

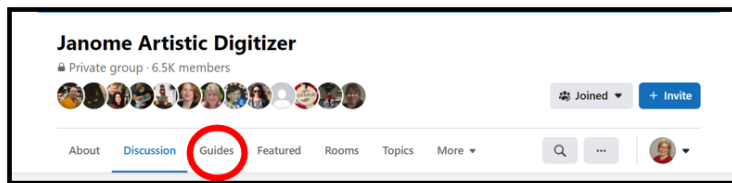


Zip Pouch of the Month

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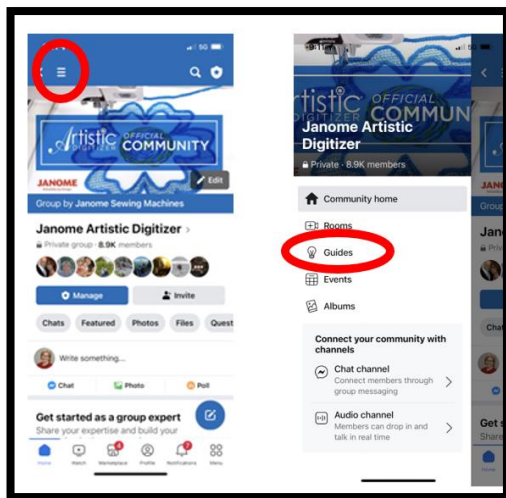
This is a monthly series. The videos and worksheets can be found on Janome Artistic Digitizer fb page under Guides. On the page use #zippouchmonthly to search. Each month will feature a new pouch to create using a new technique or feature. Instructions are here to enhance the videos.

On a computer:



On an iPhone:

Touch the menu (3 lines) and on the next screen will be the option of Guides.



January – An introduction to Zipper Pouches

Notes:

- Work within the size of your hoop – turn your pouch sideways if needed
- Measure your zipper width
- Measure the distance from the teeth to the edge of the zipper tape
- Use a zipper that is longer than the width of the pouch you are creating – select a zipper at least 3" longer than needed
- Use plastic zippers that can be sewn over
- Each step should be created and changed to a different color – I use Janome colors to create with. My default colors are black and red I do not use those when creating but I do start at the top of the color list picking the colors in order. I may skip a color if I think it will be too light.
- An in the hoop zipper pouch is created with a placement box for the zipper, tack down lines for the zipper, then placement and tack down lines for the fabrics
- Our sample pouch uses a 1w" x 9" long zipper, pouch is 5" w by 6" long
- It is stitches on poly mesh cut away stabilizer that I left in the project
- Set Grid to default for 1" which should have ¼" and ½" marks

Create the zipper placement box and tack down lines:

- Open Artistic Digitizer > Create New > File save as > Jan zip 1.draw
- Use the Shapes > Rectangle tool > click > drag a shape > delete fill
- Use the toolbox to change the width and height of your zipper placement box – using your measurements change the size of the box – for example my zipper is 1" wide/high. My pouch will be 6" wide. In the toolbox change the height to be 1" and the width to be 6"
- Select a color for the box * remember to change colors for each step. When the pouch is completed, some steps may be combined.
- Move the box to the top half of the hoop
- Turn on the Grid > Snap
- Using the digitizer outline shape tool create a line, Adjust the length of the line using the toolbox – make it 1" longer than the placement box width, change the stitch length to 4.0mm – change color
- Align line within the placement box *I place mine ¼" to an 1/8" in from the edge – place this line at the top
- Copy/paste > change color and use the arrow keys to move the lower line into place (3)
- Turn off Grid and snap

- Select all parts > Align > center
- Select all copy > Create New > paste > save as zipper box. Draw this way you will have this part done and just need to slightly adjust each time

Create the overall fabric placement

- Our sample is a small bag. The complete outer measurement is finished is 5" x 6".
- Using the shapes > rectangular tool > change roundness to 40% > click > drag a shape >
- Using the toolbox change the size to be larger than your finished pouch.
- Change color, delete the fill
- Rearrange the box to fit with the zipper box, place it about 1" from the top, center the zipper box to the fabric box
- This will be the outer line that all the fabrics need to cover
- This can be moved to the top of the sequence menu

Create the tack down for lower fabrics:

- Select the lower tack down line for the zipper > copy paste > change stitch length to 2.5in or back to default > change color
- Move it up just slightly above the original line
- Select the line again > copy/paste > change color > move the line down and above the fabric placement box by 1/4"

Create the tack down for the upper fabrics:

- Select the upper tack down line for the zipper > copy paste > change stitch length to 2.5in > change color
- Move it down just slightly below the original line
- Select the line again > copy/paste > change color > move the line just below the fabric placement box by 1/4" at the top

Decorative stitch for the upper and lower fabric:

- Select the line just created > copy/paste > change color > pick decorative stitch
- Move line down so that it is between the zipper tack down and fabric tack down
- With that line still selected > copy/paste > change color > pick a decorative stitch
- Move line down so that it is between the zipper tack down and fabric tack down

Placement and tack down for tabs:

- Be sure during stitch out to open the zipper
- Select the Digitize outline tool and create a 1.5" line that will be placed on the left going over the zipper > change color
- With line still selected > copy/paste > change color and move just inside the outer fabric placement box – this is the tab tack down
- With the previous line selected copy/paste > change color and move to the right so that it is over the zipper on the right
- With the line still selected > copy/paste > change color and move slightly to the left

Tack down of all the fabrics:

- Select the overall placement line > copy/paste > change color > reduce 95% be sure proportional is checked
- With the line selected > copy/paste > change color > pick a finishing stitch

Resequence all the parts:

1. Overall placement line
2. Zipper box
3. Zipper tack down
4. Zipper tack down
5. Fabric tack down lower fabrics
6. Fabric tack down lower fabrics
7. Fabric tack down upper fabrics
8. Fabric tack down upper fabrics
9. Decorative Stitches
10. Decorative Stitches
11. Tabs on the left
12. Tabs on the left
13. Tabs on the right
14. Tabs on the right
15. Fabric tack down
16. Any added embroidery
 - Backing tack down
 - Finishing stitch