

Create a Mobile Sling Pouch



Here is an easy-to-make project where you will learn to make a sling pouch for your cellphone.



To begin what you will need will be:

- One piece of fabric that is 9 inches by 13 inches.
- Three pieces of fabric of the same size, at least 3 inches bigger than your cellphone one of these can be a coordinated printed fabric.
- A button for decoration,
- a 1 inch piece of Velcro as a fastener
- and a long ribbon for the sling.

Take the three equal pieces of fabrics and align them one on top of the other with printed fabric in between two solid pieces. Make sure the right sides of the printed fabric and the top solid fabric are facing together. Secure the right side of the fabric with all the layers together using beaded pins.

Now move the fabric to the machine. Set stitch pattern selector knob at A and set the stitch length between 2 and 3.

Place the pinned side of the fabric, aligning it with the edge of the pressure foot. Lower the pressure foot and start sewing. Remember to remove the pins as you sew along. When you reach the other end press the reverse stitch selector to reverse few stitches, release it & continue to reach the end. Raise the pressure foot and remove the fabric. Cut the thread with thread cutter.



You have now stitched along the right side of the fabric. Now open the pieces to have both solid and printed pieces side by side. Lay it flat. Trim the excess thread on either side.

Now place the stitched pieces on the large piece of fabric with right sides facing each other. Match to align the straight edges. Pin along the side to hold the pieces together. Now stitch along the pinned side. Remember to align the fabric to the pressure foot.

Lock the stitch with the reverse stitch selector. Continue straight down to opposite end of the fabric. Lock the stitch at the bottom end too.

Raise the pressure foot, remove the fabric. Cut the thread with thread cutter. Open the sewn piece and flip it over then make a lengthwise fold. Match to align the edges perfectly. Now set the fabric lengthwise under the foot. Use reverse button to lock the stitches and continue sewing along the open side.

Pause your machine as you reach before the joint. Align the joint seams and turn the allowance on either side. Continue sewing.

When you reach the corner curve follow the shape. Sew slowly along the curve. Raise the pressure foot to pivot the fabric if needed. Continue to sew along the next side carefully along the curve till you reach the start point. Lock the stitch at the end by lowering the reverse stitch selector. Raise the pressure foot, remove the fabric and trim off all excess thread.

Now you have three sides stitched and one side open. To give a neat curve to the flap, notch the seam allowance along the curve at regular distances. Make sure not to cut through the stitch line.

Now turn the fabric inside out carefully from the open side and make sure the curves are shaped right. If not use a pin to gently tug around the seams to fine tune the shape. Crease the piece to make the seams flat. Once you have the right shape hold the top





open side and fold the raw edges inside the fabric by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Align the folded sides together, and set the fold under the pressure foot. Sew the fold along the edge. Lift the foot to remove the material and trim the excess thread. Now place sewn piece flat with wrong side up. Take a piece of Velcro and separate two sides. On the rough side & place the Velcro at the center of the curved side leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ inch distance from top.



Sew the Velcro in place by sewing all the sides along the edge; the box stitch will give added strength while opening. While going around corners keep the needle down and lift up the pressure foot to pivot the fabric. Do this on all the corners. Secure the stitch using the reverse stitch selector.



Once done lift up the pressure foot, remove the fabric and trim all excess thread. Now fold the bottom side of fabric so that the sewn edge reaches the flap seam. Fold over the flap to mark the position on the fabric underneath. Use a water-soluble marker to mark the edge.

Now take the opposite side of velcro and place it with the mark. Open the fold and take the fabric to the sewing machine.



Sew this piece of velcro with a stitch along the edge. Remember to pivot around the corners and lock the stitching at the end with a reverse stitch. Remove the fabric and trim off all excess thread from either sides.

Keep the piece with wrong side up. Fold over the fabric so that topside meets the seam line. Now all that is left is to sew the open sides and attach the sling. You can either use a ribbon for a quick and easy job or make your own strap from the left over fabric.



Take one end of the ribbon and insert it in between the topside edges. Place the edge aligned to the pressure foot & lower the pressure foot. Start sewing along the edge; secure the stitch with a reverse stitch.



Stay close to the edge while sewing. Continue sewing till the end. When you reach the end lock the stitch with a reverse stitch.

Take the ribbon and remove the twists. Insert the other end of the ribbon to the opposite open side of the piece. Repeat what you did for this side too & sew along the side with edge stitch. Make sure you match the edges nicely. Once you reach the end take a reverse stitch.

Stop the machine and lift the pressure foot to remove the fabric. Pull the threads & cut all the excess threads.

Your basic pouch is now ready...however if you want to hide the stitch lines on the flap where you attached the Velcro you can easily hide this with the decorative flower or a beautiful button. Pick up a readymade crochet flower from your local haberdashery and place it over the stitch. Put a small dot of fabric glue and attach the embellishment to the fabric. Apply a little pressure and leave for a few hours.

There! Your mobile pouch is now ready to be flaunted!

You can experiment with different colors, fabrics and embellishments. The method will remain the same. When it's done, strap it on and share it with all of us.