

## How to create a Rosary Case that features a cross stitched Saint

This is by no means the only way to create a rosary pouch with these cross stitch saints. It is only one way. What is more, I do not claim to be an expert seamstress. And another quick note, this tutorial is based on a saint stitched on 14 count aida cloth. For saints stitched on 11 count cloth, your pouch will be bigger. For a saint stitched on 18 count, your pouch will be smaller.

Supplies needed:



- Completed Cross Stitch Saint (I omitted the name on mine)
- Iron-On interfacing
- Scrap material
- Zipper
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Iron

As a first step, trim your cross stitch saint, leaving 2 inches of aida cloth on all sides of the saint. Then, iron on the interfacing to the back of the saint. This will protect your stitches.

Next, sew a border of fabric around the cross stitch saint. To do this, cut 2 strips of your fabric, 2 inches thick. Right sides in, sew the strip along the right and left side of the saint. Then sew the strip along the top and bottom, right sides in. Once you are done it should look like this:



Iron flat.

Next, lay what you have created (which will be the front of your case) on top of more fabric. Cut around it so you have 2 identical squares.

Then, grab your zipper. Right sides in, sew one side of the zipper down the side of first the front of the case and then the back. You may have to move the pull on the zipper as you sew. It will look like this when you are done with this step:



Lay the pieces flat and sew down each side of the zipper. Once again, you may have to move the pull on the zipper as you work.



Almost done!

Now, chances are the zipper you are using is longer than the pouch is, so you will need to trim the zipper. Move the pull inside of the pouch area, and trim the edges of the zipper. Then, with right sides in, sew around the outer 3 edges of the pouch. Turn right side out, push out the corners and Ta-Da!

