



# IDENTITY LEATHER CRAFT

*for people who make, mend or adapt things out of leather*

## Zipped Leather Cosmetic / Jewellery Bag

This make up or jewellery travel case can be made from either A3 or A4 size leather pieces, and is a great gift idea.

As with lots of projects it can be kept simple or made into a luxury item with a suede or interesting fabric lining. The lining can have additional small pockets.



The shape can be given to the bag by stitching diagonally across the corners to create a wide base, or keep it as a simple flat pouch or purse.



Our tutorial pictures metallic Magenta foil leather lined with Cobalt Blue pig suede for contrast, all available from Identity Leathercraft.



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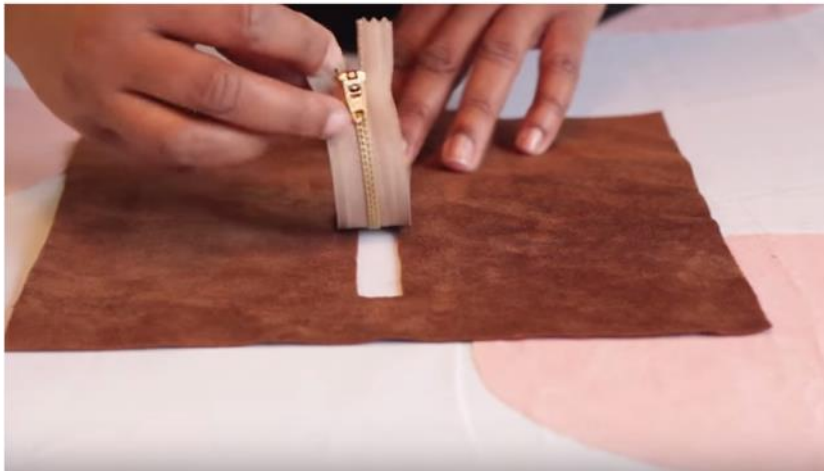
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Step 1— Fold the leather in half to get the centre line. Measure the zip from zip pull end to end and the width of the teeth. Cut and opening to allow the zip teeth to show. Alternatively cut in half all the way along and stitch the zip in the entire length.

Using tape or glue stick the zip in place positioning it carefully and evenly.

The zip teeth can be showing for effect, alternatively cut the leather with a slit in the centre to give a hidden zip.



Step 2— Stitch the zip in place. This can be done on a machine with a leather needle and ideally a walking foot, or else by hand, using a chisel or awl.

Mark your stitch line before making the holes to ensure you get a nice straight line. Hand sew using a fine waxed thread and a [size 1 harness needle](#) (small), using either back stitch or saddle stitch.



This u-tube video link shows putting in a zip by machine to make a simple pouch style.



How To Sew Leather Zipper Wallet On A Home Sewing Machine Tutorial

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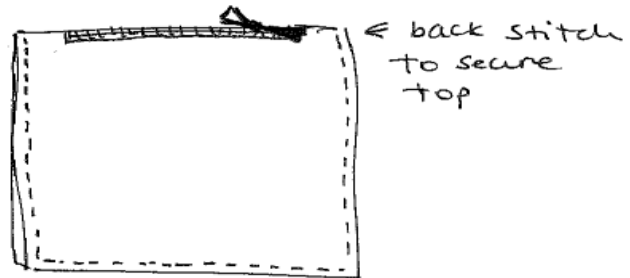
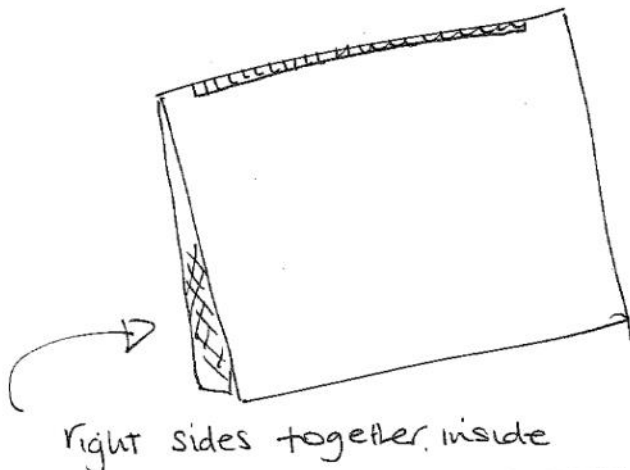




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Step 3— Open the zip a little way so that you can see the zip pull. Fold the leather in half right sides together and using [Fiebings Leathercraft cement](#) or the [double sided tape](#) fix the sides together and then stitch round all three sides evenly, back stitching at the start and finish for strength.



Step 4— Push the corners out to create a triangle along the seam and press down flat. Mark a line across and stitch along, then trim away the excess.



Step 5 — Open the zip up further and turn the pouch inside out. Using bone folder gently push out the seams. Reaching inside press down the pointed corners to lie flat—add a little glue or tape to keep in place.

Optional: Glue a firm piece of leather into the base to give more definition and structure to the bag.

If you are adding a lining repeat steps 3 and 4 but without turning inside out so that the corners end up on the outside. Drop the lining into the outer shell. Fold over the top of the leather and hand stitch it to the underside zip stitch line using a catch stitch.

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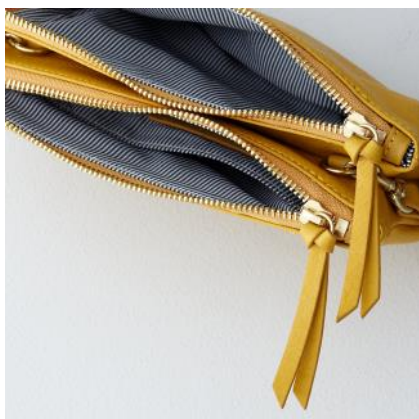


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## Adding Detail:

Add a leather tab or tassel to the zip pull



Add quilting or applique or surface decoration such as printing or painting



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## Shopping List— you will need...



- ◇ Zip      [www.jaycotts.co.uk](http://www.jaycotts.co.uk) for small metal teeth zips

### To machine stitch:

- ◇ [machine needle for leather](#)



### To hand stitch:

- ◇ Awl or stitching chisels



- ◇ [Thread](#)

- ◇ [Glover's Needle](#)

- ◇ [Leathercraft Cement](#) or [Adhesive Tape](#)



## Suggested Leather ...



[Metallic Leather \(A3\)](#)

[Lightweight Suede \(A3\)](#)

[Lamb Clothing Leather](#)

Plus a small piece of firm leather for the base—optional

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