Cosmetic Bag, Change Purse & Eyeglass Case
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These change purses and cases make a wonderful addition to coordinate with your tote bags and purses. You can use the scraps leftover from your totes or use a contrast/coordinating fabric for them. These also look great in tapestry, denim and ultrasuede. If you have an embroidery machine, they make a great canvas to create a unique one of a kind embroidered gift. Make all three for a quick and easy last minute gift set.

Supplies:
Fabric Scraps or Leftovers from your purse pattern.
Fusible Interfacing, (I use Décor Bond, by Pellon)
7” zipper
Thread to match fabric

Cut the following amounts for each case or purse you make:
Cosmetic Case – Cut 2 fabric & 2 Interfacing 6” high x 8” wide
Change Purse – Cut 2 fabric & 2 Interfacing 4” high x 5” wide
Eyeglass Case – Cut 2 fabric & 2 Interfacing 8” high x 4” wide

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of each corresponding fabric piece.
2. Place zipper tape right sides together with the top edge of the fabric. Let any excess zipper tape hang off the right edge of fabric.
   i. Cosmetic bag – place on 8” side
   ii. Change purse – place on 5” side
   iii. Eyeglass Case – place on 4” side

3. Zig zag the zipper to the top edge of the fabric. Overlap the raw edge of the fabric with the stitching to help prevent raveling.

4. Press zipper away from fabric. Roll the fabric up near the zipper teeth and edgestitch the fold of fabric close to the zipper teeth, through all layers.
5. Place the right side of the zipper tape to the right side of the second fabric piece, along the top edge. Zig zag in place as in step 1.
6. Press zipper away from the fabric. Roll the fabric up near the zipper teeth and edgestitch the fold of fabric close to the zipper teeth, through all layers.

7. Open zipper half way, and fold fabric right sides together. Pin.

8. Trace and cut out of cardboard or template plastic, the corresponding template (below) for the case or purse that you are making.
9. Place the template on your pinned fabric and trace around it with a pencil. **Stitch on the pencil line.** Start sewing through the zipper and zipper tape at the top edge and backtack. Continue to sew around the pencil line and end sewing through the zipper tape on the other top edge.

10. Cut off the excess zipper and trim close to stitching. Turn right side out and voila!! That’s all there is to it!!
Choose these shapes or make your own, maybe one that is not so rounded. Make a rectangle about \( \frac{3}{4} \)" smaller than the case and curve the corners with a spool of thread. Once you have the hang of it, you can make these any size that suits your needs. Here are a few ideas:

- Pencil bag for the kids backpack.
- Make a padded one for your telephone or PDA.
- Make a larger rectangle one with corner triangles to add depth.

**Eyeglass Case Template**
Cut 1 from Template Plastic or Cardboard

Lengthen this template to 7½" for eyeglass case.