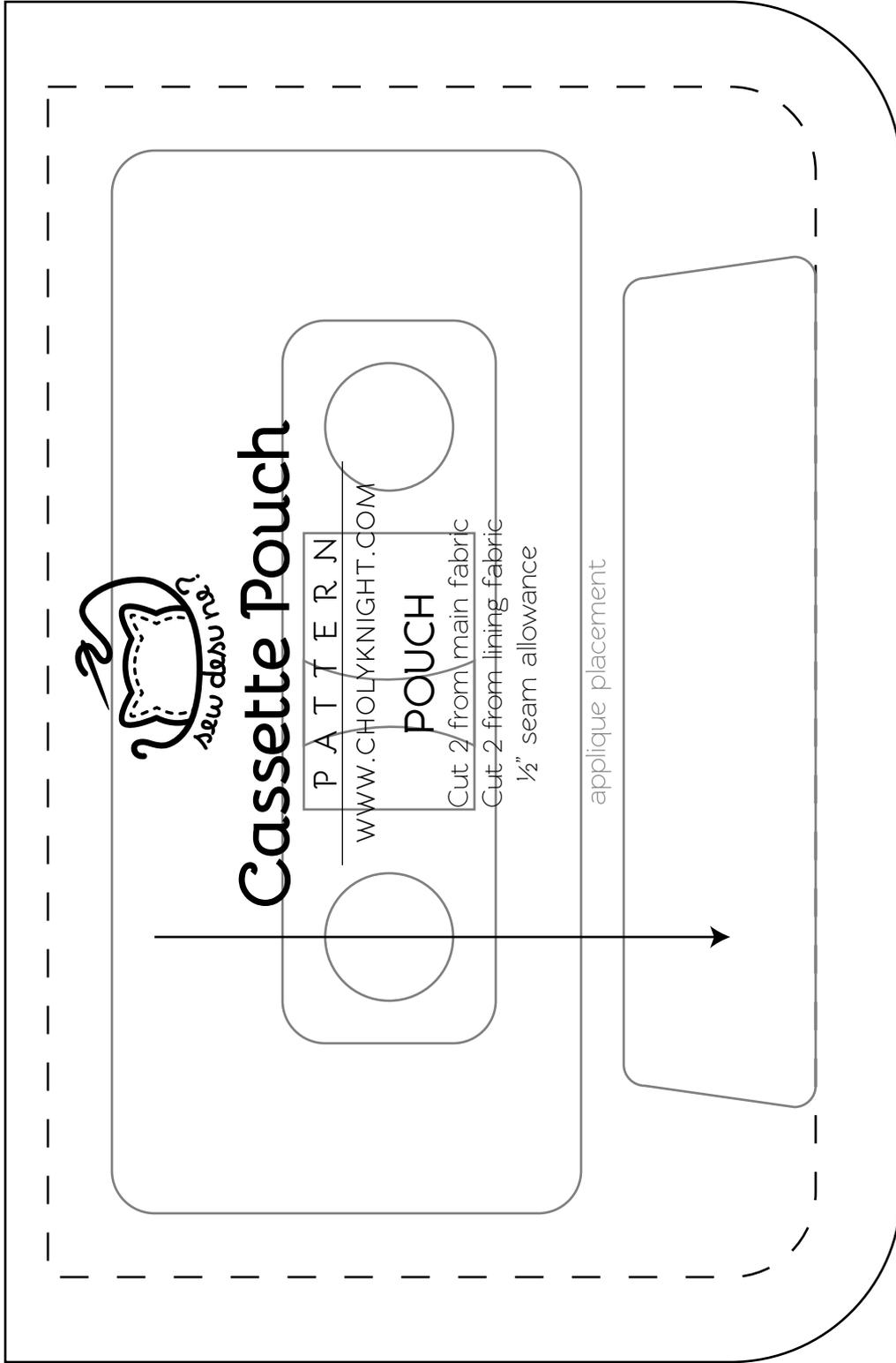
Pin the edges together as precisely as you can, then sew the layers together with a medium width zigzag; a seam allowance at about 1/8". Go around the perimeter of the case, then trim any excess fabric along the sides, bottom, and corners when you finish.



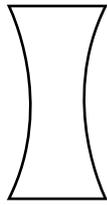
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To complete the French seam, turn the whole case right side out and press it flat. Sew the same seam again, but this time with a 3/8" seam allowance, completely encasing the previous seam.

I liked this French seam method because it anchors your lining inside the case, so a flimsy lining such as this polyester I used doesn't easily turn inside out when you take objects out of it.

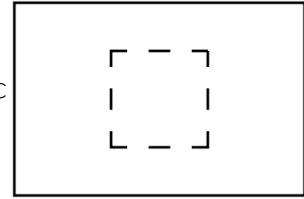


**WINDOW**  
Cut 1 of white



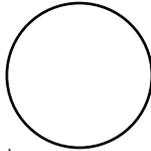
**ZIPPER TABS**

Cut 4 from main fabric  
1/2" seam allowance



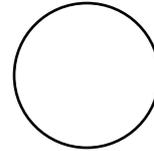
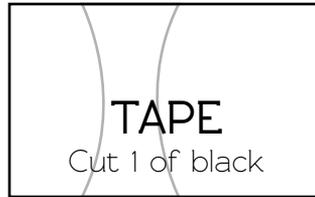
**HOLE**

Cut 2 of black



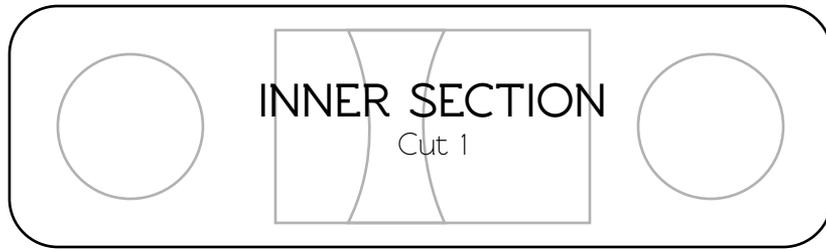
**TAPE**

Cut 1 of black



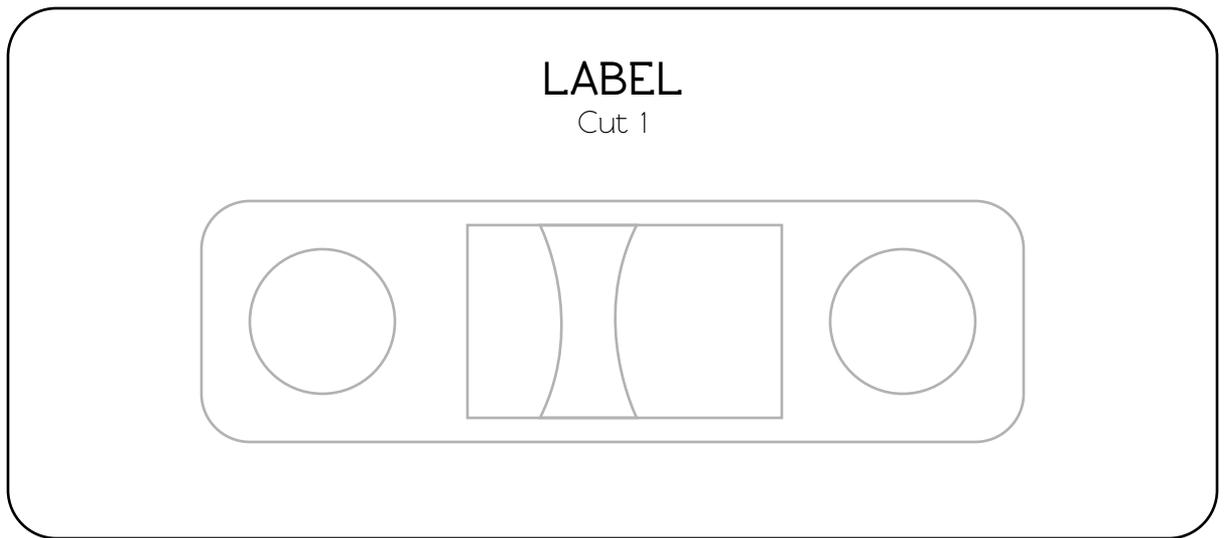
**INNER SECTION**

Cut 1



**LABEL**

Cut 1



**BOTTOM RIDGE**

Cut 1

