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MEXICAN PONCHO BAG

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EASY

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 50cm Mexican Poncho fabric
- 50cm Cotton for lining
- 2 x black tassels
- Metal zip
- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Scissors
- Pins
- Jump ring
- Pliers

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Cut two pieces of fabric for the outer and two pieces of fabric for the lining of the pouch each measuring 32cm wide by 27cm high.

Step 2. With the right sides of one of the outer pieces face up, align the zipper length right side down along the top long edge. Place one of the lining pieces face down aligning all layers together at the top. Pin and then sew together using a zipper foot on your machine close to the teeth of the zipper.

Step 3. Repeat step 2 for the other side of the zipper and with remaining fabric pieces.

Step 4. Pull fabric right way out away from zipper and press flat. If desired top stitch fabric 3-5mm in from zipper edge, this will help the fabric sit flat.

Step 5. Up-zip the zipper half way and with right sides facing pin the two outer fabric together aligning all remaining edges. Repeat with the lining fabrics and pin together. Pin the teeth of the zipper towards the lining side.

Step 6. With a 1cm seam allowance sew around all of the pinned edges leaving a 5cm opening at the middle base of the lining side. Clip corners and press seams open at corners and base.

Step 7. Turn out pouch through the opening in the lining. Press in the seam allowance along the opening and top stitch closed. Place lining back inside the outer pouch and push out each corner and press.

Step 8. Attach tassels to the zipper using either some embroidery thread to tie in place or a jump ring to go through each tassel and the zip. Close shut the ring using pliers.

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