

PATCHWORK BOX POUCH – STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

Finished size: 20 cm (L) x 10 cm (W) x 10 cm (H)



MATERIALS

- 16 cotton fabric squares 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm (patchwork)
- 1 fabric for lining 35 cm x 35 cm
- 1 fusible interfacing (medium weight) 35 cm x 35 cm
- 1 zipper 25 cm (or longer)
- 1 zipper pull
- Quilting thread
- Fabric marker / ruler / pins / scissors
- Sewing machine

FABRIC GUIDE (US QUILTING COTTON)

Fabric	Use
Quilting Cotton	Exterior (patchwork)
Quilting Cotton	Lining
Fusible Interfacing	Structure & stability
Zipper	Closure

Recommended weight: lightweight to medium (4.5 – 5.5 oz/yd²)

MAIN SEWING METHODS

- 1/4" Seam Allowance
- Straight Stitch
- Pressing
- Topstitch
- Zipper Application
- Quilting (optional)

1. CUTTING

PATCHWORK (EXTERIOR)

7.5 cm

±7.5 cm ±

Cut 16 squares 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm

LINING

2 pieces
25 cm x 12 cm
(top & bottom)

2 pieces
25 cm x 12 cm
(sides)

INTERFACING

2 pieces
25 cm x 12 cm
(top & bottom)

2 pieces
25 cm x 12 cm
(sides)

ZIPPER

25 cm zipper
(or longer)

SEAM ALLOWANCE

0.7 cm

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Use 0.7 cm (1/4 inch) seam allowance throughout.

2. MAKE THE PATCHWORK PANELS

Arrange 16 squares in a 4 x 4 layout. Sew together into rows.

Press seams. Sew rows together to make 2 panels.

Quilt as desired (diagonal lines or grid) for texture and strength.

PANEL SIZE (AFTER QUILTING)

25 cm

12 cm

3. PREPARE THE EXTERIOR

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of both patchwork panels.

Now you have:
• 2 quilted & interfaced panels (25 cm x 12 cm)

Sew the side edges of the panels to the side pieces (right sides together).

4. INSERT THE ZIPPER

Place zipper face down between the top edge of the exterior and lining. Pin and sew.

Repeat on the other side. Open and press.

5. ASSEMBLE THE POUCH

With right sides together, match exterior and lining. Pin around all edges.

Sew around all edges, leaving a 5–6 cm opening in the lining.

Turn the pouch right side out through the opening.

Box the corners: Fold the corner so the side seam and bottom seam align.

Sew across the corner.

CORNER BOXING DIAGRAM

Sew 2.5 cm across the corner.

6. FINISH

Close the opening in the lining with a slip stitch.

Topstitch along the zipper for a clean, professional finish.

FINISHED SIZE



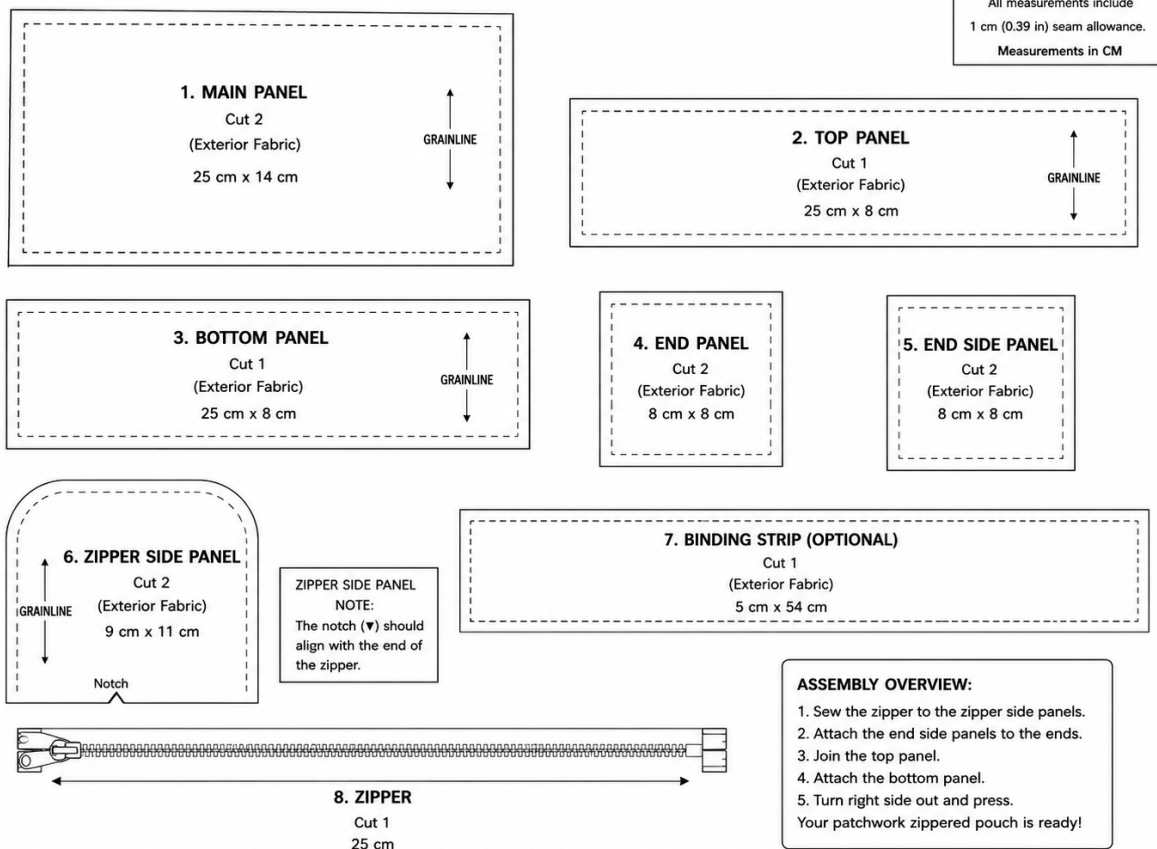
TIPS

- Use a walking foot when quilting thick layers.
- Press seams flat for a crisp shape.
- Boxed corners give the pouch its structure.
- You can add an interior pocket before closing the lining opening.

♥ Enjoy making your patchwork box pouch!

PATCHWORK ZIPPERED BOX POUCH – SEWING PATTERN

SEAM ALLOWANCE INCLUDED (1 cm)



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Patchwork Box Pouch – Step-by-Step Tutorial

Create a beautiful Patchwork Box Pouch with this complete beginner-friendly tutorial. This guide follows the construction shown in the pattern and explains every step in detail using standard quilting and sewing techniques commonly used in the United States.

Whether you are making your first quilted zipper pouch or already have sewing experience, this project is an excellent

way to practice patchwork, quilting, zipper installation, and boxed corners while creating a practical organizer for cosmetics, sewing supplies, travel accessories, or gifts.

The finished pouch measures approximately:

- Length: 20 cm (8")
- Width: 10 cm (4")
- Height: 10 cm (4")

This tutorial uses a 1/4" (0.7 cm) seam allowance throughout the entire project.



Materials

Gather all supplies before starting.

Fabrics

- 16 quilting cotton squares measuring 7.5 cm × 7.5 cm (3" × 3")
- 1 lining fabric measuring approximately 35 cm × 35 cm (14" × 14")
- 1 piece of medium-weight fusible interfacing measuring approximately 35 cm × 35 cm (14" × 14")

Notions

- 25 cm (10") zipper or longer
- Coordinating sewing thread
- Fabric marker
- Quilting ruler
- Rotary cutter or fabric scissors
- Pins or sewing clips
- Iron and ironing board
- Sewing machine

- **Walking foot (recommended for quilting)**

Fabric Guide

For the best results, use 100% quilting cotton for both the exterior and lining.

Exterior

Quilting cotton patchwork fabric.

Lining

Lightweight quilting cotton.

Structure

Medium-weight fusible interfacing adds stability and helps the pouch maintain its box shape.

Closure

One zipper at least 25 cm (10") long.

Step 1 – Cut All Fabric Pieces

Accuracy during cutting is extremely important because all patchwork pieces must align perfectly.

Patchwork Exterior

Cut:

- **16 fabric squares**
- **Each square measures 7.5 cm × 7.5 cm (3" × 3")**

Arrange them into a 4 × 4 layout before sewing.

Lining Fabric

Cut:

- **2 pieces measuring 25 cm × 12 cm**
 - **Top**
 - **Bottom**
- **2 side pieces measuring 25 cm × 12 cm**

Fusible Interfacing

Cut:

- **2 pieces measuring 25 cm × 12 cm**
- **2 additional pieces measuring 25 cm × 12 cm**

These pieces will stabilize the exterior panels.

Zipper

Prepare:

- **One zipper measuring 25 cm (10") or longer.**

Longer zippers may be trimmed later.



Step 2 – Assemble the Patchwork Panels

Lay the sixteen squares on a flat surface.

Arrange them in a pleasing color layout.

Try alternating:

- Prints
- Florals
- Solids
- Light fabrics
- Dark fabrics

This helps create visual balance.

Take a photo before sewing if needed so the arrangement stays organized.

Sew the Rows

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew each row together.

After every seam:

- Press seams flat.
- Then press them toward alternating directions.

Alternating seam directions helps all intersections nest together perfectly.

Join the Rows

Match every seam carefully.

Pin each intersection.

Sew all four rows together.

Press again.

You now have one complete patchwork panel.

Repeat the process to create the second panel.

Step 3 – Quilt the Panels

Place each patchwork panel on top of its matching interfacing.

Fuse the interfacing according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Allow the fabric to cool completely.

Quilting Options

You may quilt using:

- **Straight lines**
- **Grid quilting**
- **Diagonal quilting**
- **Crosshatch quilting**
- **Free-motion quilting**

The quilting serves two important purposes:

- **Strengthens the fabric.**
- **Adds decorative texture.**

After quilting, trim each panel back to 25 cm × 12 cm if necessary.

Step 4 – Prepare the Exterior

You should now have:

- **Two quilted exterior panels**
- **Two matching side pieces**

Place the exterior pieces right sides together.

Sew the side pieces to the front and back panels.

Press all seams neatly.

The exterior should now resemble an open fabric box without the zipper.

Step 5 – Insert the Zipper

Open the zipper.

Place one exterior panel right side up.

Lay the zipper face down along the top edge.

Place one lining piece right side down over the zipper.

You now have a fabric sandwich:

- **Exterior**
- **Zipper**
- **Lining**

Pin or clip everything securely.

Sew close to the zipper teeth using a zipper foot.

Repeat for the Other Side

Attach the remaining exterior and lining pieces to the opposite zipper tape.

After sewing:

Open both fabrics away from the zipper.

Press carefully with an iron.

Avoid touching the zipper teeth directly with high heat.

For a professional finish, sew a line of topstitching approximately 1/8" from the zipper on both sides.

Topstitching keeps fabric away from the zipper and gives a clean appearance.

Step 6 – Assemble the Pouch

Before sewing the pouch closed:

Open the zipper halfway.

This is very important because it allows the pouch to be turned right side out later.

Align the Pieces

Match:

- **Exterior to exterior**
- **Lining to lining**

Keep right sides together.

Align:

- **Side seams**
- **Bottom seams**
- **Corners**

Pin all around.

Sew Around the Entire Pouch

Using the 1/4" seam allowance, sew around the pouch.

Leave a 5–6 cm (2–2½") opening in the bottom lining.

This opening will be used for turning the pouch.

Backstitch at both ends of the opening.

Step 7 – Box the Corners

This step creates the three-dimensional shape.

Flatten one corner.

Match:

- **Side seam**
- **Bottom seam**

The seams should line up perfectly.

The corner becomes a triangle.

Measure 2.5 cm (1") across the corner.

Draw a straight line.

Sew directly across the line.

Repeat for all four corners:

- **Two exterior corners**
- **Two lining corners**

Trim away the excess fabric, leaving about 1/4" beyond the stitching.

Step 8 – Turn the Pouch Right Side Out

Reach through the opening left in the lining.

Carefully pull the entire pouch through.

Push out all corners gently using:

- **A chopstick**
- **Point turner**
- **Blunt knitting needle**

Do not use sharp objects that may puncture the fabric.

✨ Step 9 – Close the Lining

Fold the seam allowances inward.

Press with an iron.

Close the opening using one of these methods:

- **Slip stitch by hand**
- **Edge stitch on the sewing machine**

A hand slip stitch creates the cleanest finish.

Push the lining inside the pouch.

Smooth everything into place.

🎀 Step 10 – Final Topstitching

Zip the pouch closed.

Sew a final row of topstitching alongside the zipper if desired.

This gives the pouch a crisp, professional appearance while helping prevent the lining from catching in the zipper.

Press the entire pouch one last time.

Your Patchwork Box Pouch is now complete!



Finished Size

Approximate finished measurements:

- **Length: 20 cm (8")**
- **Width: 10 cm (4")**
- **Height: 10 cm (4")**



Helpful Sewing Tips

- ✨ **Always use a consistent 1/4" seam allowance.**
- 📌 **Pin generously where patchwork seams meet.**
- 🧵 **Press after every sewing step for accurate construction.**
- 👣 **A walking foot produces smoother quilting through multiple layers.**
- 🔓 **Always open the zipper halfway before assembling the pouch.**
- 📐 **Measure carefully before boxing the corners.**
- ✂️ **Trim bulky seam allowances to reduce thickness.**
- 🧵 **Use matching thread for a nearly invisible finish.**
- ⭐ **Topstitching improves both durability and appearance.**
- 📦 **These pouches make wonderful handmade gifts and are perfect for storing sewing tools, cosmetics, toiletries, craft supplies, chargers, and travel accessories.**