

Hanging Zipper Caddy

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This caddy can be used anywhere you have a hook for hanging it. For travel, a garment placed on the hanger will keep the caddy hidden underneath. See tips at the end for varying the size of the caddy.

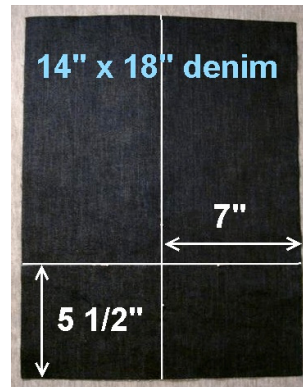
Materials:

1. Sturdy **outer** fabric (such as denim or upholstery fabric), 60" wide: 1/2 yard.
2. 45" wide quilt fabric for **lining**: 2/3 yard.
3. One metal or plastic **coat hanger**: the base must be at least 14" wide and have no vertical divisions.
4. 18" or longer zippers to coordinate with quilt fabric: 2.
5. **Hook and loop tape**, 3/4" wide: 12".
6. All-purpose thread.
7. Optional: embroidery design up to 12" wide and 8" high.
8. Optional: decorative thread and stabilizer for machine embroidery.



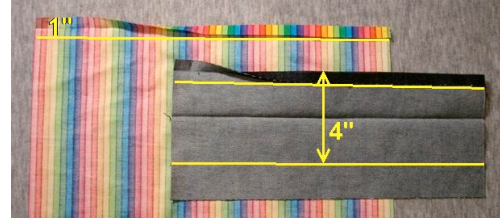
Cut and Embroider Fabric:

1. Cut **outer** fabric 14" wide and 18" long.
2. On the right side of the fabric, mark a vertical centering line 7" from one long edge. Mark a horizontal centering line 5 1/2" from the bottom edge.
3. Center your optional embroidery design on these lines so that the bottom of the design is toward the bottom of the fabric.
4. Remove excess stabilizer.
5. Trim sides of denim so that each edge is 6 3/4" from the vertical centering line. The total width is 13 1/2".
6. Trim the bottom of the denim so that the edge is 5 1/4" from the horizontal centering line. Cut off the decorated **panel** 4 3/4" above the centering line. Your **panel** should be 10" high.
7. Cut a **median** strip 1 1/2" high.
8. Cut a **header** 6" high.
9. Fold lining fabric in half, selvages together. Use a ruler to block off 8" from the fold. The rest of the fabric should be wide enough to allow 13 1/2" wide cuts. If possible, avoid the selvage edges.
10. Cut one of these 13 1/2" wide strips 18" long, for the **lower pocket lining**.
11. Cut the second strip 21" long, for the **upper pocket lining**.
12. Unfold the remaining fabric and cut 15 1/2" wide by 18" long, for the **backing**.
13. If the lining has a directional print, make note of the top edge of each piece. You can mark a line on the wrong side near that edge or you can mark with a pin.



Press Hems:

1. On the wrong side of the **header** and **backing**, mark lines 1" from the top edges. Fold the raw edge to meet the pressed lines and press hems.
2. Mark another line on the wrong side of the **header**, 4" from the pressed edge. Fold the **header** so that the pressed edge meets this line.

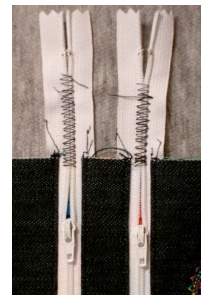


Assemble Caddy Front:

1. Center one zipper right side down on top edge of right side up decorated **panel**. Pin in place on the zipper tape that faces away from the raw edge.
2. Place the **lower pocket lining** right side up on your table.
3. Place the **panel** right side down on the bottom edge of the **lower pocket lining**. Match the top edge of the **panel** to the bottom edge of the **lower pocket lining** and match raw edges at the sides. The zipper will be sandwiched between the layers. Pin in place.
4. Stitch 1/4" seam. Use a left-needle position and butt the left side of the presser foot against the zipper teeth.
5. Press the seam flat, and then press the **panel** and **lower pocket lining** away from the zipper.
6. Top stitch near the fold from the right side of the fabric. NOTE: Pinning the layers together first will prevent shifting.
7. Fold the **lower pocket lining** right sides together, bringing the free end up to meet the free side of the zipper tape. Pin in place on the zipper tape closest to the **panel**.
8. Place right side down **median** on top, matching raw edge to edge of zipper and ends of **median** to ends of **panel**. Pin in place and stitch 1/4" seam as above.
9. Press **median** away from zipper. Top stitch near the fold from the right side of the fabric.
10. Turn wrong side up and press the bottom of the pocket flat.
11. Center second zipper right side down on top edge of right side up **median**. Pin in place on the zipper tape that faces away from the raw edge.
12. Place the **upper pocket lining** right side up on your table. Place the **panel and median** unit right side down on the bottom edge of the **upper pocket lining**. Match the top edge of the **panel and median** unit to the bottom edge of the **upper pocket lining** and match raw edges at the sides. The zipper will be sandwiched between the layers. Pin in place.
13. Stitch 1/4" seam. Use a left-needle position and butt the left side of the presser foot against the zipper teeth.

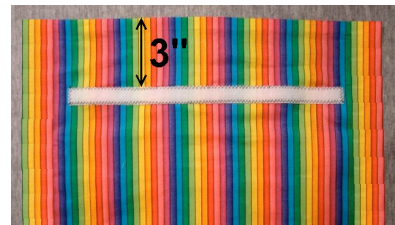


14. Press the seam flat, and then press the **panel and median** unit and **upper pocket lining** away from the zipper.
15. Top stitch near the fold from the right side of the fabric. NOTE: Pinning the layers together first will prevent shifting.
16. Fold the **upper pocket lining** right sides together, bringing the free end up to meet the free side of the zipper tape. Pin in place on the zipper tape closest to the **median**.
17. Place bottom edge of right side down **header** on top. Match the raw edge of the **header** to the edge of zipper and sides of **header** to sides of **panel and median** unit. Pin in place and stitch 1/4" seam as above.
18. Press **header** away from zipper. Top stitch near the fold from the right side of the fabric.
19. Open the zippers enough so that the pulls fall at least one inch in from the raw edge of the caddy. Zigzag over the coils that fall outside the caddy front and within the 3/8" seam allowance.



Finish the caddy:

1. Center loop tape 3" from the fold at the top of the **backing**. Pin in place.
2. Stitch along the edges with a narrow zigzag stitch, zigging into the loop tape and zagging onto the fabric.
3. Place the **backing** right side down on a table. Place the **caddy front** right side down on top, making sure the top hems line up. If the **backing** is longer than the **caddy front**, trim off the extra from the bottom edge.
4. Pin the **caddy front** and **backing** right sides together at side edges only.
5. Stitch 3/8" seams.
6. Turn **caddy** right side out.
7. Smooth out the **caddy** so that the **backing** overlap is the same on both sides of the **caddy**. Press flat. Mark the folds at the bottom edge with pins.
8. Turn the **caddy** wrong side out.
9. Adjust the bottom edge so that the pins are at the outer edges, just past the raw edges of the **caddy front**. Pin together.



10. Stitch 1/4" seam, backstitching on and off the fabric at beginning and end of the seam. Trim corners diagonally.
11. Press the **caddy front** seam upward.
12. Turn the **caddy** right side out. Press bottom edge flat.
13. Fold in the top hem edges. Apply glue stick to the hem area and match the folds together. Press together.
14. Top stitch along the fold.
15. Fold **header** toward the back at the 2" crease. Press crease again.
16. Center hook tape on **backing** 1/4" from the top edge. Stitch in place as before.
17. Fold the flap over the base of a hanger and fasten the hook and loop tape.



Tips for Varying Size of Caddy

1. Decide length for decorative **panel**.
2. Maximum length of **lower pocket lining** = (Panel length minus 1") times 2.
3. Maximum length of **upper pocket lining** = **lower pocket lining** length plus 3".
4. Cut **backing** 1/2" longer than sum of length of **caddy front** pieces. The excess may be needed, depending on width of zipper seams.
5. You may add additional zippers as desired. For each additional zipper, add another 1/2" high **median** strip. Pockets can increase by 3" if you want all pockets to reach the bottom of the caddy. You can make the top pockets shorter, if you prefer.
6. If you change the width of your caddy, cut the **backing** 2" wider than the **caddy front** pieces. You can hang your caddy from a dowel instead of a clothes hanger if you want a wider caddy.