

# Flag Clutch

*This cute wristlet will show your patriotic colors*



## What you need:

- For the flag:
  - Red
    - 3 pieces 11" x 1½"
    - 4 pieces 6½" x 1½"
  - White
    - 3 pieces 11" x 1½"
    - 3 pieces 6.5" x 1½"
  - Blue: 1 piece 5½" x 4½"
- Two 11" x 7½" pieces of fusible fleece or interfacing
- Two 11" x 7½" pieces for lining
- One piece 11" x 7½" for the back
- One piece 13" x 2" for the wrist strap (up to 4" for a wider strap) – or mix it up with ribbon or whatever you like
- No smaller than a 7" zipper
- Two 4"x1" pieces for zipper tabs if needed



## What to do:

1. If your zipper is less than 11", press the zipper tabs in half, wrong sides together, so they measure 2"x1". Then place the folded tabs at the edge of each zipper and topstitch along the tab to stitch into place.



2. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew the short stripe pieces together, pressing the seams toward the red stripes. Then, sew on the blue piece, pressing to the blue.



3. Sew the long stripe pieces together, then sew to the piece you've already patched together.



4. Press the fusible fleece to the wrong sides of the the flag and back piece.



5. Place an exterior piece right side up, then lay the zipper right side down, and finish with a lining piece, right side down. Pin it all together so the final top stripe will be 1/2" high. Press before adding topstitching. Repeat this step for the other exterior piece.



6. Press in the long sides of the wrist strap piece as shown, then press in half. Add topstitching as needed. You can also get creative and prepare a different kind of strap.



7. Open the zipper most of the way. Then fold the panels so the right sides of the exterior are together and the right sides of the lining are together. Make sure you line up the exterior topstitching and that it is touching on the inside; this will made your zipper "fold" or face toward the lining side. Pin all around and include your strap.



8. Sew all the way around, starting at the lining side, but leave about 3" so you can turn the pouch right side out. You may want to backstitch over the strap a few times to ensure it is secure. The fabric at the ends of the zipper may be quite thick, so slow down or use a tool like a Jean-a-ma-jig as necessary.

9. Trim the corners to reduce bulk. Then, turn the pouch right side out. Make sure to push out the corners near the zipper ends. Then ladder stitch or topstitch the lining opening so that it becomes closed before tucking it back in.



10. You did a great job!