

Amy's "Beach Wallet"

This is a quick and easy project I developed for those times when I need some "wallet" items, but don't want to take my full complement of cards, etc. I use this to carry my ID, debit card and some cash on bike rides, at the beach, or to events so I have the essentials, without all the extras. It could work well too for a young person who doesn't need a full wallet, but wants a place to stash school ID, library card, etc. It's a good scrap buster, and easy for beginners!



What you'll need:

Two pieces of fabric, 11" tall x 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide (recommend woven, cotton, light to med weight)
2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " Soft and Flexible Velcro, $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide

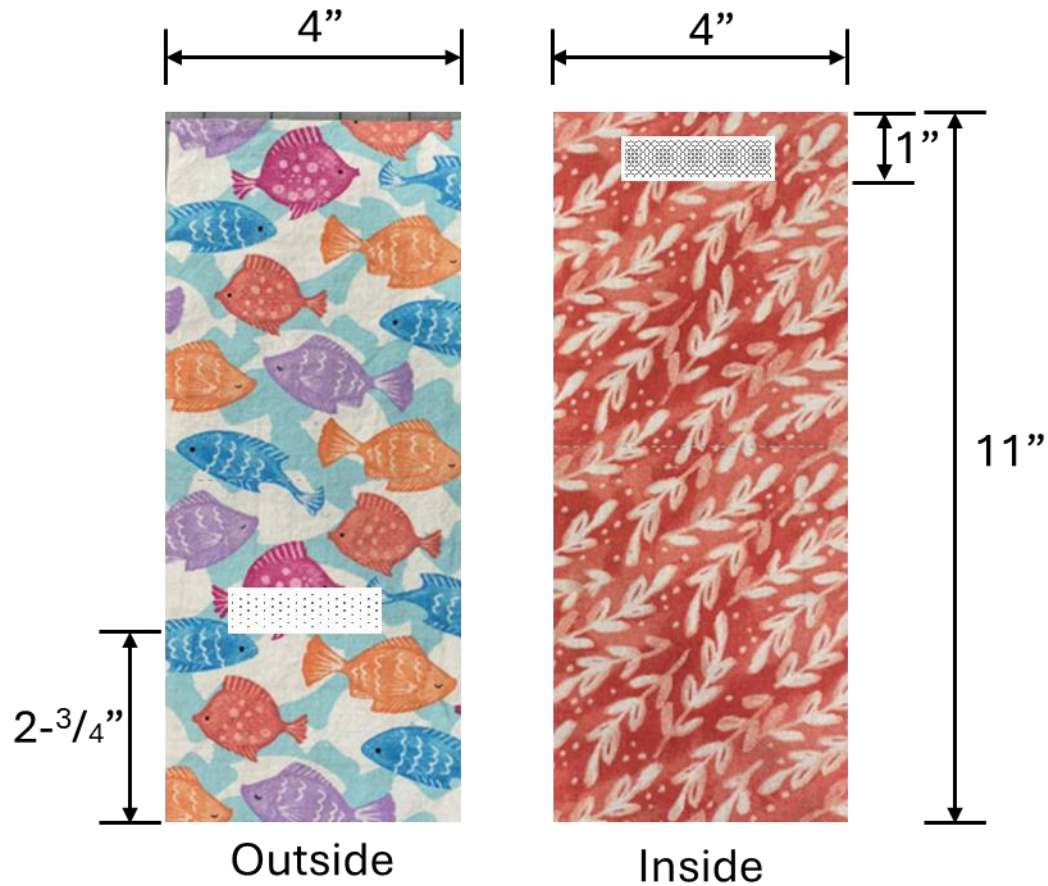
Sewing tools:

- 6" or 12" Ruler
- Scissors or rotary cutter and mat
- Pins or clips

Helpful, but not required:

- Point turner
- Basting glue stick

1. Cut fabric pieces to size (11" long x 4-1/2" wide) One will be the interior and one will be exterior of finished wallet..



2. Attach Velcro at designated locations above and stitch to the right side of the fabric by stitching around the perimeter of the strip.

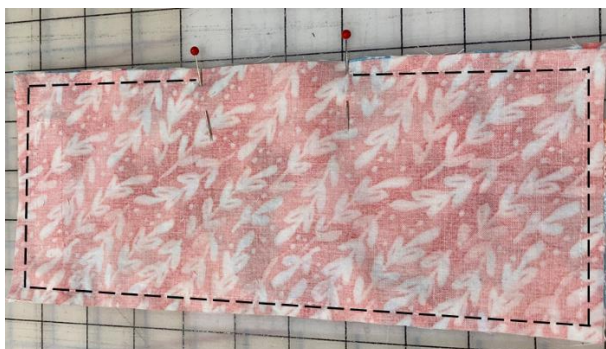
*****helpful tip*****

use basting glue stick to attach Velcro strip to fabric to make it easier to stay in place while you stitch

3. Stitch fabric pieces together
 - a. right sides together, leaving an opening as shown below, to allow turning right side out after stitching.
 - b. Use 1/4" seam allowance.
 - c. Also check to confirm Velcro is at top for interior piece and closer to bottom on outside fabric piece.

*****helpful hint*****

I use red pins to mark the opening to help me remember to stop sewing and leave the opening unstitched.



4. Clip corners to reduce bulk when turned right side out.
5. Flip right side out; finger press so seams are fully open and press so that sewn piece is 4" wide x 10-1/2" long. Press in the raw edges of the unstitched opening so the folds align with the pressed seam edge
6. Place on flat surface, interior side facing up., Fold up bottom edge ~ 3-1/2" to reveal Velcro and form the wallet pocket.



8. Pin in place and stitch with a 1/8" seam around the entire piece capturing the previously unstitched opening, and creating the pocket.

Voila! You are ready to grab the essentials and head out on your adventure!