

Instructions for Men's Style Wallet

Fabrics: Cork and Batik (I used two contrasting batik fabrics)

Metal snap closure

Clear vinyl (for I.D. Pocket)

Interfacing (I used Pellon SF 101 Shape flex)

Velcro (for optional coin pocket)

Finished Dimensions: 4" by 4" (when closed)

Cut out these pieces from the cork:

Outer: 9" by 4"

I.D. Backing: 3¼" by 4"

Tab Closure: 1" by 2 ½"

Cut out these pieces from the Batik fabric(s):

2 pieces that are (9" by 4") - apply interfacing to cover the back of **only one of these**

2 pieces that are (7" by 4") fold in half so they become 3 ½" by 4" and apply a piece of interfacing (only 3 ½" by 4") to half of wrong side)

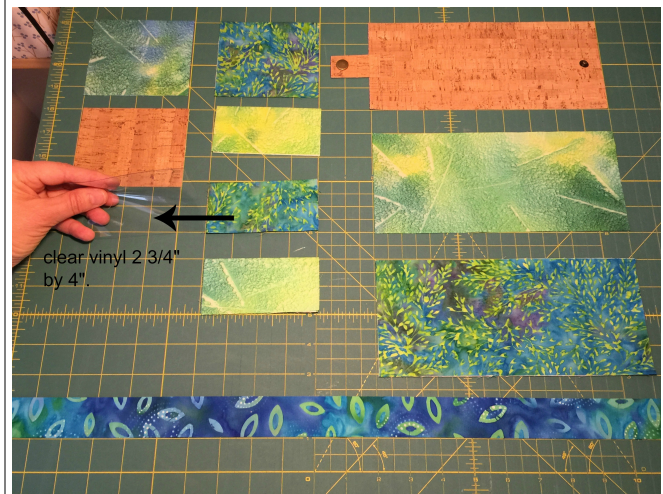
3 pieces that are (4" by 4") (fold in half so they become 2" by 4" and apply a piece of interfacing (only 2" by 4") to half of wrong side)

20" by 1 ¾" Iron this in half lengthwise to create the binding





Here are all the pieces cut out (except for the interfacing and velcro)

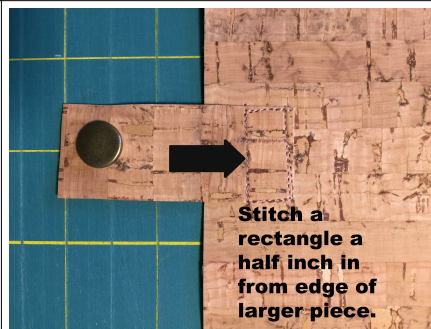


The batik pieces are all folded in half (wrong sides together) except for the two large (9" by 4") The long binding strip (1 3/4 by 20) needs to be folded lengthwise.

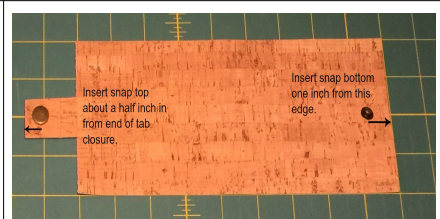
To begin, take the 9" by 4" piece of cork fabric, place the tab closure at the end, overlapping it by an inch and center it.

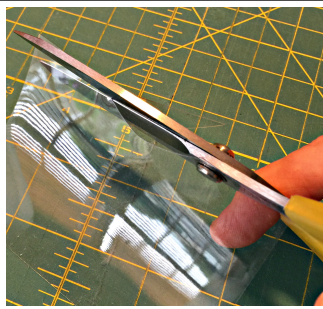


Stitch a rectangle to secure it but be sure to stitch at least a half inch away from edge of 9" by 7".

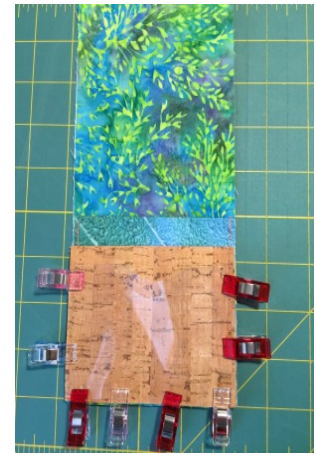
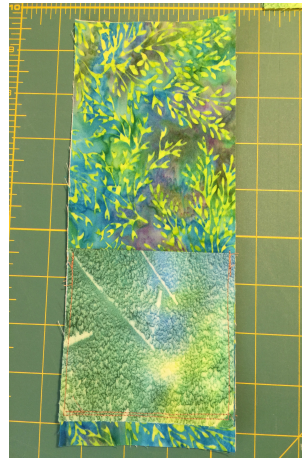
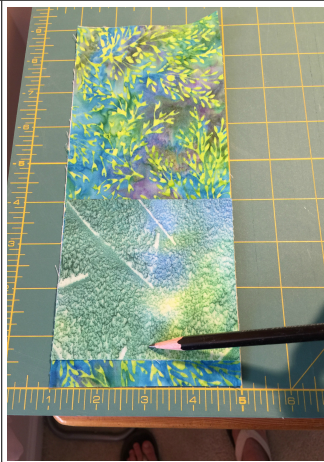


Insert snap as shown.





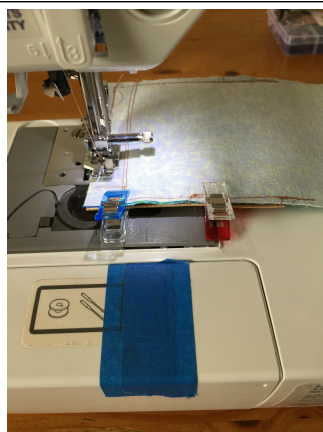
Cut a small semi-circle in the vinyl. Then place the vinyl on the smaller 3 1/4" by 4" piece of cork fabric as shown below.



Take one of the 7" by 4" pieces which is folded in half, and place the raw edges a half inch from the end of the 9" by 4" batik (the one that has interfacing on the wrong side).

Stitch an 1/8 of an inch from the edge. Don't stitch on the fold. I double stitched the bottom.

Use wonder clips to attach the 4" by 3 1/4" cork piece and the clear vinyl on top as shown.



Flip over to sew this with the vinyl underneath (or your machine might protest!) Sew SLOWLY, very close (about 1/8 inch) to the 3 edges to baste the vinyl and cork to the batiks. Check if you caught all the layers.



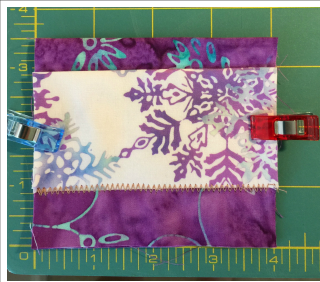
The I.D. slot is finished! Now you'll sew the credit card pockets onto the other end of this 9" by 7" batik backing piece.



This step is optional. Do it if you want a velcro pocket for coins. Cut a strip of velcro only 3/8 inch wide and 3 1/4 inch long. Place each half of velcro 3 inches up from bottom. Right sides are facing up.



This photo shows the velcro half attached but pulled apart a bit so you can see it. Take the top piece with velcro off from base so you can create the credit card pockets on top of just this piece (which folded measures 4" by 3 1/2")

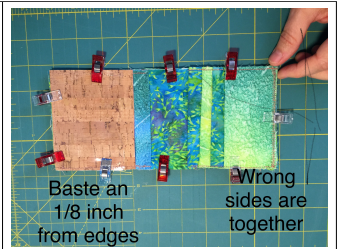
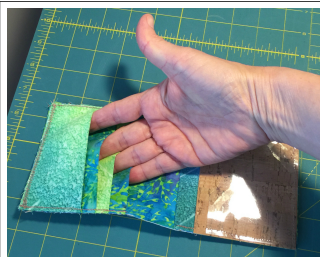


Now take one of the 4" by 2" folded pieces and place the fold a half inch from folded edge of larger piece (7" by 4" folded in half) which has the velcro (or if you skipped the velcro, it won't have any).

Sew with a zig zag stitch along the bottom raw edge as shown.

Place another 4" by 2" piece a half inch down from first one and zig zag bottom edge. (I like to use contrasting fabrics)

Place another 4" by 2" piece a half inch down from previous one and zig zag bottom edge. Then take this credit card section and place it on the base at the other end from the ID pocket.

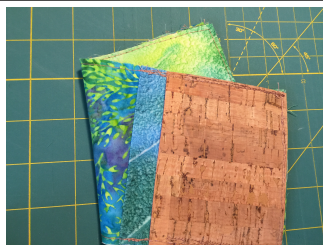


Sew the 3 raw edge sides of the credit card section you just created, onto base as shown. Sew as close to the edge as possible. About 1/8 inch seam allowance.

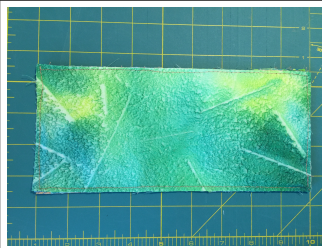
Here's another photo of what it looks like at this point (with different fabrics). Stick your fingers through to make sure you caught all the seams.

Now, take the other 9" by 7" piece of batik and place it against your work with wrong sides together.

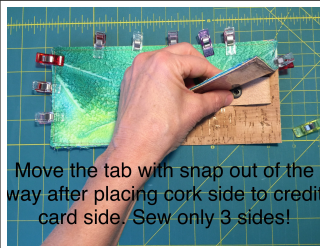
With wrong sides together, sew around all 4 edges with an 1/8 inch seam allowance. The credit card side is the right side of the work.



You can see in this photo that wrong sides are sewn together, right sides are out.

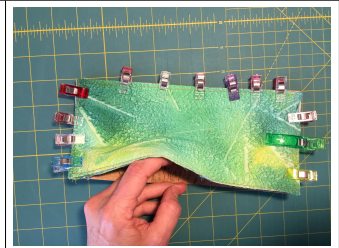


I sewed the wrong sides together with this side facing up. I placed the side with the vinyl facing down (to prevent the work from getting slippery)



Move the tab with snap out of the way after placing cork side to credit card side. Sew only 3 sides!

Take the large 7" by 9" piece of cork fabric with the snaps sewn in and place it right side up. Place the other piece on top of it **with credit card/ID side facing down**. Push the cork tab in towards middle so you don't sew it!



Sew about a 1/4 inch seam allowance along 3 sides only. The 2 short sides and one long side. A longer stitch length might help with the bulky seams. A zipper foot will help you get past the snap.



Sew a second time to strengthen the seam. Clip corners and trim edges before turning right sides out. (Using a zipper foot to sew helps you get past the snaps more easily)

Sew the same seam a second time to make it strong and then clip the corners and trim the edges. Use a zipper foot to help you get past the snaps. Now turn it right side out and gently use a chopstick to poke into the corners. The cork fabric will rip if you are too aggressive! Check that you have sewn all the layers so nothing "unseamly" is sticking out!



Whoops! I didn't catch all the seams!

Check that you have caught all the seams before putting on the binding!



Clip the binding with raw edges aligned to top of wallet. Start sewing about an inch from folded end of binding.

Before sewing on the binding, iron the 20" by 1 3/4" piece of batik in half lengthwise. Use wonder clips to attach the raw edge of the binding to the raw edge of the top of the bill part of the wallet. Sew a tiny bit more than an 1/8 inch seam allowance, tucking in binding when you get to the end. Fold binding over and stitch in the ditch to finish the wallet!

