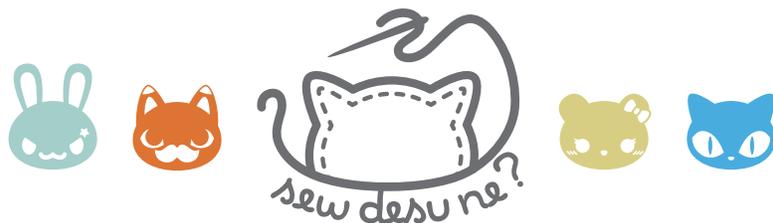


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This project on its own is a simple zippered pouch with corner darts. But the optional applique turns it into a retro-fied game controller, complete with buttons, d-pads, and panels that you can switch around and mix and match.

DIFFICULTY: 

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

MAKES:

one 8 1/2" x 5" pouch

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1/4 yd. of light to medium weight fabric for case (linen or light twill would be perfect - I used quilting cotton)
- 1/4 yd. of lightweight fabric for lining (light cotton would be perfect - I used polyester lining fabric)
- 9" (at least) zipper
- Appliqué supplies:
 - 4" x 8" scrap of appliqué fabric for controller base
 - 5" x 5" scrap of appliqué fabric for button panels
 - 3" x 3" scrap of appliqué fabric for buttons
 - 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

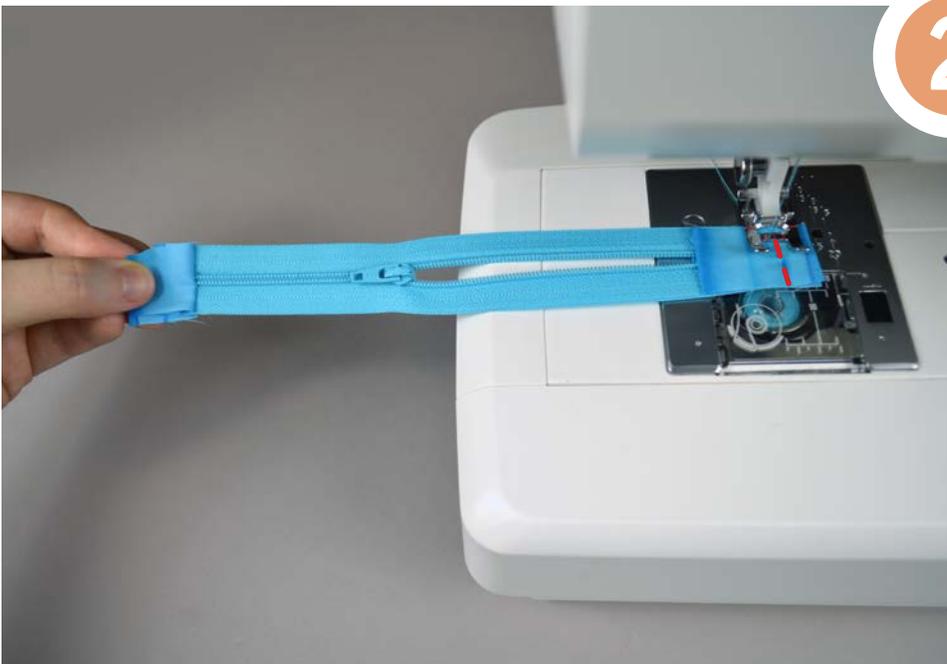
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As per usual, we start with the appliqué. Trace the whichever appliqué patterns you like, iron them to your fusible web, cut them out, then arrange them on your pouch however you wish. I prefer to do the buttons in a bright contrasting color, and use a neutral such as white or light gray for the panels. Hopefully you will also enjoy coming with different combinations and arrangements :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.



2

Trim your zipper to 8 1/2" 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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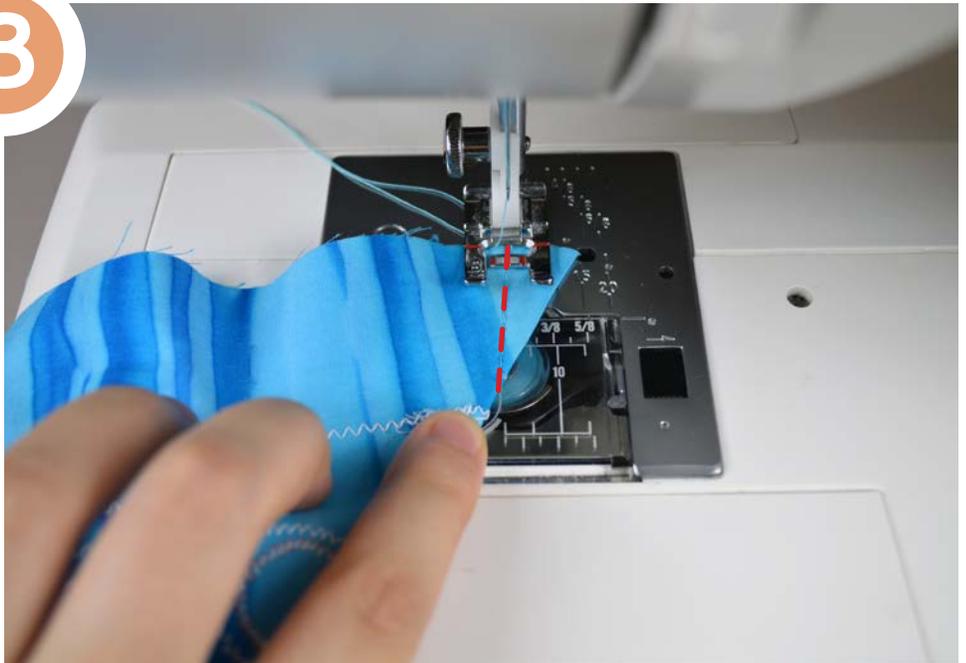
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Sew the darts in the outer pouch fabric and the lining by folding the triangle markings in half. Sew down one side (leg) of the dart towards the point.

3



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 clip any excess fabric along the sides, bottom, and corners when you finish.



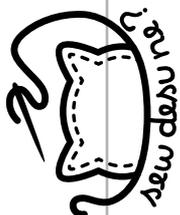
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To complete the French seam, turn the whole case right side out and press it flat. The goal here is to sew a scant 3/8" seam that will encase your previous seam allowance, so it can be a bit tricky to make sure that seam is completely covered. Once you're sure you have it, sew along the perimeter of the case as before, and that finishes your pouch!



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POUCH

Cut 2 of main fabric

Cut 2 of lining fabric

1/2" seam allowance

