**Lining fabric:** Approximately 9” by 16. You can make this a little bigger or smaller depending upon your desired use. I used a solid that blended with the colors of my flowers.

**Batting:** Needs to be the same size as your lining. I used a polyester batting that was left over from another project that was similar in size to warm and wonderful, but a cotton one would work too.

If you are wanting to use a textured edge (the shape of a flower for the edge of the pouch flap) you will want a big flower with smooth lines. Thin petals like a spider chrysanthemum would not be a good choice if the pedals are spread apart.

**Cut flowers. \*** Not only will you want to use flowers, but also using leaves will add a pleasing addition to your flower garden on the front. How many flowers and leaves will depend upon the size of the flowers and leaves you are working with. The flowers will overlap and the best way to see if you are close to having enough would be to draw a shape the size pouch with which you are using and lay out the flowers. Even after I lay out my flowers I keep some extra ones to fill in as I am sewing. They always seen to shift. I cut out small flowers and leaves to cover any batting that might appear as you are sewing. By doing a test run with placement you can see if you like the contrast you have with your flowers. No need to try and keep the flowers/leaves in place with your test run. It doesn’t take long to place them, and you might want to add in some flowers your friends share with you. **\*\***

A fun addition can be to add small insects to your collage. I have some I will bring, but you might want to use some that work well with your colors.

I cut my flowers close to the edge of the blossom. If you are using flowers from different color backgrounds this is one way to unify your work.

**Thread:** I used invisible thread for one stage of sewing and then matched colors with my blossoms. I believe I used about five matching colors. I used one green for all the leaves, one pink for all the pink flowers, same for blue, yellow flowers. I used grey for the few flowers that weren’t the other colors. I used quite a lot of thread making this pouch. For the main color I used two or three bobbins.

**Closures**: I used about 4-5 “of 1” wide Velcro, but you can use buttons, frogs, or a large snap or hook and eye. Think about how you might want to use this project to determine the best closure.

**Machine Foot:** You will be doing free motion quilting stitching so bring along either your free motion foot, hopping foot or darning foot. They will all accomplish the same task.

Know how to lower your feed dogs on your machine. If your machine doesn’t lower the feed dogs we’ll cover them up with an index cards.

Some people like to wear gloves when they are free motion quilting. If you want some be sure to bring them with you.

**\***This is a good way to use up scraps of fabric that have flowers and leaves.

**\*\*** Bring along any extra flowers you might have to exchange with your classmates.