

HST Zipper Pouch + Key FOB

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Hi! It's Jeni, from In Color Order, sharing my latest tutorial for the Fat Quarter Gang! Today we're going to make some more accessories for your purse, a HST Zipper Pouch and Key FOBs!

I love keeping a roomy zipper pouch in my purse to keep some lotion, lip balm, a nail file or two, and a bit of emergency candy. This pouch is the perfect size for all those little things that end up at the bottom of your bag!

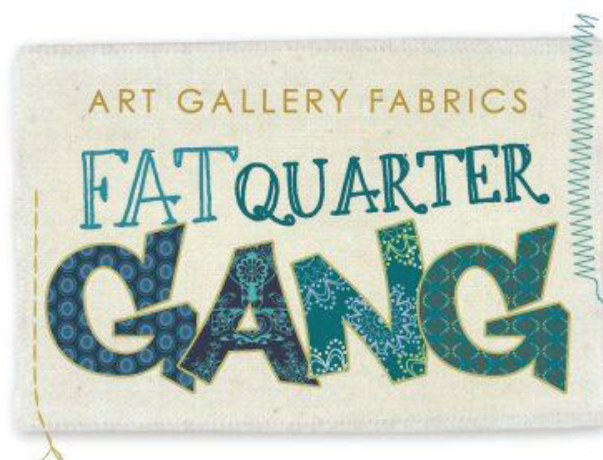
While we're at it, how about a new key FOB? We'll make two different versions, one plain and one patchwork. Makes it easier to find your keys, plus they're just pretty!

The pouch features half-square triangles (HST), which we'll cover, so never fear if you haven't made them before!

Finished Sizes:

Zipper Pouch - 5.5"x7.5"

Key FOBs - 1.25"x4.75"



Tutorial by Jeni Baker of In Color Order for Art Gallery Fabrics.





Materials:

- 8 print fat quarters: Azalea ([Living Elements](#)), Stardust Dawn ([Rock 'n Romance](#)), Flumes Citron ([Luxe in Bloom](#)), Chartreuse ([Oval Elements](#)), Extravagarden Bold ([Luxe in Bloom](#)), Floralism Deep Sea ([Modernology](#)), Stardust Twilight ([Rock 'n Romance](#)), Silver Drops ([Oval Elements](#)).
- 8" (or larger) zipper
- 1/2 yard of 3/4" twill tape
- 1/3 yard lightweight fusible interfacing
- 1/4 yard fusible fleece
- (2) 1.25" metal key FOB hardware
- Coordinating thread

Note: 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

Cutting for Pouch and Key FOBs



Cut the following for one HST Zipper Pouch:

From all 8 fat quarters:

- Cut (1) 3"x9" strip
- Subcut strip into (3) 3" squares

From 1 fat quarter (lining):

- Cut (1) 6.5"x18" strip
- Subcut strip into (2) 6.5"x8.5" pieces

From 1 fat quarter (zipper end tabs):

- Cut (2) 1.5"x2.5" pieces

From lightweight interfacing:

- Cut (1) 6.5"x17" strip
- Subcut strip into (2) 6.5"x8.5" pieces

From fusible fleece:

- Cut (1) 6"x16 strip
- Subcut into (2) 6"x8" pieces

Cut the following for two Key FOBs:

From all 8 fat quarters (patchwork FOB):

- Cut (1) 1.5"x3" piece

From 1 fat quarter (solid FOB):

- Cut (1) 3"x8.5" piece

From lightweight interfacing:

- Cut (1) 3"x17" strip
- Subcut strip into (2) 3"x8.5" pieces

From twill tape:

- Cut (2) 8.5" pieces

HST Zipper Pouch Instructions

1. Take any two of your 3" squares, and place them right sides together.



2. Line up a ruler along the diagonal, from one corner to another.



3. Carefully trace a line with a pencil.



4. Sew along one side of the pencil line. Backstitch. Turn your square and sew down the other side of the pencil line.



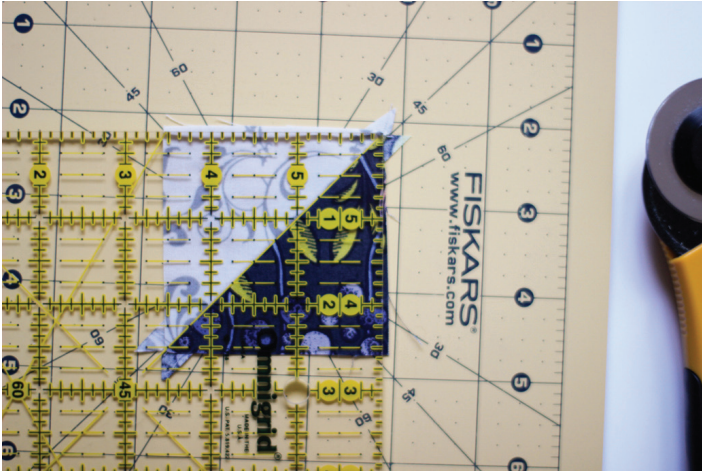
5. Using scissors or a rotary blade, cut down the pencil line, splitting the squares in half.



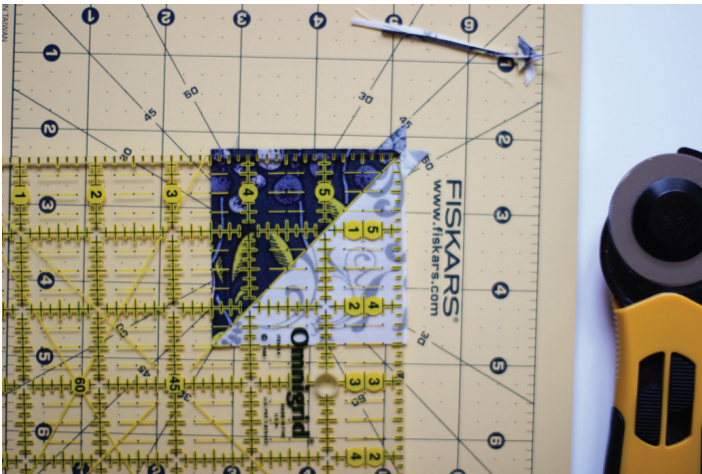
6. Press your seams open to reduce bulk.



7. Line up a ruler with the HST seam. Trim as little as necessary on both sides.



8. Turn HST and trim the other two sides, this time line up your half-square triangle with 2.5", trimming the excess.



9. Repeat with the remaining squares to create a total of 24 half-squares triangles. Trim them all to 2.5".



10. Grab 12 of your half-square triangle units and arrange them into 3 rows of 4 squares each.



11. Stitch blocks in each row together. Press seams in one direction, alternating with each row.



12. Sew rows together, pinning where the seams meet. Press seams open.



13. Repeat with remaining HSTs to create another exterior panel.



14. Fuse lightweight interfacing to the wrong sides of both panels. Center fusible fleece on top of the interfacing, fuse in place.



15. Create the end tabs for the zipper by taking the 1.5"x2.5" piece and folding the long sides in 1/4" and pressing flat.



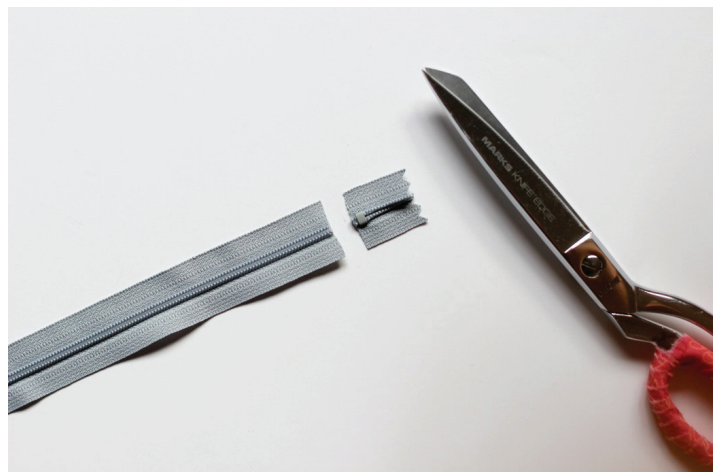
Fold down both short ends 1/4" and press.



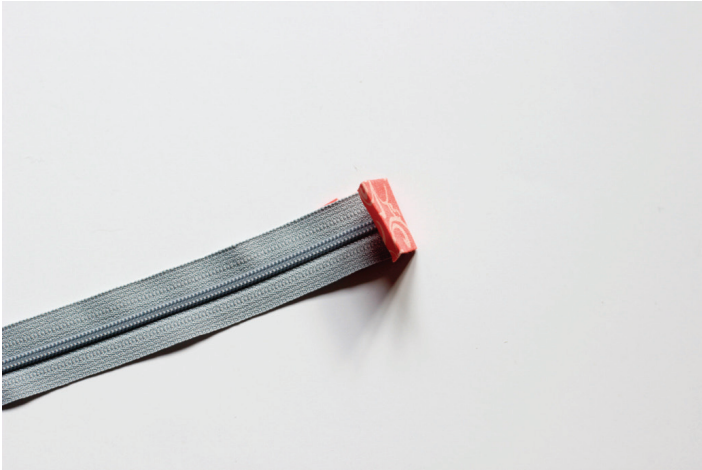
Fold in half, matching short edges and press.



16. Cut off the end of your zipper, trimming off the metal end.



17. Nestle your trimmed zipper end in the folded tab. Pin in place.



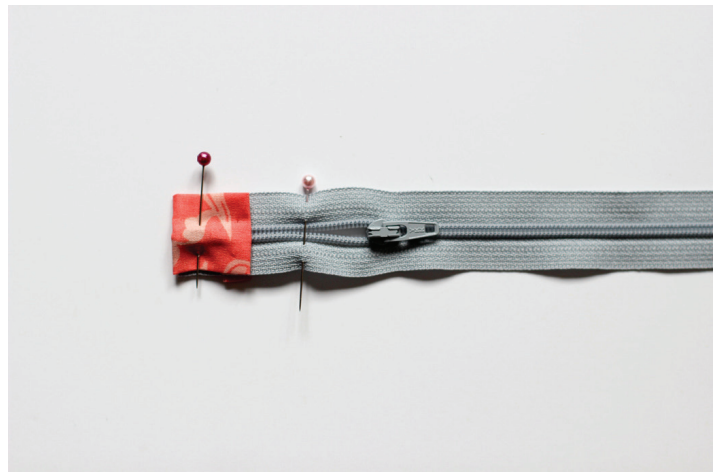
20. Open the zipper past that line and then cut on the line.



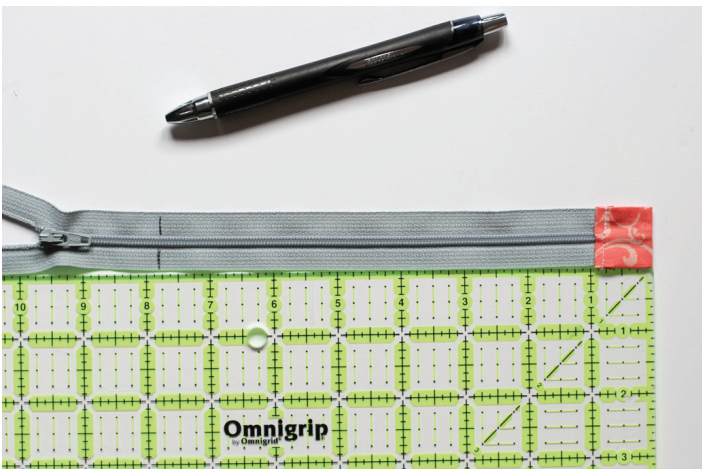
18. Using a small seam allowance, top stitch the zipper end tab in place.



21. Pin the zipper closed, and nestle the zipper end in the folded tab. Pin in place and sew the same way as the first tab.



19. Measure your zipper starting from the end tab and mark a line at 7.75".

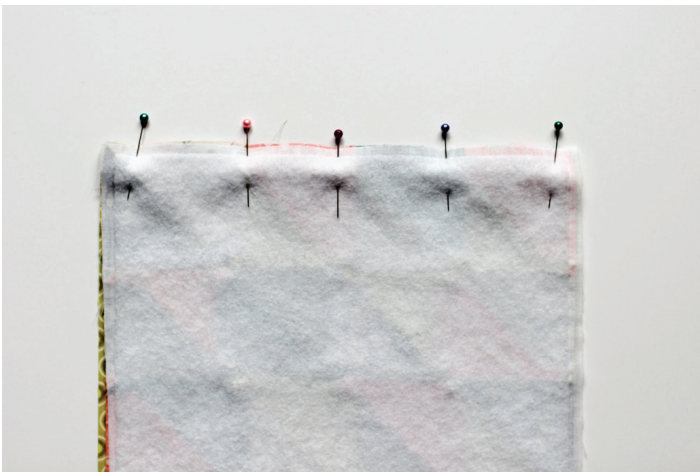


(Note: Zipper with tabs is meant to be shorter than your lining and exterior! It should measure 7.75" long)

22. Place a lining piece right sides up on your sewing table. Place zipper right sides up, centered along the top edge.

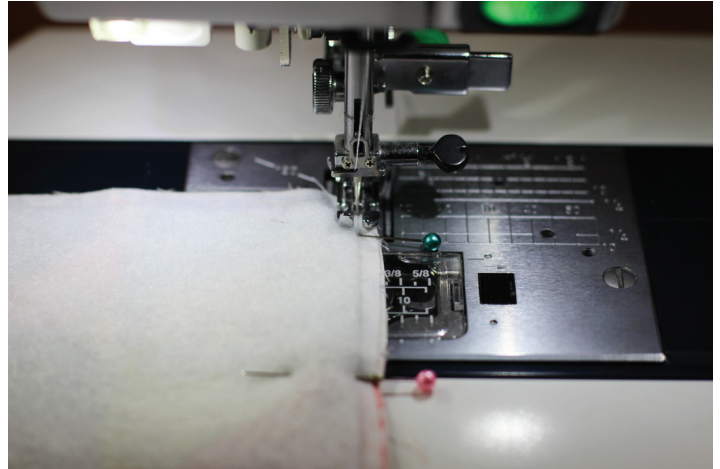


23. Place an exterior panel right sides down on top of your lining and zipper. Line up edges and pin in place.

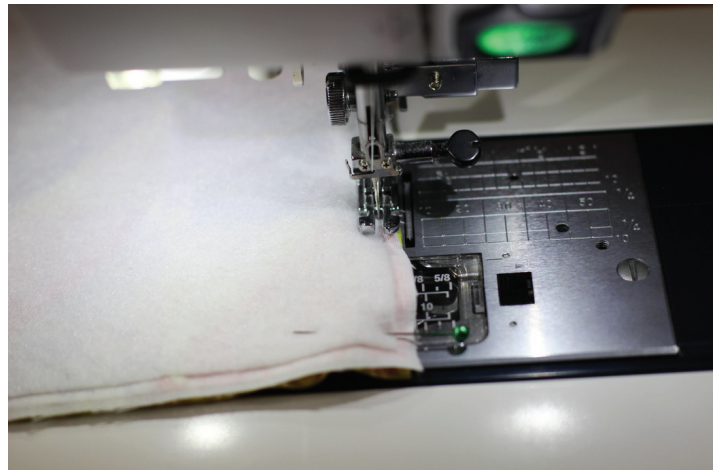


Tip: I like to do a quick line of stitching using an 1/8" seam to baste when installing zippers. It helps reduce chances of layers shifting while sewing.

24. Using a zipper foot sew along the top edge with a 1/4" seam allowance.



When you get close to the zipper pull, stop stitching and lower your needle. Lift up your foot, removing pins that are in the way, and carefully open your zipper until it's past the presser foot.



Reposition the exterior panel and repin. Continue stitching to the edge.

25. Open your pieces so that the wrong sides are together. Press.



28. Top stitch along the top edge of both sides of the zipper.



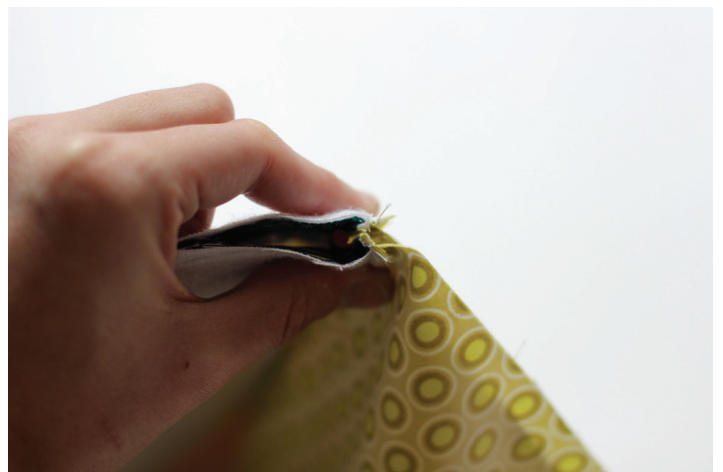
26. Place lining piece right sides up on your sewing table. Open your zipper and center it along the top edge of your lining.



29. Place the exterior panels right sides together and lining pieces right sides together. Fold the zipper end tabs toward the exterior. **Open the zipper!** Pin.



27. Place exterior panel right sides down on top of your zipper. Line up edges and pin in place. Repeat step 24 for second side of zipper. Open piece and press.



30. Sew around all four edges using a 1/4" seam allowance (and a walking foot), leaving a 4" opening at the bottom of the lining. You may need to stitch over the zipper area a few times to secure it.

Because the zipper (with the tabs) is .75" smaller than the pouch pieces, you'll sew right next to them, but not through them. This makes the pouch ends nice and neat.

Voila! Your HST Zipper Pouch is done!



Tip: You can create a quick pull for your zipper using a small strip of fabric, or ribbon. I cut mine 1/2"x3". Simply thread it into the zipper pull and tie in a knot.



31. Turn the bag right sides out through the zipper opening. Pull the lining out of the bag. Turn open edges under 1/4".

Pin and sew the opening closed with a small seam allowance.



32. Stuff lining into pouch and press well.



Key FOB Instructions

Instructions are for both solid and patchwork Key FOBs.

1. Sew (8) 1.5"x3" strips together along the long edges using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open. Press seams open.

Strip should measure 3"x8.5".



2. Fuse lightweight interfacing to the backside of both the patchwork strip and the 3"x8.5" solid strip.

3. Fold strips in half lengthwise, placing *wrong sides* together. Pin.



4. Stitch a 1/4" on the long side of each strip. Press, making a crease along the folded edge.



5. Open up the seam and line it up with the crease you just made, pressing the seam open and the piece flat. Repeat for both strips.



6. Place a 8.5" piece of twill tape on top of each strip, covering the center seam. Pin in place.



7. Top stitch along both sides of the twill tape, securing it in place. Trim any excess on the edges.



8. Fold pieces in half, lining up raw ends, press. You may choose to have the twill on the outside or inside. Stitch ends together, making sure to backstitch.



9. Place raw edge of a folded strip into the hardware.



10. Making sure to keep things in place, cover hardware with a washcloth and use a pair of pliers to close the hardware. You may need to check it and repeat to make sure it's completely close. Repeat for both strips to create two key FOBs!



Voila! Two new Key FOBs!

