

Run-Around Pouch

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for Cozy Nest Design



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Supplies & Cutting List: Makes 1

- 1-15" x 1" piece of lightweight canvas or ribbon (this will not be seen in finished pouch)
- 2-13" pieces of 2" seat belt (not all seatbelt is exactly 2" wide but is sold as 2" wide. This will not affect the finished pouch). Melt the ends with a candle, lighter, zig-zag, or some other method to prevent fraying. In this tutorial, I am using seat belt in colors Aubergine and Whispy Silver. You can buy seat belt by-the-yard and half yard at www.cozynestdesign.com.
- 1-13" x 5" piece lining fabric
- 1-15" single side of zipper (1-15" zipper will make 2 pouches). If using zipper-by-the-yard, pull it apart so you have only one side. If using a precut zipper, cut off the zipper stops as close to the stop as possible and pull it apart so you have only one side.
- 1-Optional ½" Swivel clip
- 1-Optional Swivel Tab - if making a fabric tab cut lining fabric 3"(l) x 2"(w). If using ribbon cut 1-3" piece
- Removable marker or chalk wheel (I like the Pilot Frixion erasable gel pens)
- Coordinating thread and basic sewing supplies
- Lighter, candle or torch

Sewing Instructions

1. Find the 15x1" piece of canvas. Draw a line ½" down from the long edge. Position the long edge of one of the seat belt pieces along the 1/2" line. Stitch the long edge of the seat belt to the canvas as close to the seat belts' edge as possible (this is called edgestitching). Place the second piece of seat belt on the canvas so it abuts the first piece. Edgestitch the long edge to the canvas.

2. If you are not adding a swivel clip, skip this step. If you are using fabric (vs ribbon), fold the fabric tab in half long sides together and press. Fold the long, raw edges toward the center and press again. Fold in half so you have a piece that is 3" x ½". Top stitch 1/8" from both edges. Slide the tab or ribbon through the swivel clip and match the ends. Hold the ends together with a clip. Place the tab on the panel as illustrated below. Be sure the tab is laying 1" off the panel. Baste the ends to secure. This panel will be referred to as the exterior in the rest of the tutorial. Set aside.



3. Let's move on and add the zipper to the lining. Place the lining panel on your work surface right side up with long edge at the top. Place the single side of the zipper on the panel with its teeth facing up and the tape aligned with the top edge of the lining. Overhang the zipper ¾" on one end of the lining and 1-1/4" on the opposite end. This overhang will make it easier to attach the zipper pull later. Stitch along the edge of the zipper tape using a 3/8" seam allowance.

4. Pull the zipper tape away from the lining panel and press the wrong side of the zipper tape to the wrong side of the lining. Press well so the zipper tape stays to the wrong side for future steps.



5. Bring the exterior and the lining panels together with wrong sides facing. Position the exterior so that its long edge sits approximately 1/8" from the zipper teeth. Stitch as close as possible to the upper edge of the seat belt to join the 2 pieces together. Trim the lining piece 1/2" longer than the bottom of seat belt lower edge.

6. Now it is time to attach the zipper pull. Align the exterior bottom and ends (tuck the lining up and out of the way at the bottom edge). Use clips to hold in place. Attach the zipper pull being sure to keep the alignment of the seat belt square. If you don't know how to install a zipper pull, there are great videos on YouTube that illustrating how. Slide the zipper pull half way across.



7. Let's sew the bottom of the lining and the side seam. Turn the panel wrong side out. Pull the lining up from the exterior as shown below. Stitch, using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance across the bottom edge of the lining and down the side of the lining and the side of the seat belt. Be sure your zipper pull is out of the way. As you stitch across the zipper, take care and go slow. A seam jumper is helpful to make this step easier.



8. Now it is time to sew the final bottom seam. To do this, bring the seatbelt over the lining through the open bottom. Push out the corner where the side seam and zipper meet. It may be helpful to trim the zipper back to $\frac{1}{4}$ " or so to thin the seam. If the seatbelt is difficult to work with, a bit of steam from an iron may make it more pliable. Pull the lining through the zipper a little so that it sits out of the way of the bottom edge of the seat belt. We don't want to catch the lining in this final seam. Align the bottom belts and sew as close to the edge as possible.



9. The final step is to push the lining back into the bottom corners of the pouch, zip the zipper and you are done. Congrats!

