Zipped Pocket Tutorial

Materials:

1 zip (20cm / 7 inches long will make a nice sized pencil case)

Two pieces of fabric for the outside of the pocket

Two pieces of fabric for the lining

All these fabric pieces should be the same size and slightly longer on the top than the zip you are using

I would suggest that a nice sized pocket is approx. 20cm long by 15cm wide

Method:

Cover the ends of your zip:
Sew a section of fabric or bias binding over each end of your zip

To sew in the zip:
- Lay one piece of your outer fabric right side up
- Lay the zip on top facing down
- Now lay a piece of the lining fabric over the top; right side down.
- Pin all three layers together
- Change the foot on your sewing machine to a zip foot
- Sew all three layers together along the length of the zip including the bias binding on each end
- Repeat the process on the other side of the zip
- At this stage you could top stitch the zip, but it's not really necessary and ironing it flat will do the same job.

To make the bag:
- Pin the outer fabric pieces together with the right sides facing
- Pin the lining together on the other side
- Be careful to pin the joins in the fabric together neatly. I like to leave a 1cm gap between the end of the zip and the side seam
- Open the zip. This is very important because

you will need to use the opening to turn your pocket right side out.

- Sew around the edge of the square starting on the long edge of the lining near the corner.
- When you come back to this fourth side leave a gap large enough to get your hand through (approx 10cm).
- Cut off the corners so the fabric lays flat when turned out
- Now turn the whole piece right side out.
- Poke the corners on the inside with a cocktail stick or carefully use the end of your scissors. This is to make the corners nice and sharp.
- Now pull the lining out and find the gap you left.
- Pull it straight and pin the edge together.
- Sew along the edge.
- Poke it back into the bag and make sure it lays flat.
- Voila... you just made a lined pocket with a zip at the top!!!