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For this clutch, I used a knit fabric. In fact, this was once a sweater. It makes a beautiful clutch. I added flowers along the top edge to make the whole more interesting. First, I made roses with the bullion stitch. Then I made little marguerites with beads.

Instructions for using old pants (and its pocket) for the lining have been added at the end of this tutorial.

Material:

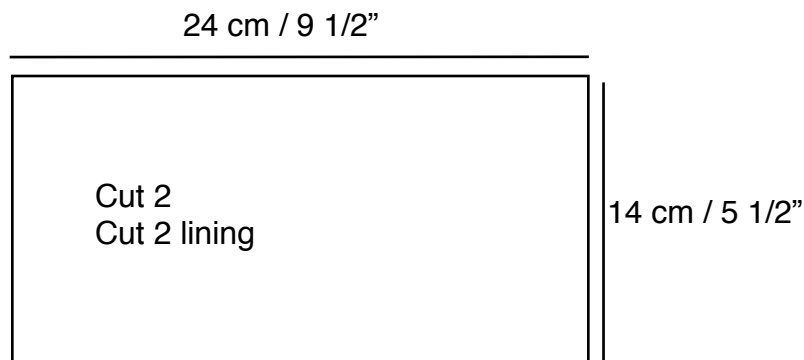
- White fabric for the outside
- White (or coordinated) fabric for lining
- White zipper
- White sewing thread
- White ribbon or cord
- White embroidery floss
- White and black/gold beads



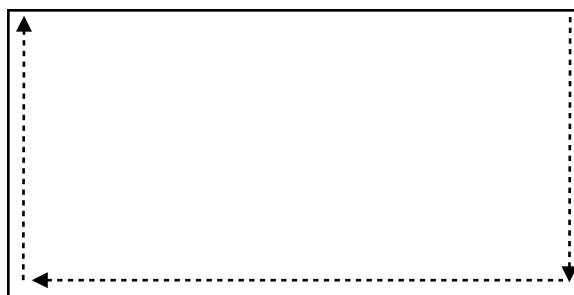
Instructions:

All the sewing is made at a distance of 6 mm / 1/4" from the edges.

1. Cut 2 rectangles in your outside fabric and 2 rectangles in your lining fabric (14 x 24 cm / 5 1/2" x 9 1/2").



2. Place together the two rectangles cut from your outside fabric, right sides together. Sew three sides. Turn inside out and iron the seams.



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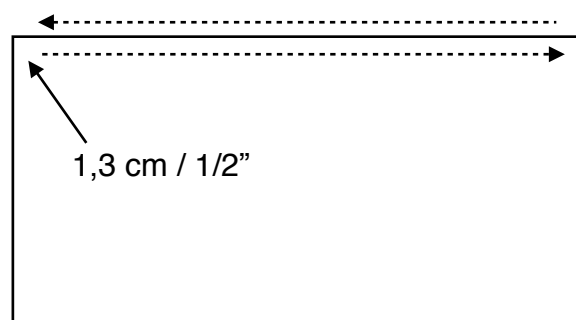
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3. Repeat with the lining fabric. Do not turn inside out.
4. Insert the lining fabric inside the outside fabric, taking care to match the seams. Fold the top edges (6 mm / 1/4") between the two layers of fabric.

5. Sew the edges on a distance of 5 cm / 2" at both tips, i.e. 2,5 cm / 1" on each side of the seams (make the sewing at 3 mm / 1/8" from the edge).



6. Insert the zipper inside the opening and maintain into place with pins. Sew each side of the zipper, starting at 1,3 cm / 1/2" from one side and stopping at 1,3 cm / 1/2" from the other (make the sewing at 3 mm / 1/8" from the edge). You can also sew the zipper by hand; the stitches would then be practically invisible with a knit fabric. This is what I did on the clutch in the pictures.



7. Sew by hand the two unattached tips of the zipper to fasten them to the lining inside the bag (this will keep the zipper into place). For this bag, I also joined by hand (with a white thread) the two parts of (stretchy) fabric that are at the tips of the bag, to create a surface to embroider flowers on. (See pictures below.)

I joined the two parts of fabric here

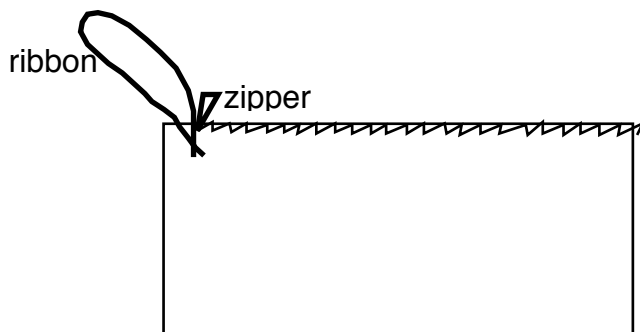


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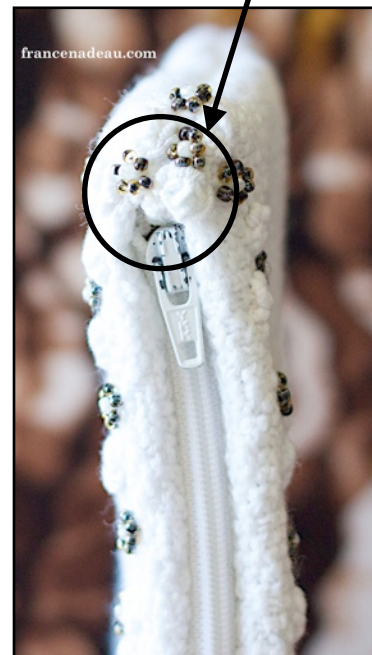
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8. Cut a piece of ribbon (30,5 cm / 12") and sew by hand the two ends to the lining near the opening gap, inside the bag.



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9. With embroidery floss, make little roses with the bullion stitch. Place them randomly around the top edge of the clutch, leaving spaces to make beaded flowers.

10. Make little marguerites with beads. Place a white bead for the centre and then sew 6 black/gold beads all around. As these flowers are darker than the white roses, try to place evenly along the edge.



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Using old pants (and its pocket) to make the lining

If you use old pants, you may take advantage of an already sewn back pocket. If there is not enough fabric around the pocket to cut the whole lining piece, simply cut around it.



Iron the sides of the pocket, toward the back:



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Position the pocket in the centre of the rectangle:



Sew along the two sides of the pocket:



If there is enough fabric around the pocket, you simply cut your rectangle. Fold back the flap (if there is one), iron it into place, cut the excess and removed any useless things (like velcro) that may remain with a seam ripper.

