

Mouse-Shaped Decorative Pouch – Tutorial

MOUSE-SHAPED DECORATIVE POUCH - STEP-BY-STEP SEWING GUIDE

Step 1: Quilt the Body Panels.
 Backing fabric
 Bating (e.g., thin polyester)
 Top Fabric A
 Machine Quilting in the Ditch
 Quilt 2 body pieces.

Step 2: Assemble Ears.
 Join 2 ear pieces (Fabric B) right sides together.
 Leave base open.
 Turn right side out and press.
 Add optional padding.

Step 3: Create Tail.
 Sew 2 tail pieces (Fabric B with Interfacing), right sides together, leaving the top open. Clip curves, turn, and lightly stuff.
 Stuffed tail for volume.

Step 4: Create Bow Tie.
 Sew 2 bow tie pieces (Fabric C), right sides together, leave an opening, turn, press, and hand-sew with a running stitch.
 Turn, press, and hand-sew closed. Pinch center and stitch to shape.
 Attach to front body.

Step 5: Add Face.
 Embroider or hand-appliqué features.

Step 6: Attach Tail & Loop.
 The Cord (loop for hanging)
 Tail
 Secure components.

Step 7: Final Construction
 Back Body panels right sides together.
 Sew around perimeter, leaving a 10cm gap at bottom.

Step 8: Turn and Finish.
 Slip-stitch opening closed for an invisible finish.

LEGEND: KEY U.S. QUILTING & SEWING METHODS
 HAND APPLIQUÉ (e.g., Bow-tie onto body)
 MACHINE EMBROIDERY (e.g., Facial features)
 QUILTING-IN-THE-DITCH (e.g., to create a quilted panel)
 HAND PIECING
 FUSIBLE INTERFACING APPLICATION

FEATURES:
 The finished mouse has a soft, quilted feel (US Quilting Method), handcrafted details, and serves as a decorative pouch for potpourri or a small sachet.

This detailed tutorial will guide you from start to finish in creating a beautiful quilted mouse-shaped decorative pouch. Follow each step carefully, and even beginners will be able to complete this charming handmade piece 🐭 ✨



Materials and Preparation

Before starting, gather all your materials:

- **Fabric A (Main Body)** – Damask or patterned fabric
- **Fabric B (Ears & Tail)** – Solid satin or similar
- **Fabric C (Bow Tie)** – Decorative cotton fabric
- **Batting** (thin polyester recommended)
- **Interfacing** (for structure in tail and bow)
- Thread (matching colors)
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Scissors
- Pins or clips
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Stuffing (for tail)
- Cord (approx. 15 cm for hanging loop)



Cutting the Pieces

Carefully cut all pieces according to the dimensions shown:

Body (Fabric A)

- Cut **2 pieces**
- Shape: trapezoid
- Top width: 12 cm
- Bottom width: 18 cm
- Height: 16 cm

Ears (Fabric B)

- Cut **4 pieces**
- Rounded ear shape
- Height: 12 cm

Tail


- Cut:
 - **2 pieces Fabric B**
 - **1 piece interfacing**
- Curved length: 22 cm
- Width varies: approx. 4 cm (top) to 2 cm (bottom)

Bow Tie (Fabric C)

- Cut **2 bow pieces**
- Width: 6 cm
- Height: 3 cm
- Also cut **1 interfacing piece**

Cord

- Cut **1 piece: 15 cm length**

Take your time cutting accurately—this ensures everything aligns perfectly later 

Step 1: Quilt the Body Panels

Place your layers in this order:

1. Backing fabric (wrong side up)
2. Batting (middle layer)
3. Top Fabric A (right side up)

Pin or clip to secure.

Using your sewing machine, quilt the layers together. A simple grid or “stitch in the ditch” pattern works beautifully.

Repeat for both body pieces.

This step gives the pouch a soft, padded, high-quality look 

Step 2: Assemble the Ears

Take two ear pieces:

1. Place them **right sides together**
2. Sew around the curved edge
3. Leave the **bottom edge open**

Trim excess fabric around curves, then:

- Turn right side out
- Gently push out curves
- Press flat

Optional: add a little padding inside for dimension

Repeat for the second ear.

Step 3: Create the Tail

Layer:

- Fabric B piece (right side up)
- Fabric B piece (right side down)
- Interfacing on top

Sew along the curved edges:

- Leave the **top open**

Clip along curves to prevent bunching.

Turn right side out carefully.

Lightly stuff the tail to give it volume (do not overfill).

Set aside.

Step 4: Create the Bow Tie

Place two bow tie pieces:

- Right sides together
- Interfacing on one side


Sew around edges:

- Leave a small opening

Turn right side out and press flat.

Then:

- Pinch the center
- Hand stitch to hold the bow shape

This creates that classic bow tie look 

Step 5: Add the Face

On one quilted body piece (front):

- Draw or mark the face lightly
- Add:
 - Eyes
 - Nose
 - Whiskers

Use one of these methods:

- Hand embroidery (recommended for a soft look)
- Machine embroidery
- Hand appliqué

Attach the bow tie just below the face using hand stitching.

Take your time—this is where your mouse comes to life 🐭💕

Step 6: Attach Tail and Hanging Loop

Position:

- Tail at the **bottom center** of the back panel
- Cord loop at the **top center**

Pin both securely in place.

Make sure:

- Tail curves outward naturally
- Loop ends are aligned and tucked inside seam allowance

Step 7: Final Construction

Place:

- Front body piece (right side up)
- Back body piece (right side down)

Insert:

- Ears between layers at the top (facing inward)

Pin everything carefully.

Sew around the entire edge:

- Leave a **10 cm opening at the bottom**

Backstitch at the start and end.

This step connects all components together.

Step 8: Turn and Finish

Turn the pouch right side out through the opening.

Carefully:

- Push out corners and curves
- Adjust ears and tail positioning

Press lightly if needed.

Finally:

- Hand stitch the opening closed using a **slip stitch** for an invisible finish

Final Result

You now have a beautiful **mouse-shaped decorative pouch!**

Approximate finished size:

- Height: 30 cm
- Width: 20 cm

Tips for Best Results

- Use contrasting fabrics to highlight details
- Go slow on curves—precision matters
- Light stuffing gives a soft, elegant shape
- Press seams frequently for a polished look

This pouch works perfectly as:

- A decorative hanging piece
- A potpourri sachet
- A handmade gift 📁