

So Sew Easy

The Ultimate Wallet

Not got a big enough wallet to carry all the cards, coins and notes you need, as well as space for some receipts and a shopping list? Not any more – here's the Ultimate Wallet with space for everything.

Head out in style on a big shopping spree knowing you've got all your loyalty cards, points cards, gift cards and whatever else you need. Want to pay by cash too, no worries, you've got that covered too with space for your coins and your notes.

Slip all your receipts safely away while you shop too, so nothing gets lost.

Finished size, approx. 6.75 inches, by 4.75 inches by 1 inch.



You can read more about this pattern at So Sew Easy [HERE](http://so-sew-easy.com).

Skill level – Intermediate.

You should ideally have sewn at least one bag before.

There are no difficult techniques in this wallet, but you should have experience in sewing in zippers and in working with thick layers, installing a magnetic snap (or closure of your choice, and in grading seams. Accurate cutting and sewing is a definite advantage in getting a nice finish.

Read through all of these instructions before starting your project and cutting your fabric.

Useful tutorials

You can find a range of useful sewing tutorials and videos at So Sew Easy – [tutorials page](#).

Materials needed

- Fabric – quilting weight cotton
- Interfacing of your choice, one light weight and one stiffer interfacing recommended
- Coin pocket zipper – 8 inch or longer
- Matching thread
- Magnetic snap or other closure
- Zipper foot

Pattern pieces.

You will need to cut the following pieces. There are no pattern pieces supplied, these are all rectangles and can be drawn straight onto the fabric to cut out.

Outer fabric:

Flap – 2 pieces, each 6 inches tall by 7 inches wide. Plus 2 pieces of light weight interfacing and one piece of heavier weight interfacing, 5 inches tall by 6 inches wide.

Main outer piece – 7.5 inches tall by 11 inches wide. Light weight interfacing, 7.5 by 11 and one piece of heavier weight interfacing 6.5 inches by 10 inches.

Card pocket lining – 4 pieces, each 7.5 inches tall by 6 inches wide.

Cash pocket lining – 2 pieces, each 4.5 inches tall by 11 inches wide

Inner fabric:

Card pockets – 4 pieces, each 34 inches tall by 6 inches wide

Main inside piece – 7.5 inches tall by 12 inches wide. Plus 1 piece of light weight interfacing.

TIP – label all of your fabric pieces as you cut them, so you can more easily identify which is which later on.



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Fabric requirements

Outer fabric – 0.5 yards if 42 inches wide

Contrast fabric – 0.75 yards if 42 inches wide

It is recommended for the contrast fabric used on the inside of the bag, that you chose a small non-directional print or a solid color, so it can be cut either direction to save fabric. Otherwise, 1 yard will be needed.

Interfacing, and fabric stabilisers of your choice – depending on personal preference.

Use of interfacing and stabilisers

You should have experience in the types of interfacing and stabilizers available to you, and make choices on where on the wallet you should use which product.

Many sewers only have access to a limited range, which varies by country, so I have only made general recommendations as to what to use. You will need to make your own choices.

Generally, if you want a soft wallet you can fold or roll, use soft or thinner interfacing. For a wallet with more stiffness, use a heavier weight interfacing.

Directions

Seam allowances are 1/2 inch (1.25cm) throughout unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations used – RST – right sides together.

Watching the video tutorial for this pattern is highly recommended. Click this picture to go to the private video.



Or find it on YouTube here -<http://youtu.be/JwKLIJfT1dE>

Let's start to sew !

Cut out your pattern pieces carefully and accurately.

Apply a light weight interfacing to both of the flap pieces, then the heavier weight interfacing to one of the flap pieces only, centered. Match the the two flap pieces RST, matching print direction if appropriate. Stitch on 3 sides, leaving one short side open. Trim corners.



Measure down 3/4 inches from the center of the sewn short edge on the side with the firm interfacing. This will be where you will mark and place your first magnetic snap.



Before opening the slits in your fabric, take some small scraps of interfacing and reinforce behind the magnetic snap. Then using small scissors or seam ripper, open slits and install magnetic snap.



Next, gather your 4 pieces of pocket lining and 4 card pocket pieces. Set your iron according to your fabric. You and your iron are about to see a lot of each other!

Optional – spray all 4 of the pocket pieces liberally with starch. This seems to make them easier to handle and creates nice sharp pleats.

Turn one card pocket piece wrong side up, and fold down about two inches from the top. Press. Turn fabric right side up.



Measure 1 inch down from the top, That is where you will place the edge of the first card.

On the card, measure 1/2 an inch down from the top. Bringing the card pocket fabric up, lay it evenly across the card 1/2 inch down from the top. Press.



Place the card just below the fold you created, turn up the fabric, and then down again to create another pleat, leaving 1/2 inch of the card showing.



Repeat until you have created 7 card slots.
(The video tutorial can really help here, to show you how to create the slots. Includes tips for making the next ones quicker.) Once you have completed one, use it as a template to create the others.



Once you have completed all the pleats, match the pleated section RST with the pocket lining piece, and press up to the wrong side any excess.



Stitch on ONE SIDE ONLY with a ½ inch seam allowance. Stitch in the direction of the pleats to avoid catching your presser foot and shifting the pleats as you sew.



Trim to remove bulk, press neatly with wrong sides together.



Baste the other side seam with wrong sides together, to keep those pleats in place.

Now repeat these steps with your next long pocket piece. Once you have it matched with your pocket lining, you need to make it **OPPOSITE** to the one you just sewed, so stitch RST down the **OTHER** side seam.



Trim, press and then baste with wrong sides together. You should end up with two similar pieces, both with one raw edge and one finished edge, that are mirror images of each other. Set these aside.

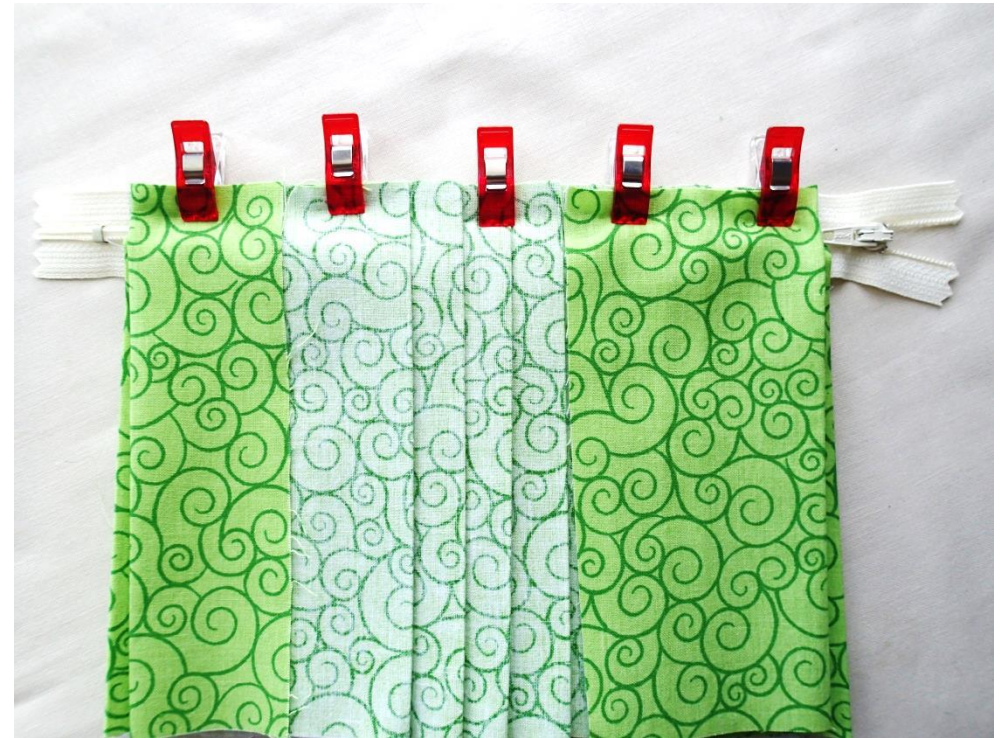
For the next two you will repeat those same steps until you get to the stitching. You will insert a zipper here between the pleated part and the pocket lining.

These will ultimately become the coin pocket and the card holders will be on the outside of the coin pocket.



Sandwich the zipper between card holder and pocket lining RST with right side of zipper mechanism facing the pleated card holder.

Using pins or clips to hold the zipper and card holders in place. Sew the zipper in place.



Follow the same for the other side. Make sure you face your card pockets both in the correct direction or you will end up with one set facing up and the other set facing down and lose your cards out of the bottom!

[Note – my picture here is wrong, I've placed my card pockets in opposite directions, so it can happen! Double check that they are both facing the same direction before sewing]



Press the fabric top and bottom to either side of the zipper.

Baste along the outer pleated edges, NOT catching the lining to keep those pleats tidy.



With RST Clip or pin your coin purse and the card holder sections together. Mark one seam allowance $\frac{3}{4}$ inch down from the top edge, making sure the cards are facing upwards. Stitch.



Mark the other stitching line 6 inches down from the first line and stitch. Trim to reduce bulk. Turn and press, pushing the lining down inside the coin purse.



Apply interfacing to main inside piece. Fold this piece in half matching the short ends together and cut down the middle. This will leave you with two short halves.



Take the two smaller pieces – and keeping them in their original length placement (long side matching long side, short to short) match them to the coin purse 1" in from the open seam. Adjust to square up as needed, and allow the fabric pieces to hang over the ends of the coin purse evenly.

Sew with a seam ½ " seam allowance.



Trim excess. Iron main wallet piece out flat away from the coin purse and card holders.



Now assemble the interior of the wallet. Place the two other card holders either side of the central coin purse, allowing a small gap either side. The finished edges should point towards the center.

Align RST one cash pocket piece along the top edge. You may want to use a zipper foot and stitch top seam with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance, taking care not to catch the coin purse as you sew.

After sewing, pull cash pocket out flat and press along the seam.



Take the outside main piece and attach the lightweight interfacing, then center the firm interfacing and fuse in place over the top.

RST, stitch cash pocket lining to the top, taking care to correctly orient the fabric if there is a directional print. Press.



Find the center line on this outer piece and mark top to bottom through the center.

With RST lay both wallet pieces together. Align the center line on the uppermost piece with the seam where the coin purse is sewn, pinning through to keep the center lines matching.

Layer the flap with SNAP FACING DOWN towards the pleated sections, and ½ inch hanging off the edge. Adjust the placement of the flap depending on how tightly you want it to close or how full you expect your wallet to be.

See the video tutorial for more guidance on this if needed.

Match the top seam of the cash pockets together – clip or pin them together and continue all the way around until it is complete all the way around.



Sew all the way around – leaving a 4 inch gap in the top of the cash pocket open for turning. You may choose to use your zipper foot for better sewing during this stage, but it is up to you, just make sure you are getting all layers when sewing.

Check to make sure you didn't miss any areas when you sewed around. If all checks out turn your wallet and check again.



Trim seams and reduce bulk especially at corners and top edge.

Press out corners with a tool of your choice, iron out wrinkles. It is recommended at this stage to fill it with cards and even some coins – before you mark the final snap placement.

Fold your flap over wallet and mark where magnetic snap touches. Carefully mark the area and reinforce with interfacing, install the final snap piece. Line up cash pocket edges, sew closed. Press down into wallet – it will require a bit of pressing and ironing to get the seam to go down into the wallet flatly at the top. Optional – you may choose to top stitch around the top edge to keep the cash section in place.

Congratulations – you have completed the Ultimate Wallet.



Thank you for downloading this Ultimate Wallet pattern and tutorial. I hope you enjoyed making this project and remember that I love to share your creations at So Sew Easy so drop me an email with a photo at

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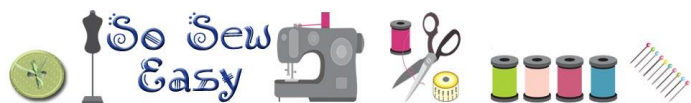
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Easy Cosmetics Bag	Easy Breezy Blouse	On a Roll T-shirt
Super Simple Wallet	Padded bottle bag	Slouchy Sweater

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