

# Stitch Clutch

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This clutch was inspired by a few different sources. I wanted to create a light weight, thin, lovely gift to feature in Kro Postal for starters. I had a need to use of scraps of fabric that I had laying around. I wanted to try my hand at machine appliqué as well as using the sewing machine to draw. It was so fun to make and even better to give as a gift to a friend who is far away and could use a package of goodies.

## Ingredients:

Two 5 1/2" X 6 1/2" pieces of quilted fabric

Scraps cut into random circles and ovals

4" scrap of bias tape (homemade bias tape is too precious to throw away)

7" zipper



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The first step to this project is to prepare the fabric. You can, if you choose, make your own quilted fabric, and if you do, that will be your first step. After that you will use your sewing machine to stitch your circles and ovals onto the fabric. Use a tight zigzag stitch or a decorative stitch. I used a decorative stitch on mine. Just go around the pieces, overlapping a little bit so it covers up the edge completely.

Switch to a straight stitch, a shorter length, and draw around your circles. I try to use the circles as the basis for my thread drawing, going around it, intersecting it, and retracing everything as I see fit. You don't get trophy for going fast, slow your sewing down and make nice loops and lines. Once you get your piece finished, it's time to put your clutch together.

Place your zipper and the shorter side of one of your fabric pieces right side together and sew together, standard zipper insertion going on here. The repeat for the other piece of fabric and other side of the zipper. You can trim or zigzag stitch the zipper and fabric edge together to get a nice finished seam. You can also press the zipper and fabric flat and tack it down. It just helps it to lay flat when you open it up as well as prevent the fabric from snagging in the zipper as you open and close it. I didn't do this, and I wish I had. I actually thought of it after I finished the bag and was looking at it. That's okay. Next time.

So next step. This one is super easy. Open the zipper. Place the fabric right sides together. Fold your bias tape in half (I heavily stitched mine first to mimic the design on the clutch), and insert it into the fabric sandwich so the loop is in (check out this little drawing I did just to make sure you get it right the first try, I hate ripping out sewing). Sew around the three non zipper sides of your clutch, turn right side out and start using it! Hooray! All done! It's a super easy quick project that it totally great for your stitchy accessories.

You can change it up too. Don't just make rectangles, make all shapes and sizes, try contrasting threads. You could embroider, cross stitch, more applique, sew buttons too. The possibilities are endless! Go give it a shot. I think I'm going to go make another one, I just like making them so much!

