

## Spencer Ogg Cosmetic Pods w/Bonnie's Tips & Tricks

This is the information about how to make the "Cosmetic Pod". Included are some links to get you going. This is a free pattern and video. You can also subscribe to her site and get notification when something new is posted.

Link : [Spencer Ogg Home Page](#)

Look around on her site to see many other items she sells. You can search "free patterns" to see what is out there for free and you will see the [Free Sewing Pattern Cosmetic Pods](#). That page includes a link to the [Cosmetic Pod Pattern](#) and the [Sew Along Video \(YouTube\)](#).

### Here is what is listed as what you need to make it (per the instructions)

- Outer fabric, small piece 13" x 11" (35 x 30 cm) heavyweight firm fabric that doesn't fray such as Cordura, vinyl, cork, oilskin, or oilcloth.
- 12" nylon zip or longer
- Pattern online

### This is a list of what I used:

- Outer fabric of Duck Cloth 13" x 11"
- Lining fabric of cotton 13" x 11"
- Double sided light fusible interfacing (e.g., Pellon or Heat & Bond)
- Continuous zipper cut 13"-14" - Cut zipper, load the zipper pull (if continuous zipper) and zigzag across both ends to keep the zipper pull from coming off.
- Pattern online - Be sure to print pattern 100% size and not "fit to page". The 1" square on the A2 piece of the patten should measure 1" on all sides!

### Basic steps following the video (plus added tips underlined below)

- Seam allowance used is 1 cm is 0.4". A 3/8" seam is 0.375 (that's what I used).
- Cut Outer fabric, lining and interfacing 13" x 11".
- (added step) Fuse the Outer fabric to the lining using the interfacing (before you cut it out following the pattern)
- Cut the fused fabrics using the pattern and mark (don't cut) the 2 sets of cutouts.
- Add the zipper to both ends and & "neaten" the inside raw edges. I carefully press the fabric away from the zipper teeth to make sure I have it folded back all the way. Be careful not to melt your zipper teeth! Then I clip that side before sewing to keep it

folded away from the zipper teeth. Use a styles or your purple thing to hold the fab down so it doesn't creep up toward your zipper. Get creative with your decorative stitches too!

- Optional: Add side pull tabs. Grosgrain Ribbon works well (3/4-1" wide) cut 2 ½' long folded in half. Or make tabs out of fabric. If you want pull tabs, make them BEFORE you sew the side seams.
- Sew the side seams 3/8-inch seam. To line up my bag, look on the inside for my pencil marks of the cutouts. Match the top and bottom of the big cutout first. Then put a clip on the edges to hold it. Do the same for the top small cutout. I then lay my pattern aligned with the bottom and top cutouts just to check alignment and pencil in all 4 cutouts. Then cut out those notches following your pencil marks.
- Cut off excess zipper.
- Make the box corners starting with the bottom first. Make and use a clip to hold them all before you sew.
- Turn right side out and you are DONE!

If you want to add applique, ribbon, or any trim to your bag, might be best to do that before you start sewing the zipper on. You can also piece the body of your bag if you want to make something scrappier!

We were selling these for \$15-20 when we could. I have made different sizes by enlarging and reducing the size of the pattern. Walmart is a great source for Duck cloth.

If you find any errors in the notes, let me know and I'll get this updated. Thanks for giving it a try!

