**Private Lessons**

**Introductory Felt Pouch**

Additional Materials Required:

Introductory Felt Pouch Fabric

Buttons

Hand Sewing Needles

2 or 3 Jelly Roll Strips

Instructor Set-up

* For first class set up machines, remove the covers and thread them. (Going forwards the students will do this part themselves.)

Class

1. Introduction (10 Minutes)

* Introduce yourself and the other staff.
* Give a brief overview of the classes ahead showing samples of projects.
* Ask student their experience level and goals.

1. Basic Anatomy of Sewing Machine (10 Minutes)

* With machines in front of students discuss the following keywords:
  + - On/Off Switch
    - Bobbin
    - Thread
    - Needle
    - Presser Foot
    - Balance Wheel
    - Presser Foot Lever
    - Foot Pedal

1. Safety (2-3 Minutes)

* Discuss safety hazards
* Electrical Cords - be careful not to trip
* Sharp pins & needles on floor - keep shoes on
* Keep long hair away from machine
* No food or drink around the machine

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1. Start To Sew Felt Pouch (Timing depends on experience of student)

With speed on a comfortable setting (most likely SLOW), start to stitch:

* Start with STRAIGHT stitch on the larger box
* Use ZIGZAG stitch on smaller box
* Pivots/Corners (Explain how to lift presser foot and swivel while the needle STAYS in the felt)
* Curves (Demonstrate how to lift the presser foot making small turns as you sew around the curve).

1. Sew button on the “X”. (Demonstrate threading a needle, tying a knot and sewing on a button)

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1. Pin & stitch sides of pouch. (Demonstrate BACK stitch at start and end of each side)
2. Cut buttonhole and the pouch is complete. There probably won’t be any time left but if the student finishes early have them start on EZ Patchwork.
3. Start to sew jelly roll strips together
   * Demonstrate seam allowance, pinning, back stitch and ironing
   * Stitch 2 or 3 strips
   * Student can keep this in their bin to use towards a future EZ Patchwork project (or they can take it home if they are only taking for a single lesson)