

Cincinnati Modern Quilt Guild – Zipper Pouch

First, a couple free zipper pouch tutorials for three different kinds of pouches:

Noodlehead Open Wide Pouch- <http://noodle-head.com/2012/06/open-wide-zippered-pouch-diy-tutorial.html>

Dumpling Pouch by Keyka - http://keyka.typepad.com/my_weblog/2011/08/lets-make-dumplings-free-zip-pouch-tutorial.html

Boxy Pouch by Pink Stitches - <http://pinkstitches.blogspot.com/2014/01/boxy-pouch-tutorial.html>

A few zipper pouch tips:

- If you are using interfacing, try cutting it slightly smaller so that the interfacing is not in the seam allowance to reduce bulk.
- If you have to cut a zipper shorter, sew the two halves of the zipper together before you cut the zipper to ensure a tidy, even finish and to ensure the zipper pull won't accidentally get pulled off!
- Using pins to hold your zipper in place can make it wavy – try clips or wondertape.
- If you are having a hard time sewing around the zipper pull, try sewing up to the pull, then take the project off the machine, move the pull out of the way, and finish sewing the zipper
- To avoid a baggy lining, you can either cut the lining piece slightly smaller, or use a slightly wider seam allowance on the lining.
- Before turning your lining right side out, press the seam allowance to one side or open so that you can finish the pouch lining more neatly (assuming you are using the method where you assemble the pouch wrong side out and pull the finished pouch right side out through the lining.)
- Top stitching your finished zipper can help keep the lining from getting caught in the zipper.
- Sewing metal zippers: Metal zippers can break your needle! Hand crank around the zipper teeth