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Multi-purpose pouch

Abstract

There is disclosed a multi-purpose pouch comprising a pouch base, a pouch body having a first side, a second side opposite the first side, and a front, and a pouch back opposite the front, the pouch base and pouch body forming a pouch pocket, wherein a top portion of the pouch body and the pouch back define an aperture for receiving an object to be stored in the pouch pocket, a closure flap extending from a top end of the pouch back, and wherein the closure flap may optionally be stowed along a pouch side of the pouch back when the multi-purpose pouch is in an operational configuration, and a looped retention element having an initial end and a terminal end, the looped retention element forming a loop beginning and ending at a retention element clasp, and looping around the multi-purpose pouch in an figure-eight pattern.

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Background/Summary

BACKGROUND

(1) Presently, a magazine holder or pouch generally features a flap over the top of a pouch, and

item(s) are placed into the pouch and the flap covers the item(s) and pouch opening. The flap may provide protection and secure the item in the pouch when one is crawling, rappelling, jumping out of a vehicle, and doing other rigorous activities. In order to access items placed in the pouch, one must first grab the edge of the flap to open the pouch and make sure the flap is not in the way as one reaches into the pouch to grab the desired item. Opening the flap to access the item may be cumbersome and take extra time. However, during times of minimal or less rigorous activity, it may be convenient to leave the flap open for easy access to the contents of the pouch. However, objects may fall or tumble out of the pouch when the flap is left open or unsecured. There is a need to secure the items even with the flap open while still allowing for easy access to the items. Accordingly, there is a need for a system for a multi-purpose magazine holder that address the above noted problems and also provides additional features.

(2) In some embodiments, the multi-purpose pouch comprises a pouch base, a pouch body having a first side, a second side opposite the first side, and a front, and a pouch back opposite the front, the pouch base and pouch body forming a pouch pocket, wherein a top portion of the pouch body and the pouch back define an aperture for receiving an object to be stored in the pouch pocket, wherein the pouch body includes a fastener element, a closure flap extending from a top end of the pouch back, the closure flap comprising the complementary fastener element for engaging the fastener element when the multi-purpose pouch is in a closed configuration, and wherein the closure flap may optionally be stowed along a pouch side of the pouch back when the multi-purpose pouch is in an operational configuration, and a looped retention element having an initial end and a terminal end, the looped retention element forming a loop beginning at a retention element clasp, extending around a first side of the multi-purpose pouch and around the front of the multi-purpose pouch, through a front retention element guide, looping around a second side of the multi-purpose pouch, passing through a rear retention element guide positioned at a midpoint of the top end of the pouch side of the pouch back, continuing around the first side of the multi-purpose pouch passing through the front retention element guide in the opposite direction, continuing around the second side of the multi-purpose pouch, and passing through the retention element clasp, wherein the retention element clasp engages the initial and terminal ends of the looped retention element, wherein the retention element clasp is operable to allow a user to adjust a tension of the looped retention element by adjusting the length of the looped retention element.

(3) In some embodiments, the multi-purpose pouch comprises a first securing tab and a second securing tab configured to engage the first securing tab to secure an object in the pouch pocket, the first securing tab engaged with a first securing section of the looped retention element extending between the front retention element guide and a first side of the rear retention element guide and a second securing tab engaged with a second securing section of the looped retention element extending between a second side of the rear retention element guide and the front retention element guide, the securing tabs configured to allow the user to engage the first securing tab with the second securing tab such that the looped retention element passes over an object in the pouch pocket as the looped securing element extents between the front retention element guide and the rear retention element guide.

(4) In some embodiments, the securing tabs are engaged using a securing tab engagement interface.

(5) In some embodiments, the securing tab engagement interface is hook-and-loop interface.

(6) In some embodiments, the multi-purpose pouch comprises a first side sleeve on the first side of the multi-purpose pouch and a second side sleeve on the second side of the multi-purpose pouch, the side sleeves for stowing the securing tabs.

(7) In some embodiments, the multi-purpose pouch comprises a clasp mount positioned proximate to the rear retention element guide, wherein the clasp mount secures the retention element clasp.

(8) In some embodiments, the front retention element guide is a piece of webbing attached to the front of the pouch pocket creating a passage for the looping retention element and the rear retention

element guide is a tube formed by a webbing attached to a top of the back of the multi-purpose pouch.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) FIG. **1** shows a front view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(2) FIG. **2** shows a back view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(3) FIG. **3**A shows a view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(4) FIG. **3**B shows another view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(5) FIG. **4** shows a side view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(6) FIG. **5** shows a right-side perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(7) FIG. **6** shows a left-side perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(8) FIG. **7** shows rear perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure;

(9) FIG. **8** shows rear view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure; and

(10) FIG. **9** shows a front angled perspective view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to another embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(11) The following description contains specific information pertaining to implementations in the present disclosure. The drawings in the present application and their accompanying detailed description are directed to merely exemplary implementations. Unless noted otherwise, like or corresponding elements among the figures may be indicated by like or corresponding reference numerals. Moreover, the drawings and illustrations in the present application are generally not to scale and are not intended to correspond to actual relative dimensions.

(12) FIG. **1** shows a front view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. The terms pouch **100** and holder are interchangeably used terms throughout this disclosure. In the depicted embodiment, multi-purpose pouch **100** comprises flap **103**, fastener element **105**, and retention element **110**. In the depicted embodiment, object **150** is inserted into a large pocket of pouch **100**. As depicted, object **150** is an ammunition magazine. In some embodiments, object **150** may be any item that can fit into pouch **100**. In some embodiments, object **150** may be a hand grenade, a medical kit, a parachute cartridge, an ammunition magazine, a walkie-talkie, a handheld transceiver, a radio, or any item(s) that can fit into pouch **100**.

(13) In the depicted embodiment, fastener element **105** on is on the front surface of pouch **100**. In some embodiments, fastener element **105** may be one side of a hook and loop fastener, a snap button, a magnetic closure, a hook and eye closure, a button closure, and other types of complementary fasteners or closures. In some embodiments, the complementary side to fastener element **105** is located in the underside of flap **103** that is not pictured as flap **103** is tucked into the large pocket of pouch **100**. In some embodiments, flap **103** extends out and covers object **150** and the underside of flap **103** has a complementary fastener element (not pictured) that fastens to **105** fastener element **105**. In the depicted embodiment, the complementary fastener element (not

pictured) on the underside of flap **103** is a hook and loop fastener that complementarily fastens to the hook and loop fastener of fastener element **105**. In some embodiments, complementary fastener element (not pictured) may be a complementary side of a hook and loop fastener, a snap button, a magnetic closure, a hook and eye closure, a button closure, and other types of complementary fasteners or closures.

(14) In the depicted embodiment, flap **103** is tucked into the large pocket of pouch **100**. With flap **103** tucked into the large pocket of pouch **100**, object **150** is exposed for easier access without taking the extra steps of opening flap **103** and then feeling around to access object **150**. In the depicted embodiment, object **150** is exposed and retained in pouch **100** with retention element **110** extending over a top of object **150**. In the depicted embodiment, retention element **110** is an elastic cord that is routed and/or threaded around pouch **100** forming multiple configurations. In one configuration of retention element **110** shown in the depicted embodiment, the retention element **110** is configured to extend over a top of object **150** to retain object **150** inside pouch **100** such that object **150** does not fall out. In some embodiments, retention element **110** extends over the top of object **150** that protrudes from pouch **100** and restrains object **150** from falling out of pouch **100** such that movement of object **100** pushes against retention element **110** which retains object **100** within pouch. In the depicted embodiment, to remove object **150** from pouch **100**, retention element **110** has different configurations. A first configuration entails shifting retention element **110** to the side so that object **150** no longer pushes or abuts against retention element **110** and object **150** can be lifted out of pouch **100**.

(15) In the depicted embodiment, retention element **110** comprises securing tabs **121**, **123**. In some embodiments, to shift retention element **110** to a side so that object **150** can be removed from pouch **100**, the securing tabs **121**, **123** can be grabbed or gripped and pulled from a top of object **150** and shifted to a side of object **150**. As depicted, securing tabs **121**, **123** are coupled together via hook and loop fasteners. In the depicted embodiment, securing tab **121** sandwiches securing tab **123**.

(16) FIG. **2** shows a back view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. In the depicted embodiment, multi-purpose pouch **100** comprises anchor element **206**, guide straps **208**, retention element **210**, clasp **213**, securing tabs **221**, **223**. In the depicted embodiment, retention element **210** is threaded through anchor element **206**. Anchor element **206** may be a loop, a sleeve, a slot, or the like through which to thread retention element **210** to anchor, pin down, or attach the retention element **210** to pouch **200**, wherein retention element **210** is split into two strands. In the depicted embodiment, the two strands of retention element **210** are routed in a double looping around pouch **200**. As depicted, the two strands of retention element **210** are routed to the front of pouch **200** and threaded in opposite directions to crisscross through a guide strap or fastener element on the front of pouch **200** then wrapped around to the back of pouch **200** and tucked or threaded under guide strap **208** and the two strands meet and are fastened together. In some embodiments, the two strands are fastened together with a clasp, a fastener, a turtle cord lock, and the like. In some embodiments, the two strands are tied or knotted together. In the depicted embodiment, clasp **213** is a turtle cord lock through which the ends of the two cords are threaded and fastened or secured together.

(17) In the depicted embodiment, clasp **213** can be adjusted to tighten retention element **210** or loosen retention element **210** so there is more slack. Tightening or loosening retention element **210** may help accommodate different sizes of object **250**. The depicted embodiment shows an ammunition magazine, and there are a wide range of magazine sizes for different types of weapons. Tightening retention element **210** may tighten the waist of pouch **200**. For example, tightening retention element **210** may secure a small-sized object **250**, like a small parachute cartridge, by cinching a waist of pouch **200**. In another example, loosening retention element **210** allows a large-sized object **250**, like a walkie-talkie, to fit into pouch **200**, and retention element **210** can extend over a the top of the large object **250**. In some embodiments, the same pouch **200** can fit more than

one ammunition magazine, a single magazine by tightening retention element **210** which in turn tightens waist of pouch **200**, a smoke cannister, or other object **250**.
(18) FIG. **3**A shows a view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. As depicted, securing tabs **321**, **323** with the hook and loop fasteners are separated. In some embodiments, one side of retention element **310** having securing tab **321** has a V-shape, wherein the bottom of the "V" is attached to one side of retention element **310**. In the depicted embodiment, securing tab **321** has the hook side of hook and loop fasteners on the inner surface of the "V". In the depicted embodiment, the second side of retention element **310** having securing tab **323** is flat having the loop side of hook and loop fasteners on the outer surfaces of securing tab **323**. In some embodiments, securing tab **321** may have the loop side of hook and loop fasteners on the inner surface of the "V", and securing tab **323** may have the hook side of hook and loop fasteners on its outer surfaces.
(19) As depicted in FIG. **3**A, securing tabs **321**, **323** are attached together by inserting the second side of retention element **310** with securing tab **323** into the opening of securing tab **321** and closing the opening of the securing tab **321** such that securing tab **323** is sandwiched between the two sides of securing tab **321**. The securing tabs **321**, **323** attach to each other via the hook and loop fasteners. To separate securing tabs **321**, **323** from each other, the two sides of securing tab **321** are split and pulled apart from securing tab **323** so that securing tabs **321**, **323** are no longer attached.
(20) FIG. **3**B shows another view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. As depicted in FIG. **3**B, securing tabs **321**, **323** are separated from each other. In some embodiments, securing tab **321** may sandwich securing tab **323** like a book or folder folds along the length of securing tab **323**. In other embodiments, securing tab **321** is the depicted V-shape and sandwiches securing tab **323** as shown.
(21) FIG. **4** shows a side view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. In the depicted embodiment, flap **403** folds over covering object **450**. As depicted, the underside of flap **403** attaches to fastener element (not clearly visible) on the front surface of pouch **400** via hook and loop fasteners. As depicted, retention element **410** is shifted to the side of pouch **400** and securing tab **423** is tucked into side sleeve **427**. Tucking securing tab **423** into side sleeve **427** minimizes the amount of hanging materials from the strap and prevents or minimizes the likelihood of securing tab **423** getting caught on things. In the depicted embodiment, side sleeve **427** is open-ended such that securing tab **423** is visibly protruding beyond the bottom of side sleeve **427**. In some embodiments, side sleeve **427** may be a pocket with a closed bottom so that securing tab **423** does not visibly protrude from beyond the bottom of side sleeve **427**. As depicted side sleeve **427** is made of substantially the same material as pouch **400**. In some embodiments, pouch **400** is made of a flexible material, including canvas, nylon, cotton, polyester, leather, rubber, or any combination thereof. In some embodiments, side sleeve **427** is made of a flexible material, including canvas, nylon, cotton, polyester, leather, rubber, or any combination thereof.
(22) In some embodiments, side sleeve **427** may be made of a side fastener element that attaches or engages with securing tab **423**. For example, the side fastener element may be the complementary side of a hook and loop fastener for securing tab **423** to engage with or attach to.
(23) FIG. **5** shows side perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch **500**, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. As depicted in the images, flap **503** is tucked into the large pocket of pouch **500**. As depicted side sleeves **525**, **527** are disposed on the left and right sides of pouch **500**. As depicted, securing tab **521** is tucked into side sleeve **525**, and securing tab **523** is tucked into side sleeve **527**.
(24) FIG. **6** shows side perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch **600**, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. As depicted in the images, flap **603** is tucked into the large pocket of pouch **600**. As depicted side sleeves **625**, **627** are disposed on the left and right sides of

pouch **600**. As depicted, securing tab **621** is tucked into side sleeve **625**, and securing tab **623** is tucked into side sleeve **627**.

(25) FIG. **7** shows rear perspective views of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. As depicted in the figures, guide straps **708** may have multiple configurations. In the depicted configuration, there are four rows of guide straps **708**. In some embodiments, there may be more than four rows of guide straps **708**. In some embodiments, there may be fewer than four rows of guide straps **708**. In the depicted configuration, the ends of retention element **710** are threaded through the first, uppermost row of guide straps **708** to route, position, and/or pin down the loose ends of retention element **710**, which are clasped together with clasp **713**. In some embodiments, the ends of retention element may be threaded in various configurations under and/or over the guide straps **708**. In the depicted configuration, the first uppermost row of guide straps is followed by a space and three guide straps beneath the space.

(26) The depicted embodiment of pouch **700** includes attachment straps **709** that are positioned substantially perpendicular to guide straps **708**. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** are used to attach pouch **700** to clothing, like a vest, pants, a bag, a belt, and other objects with suitable attachment sites. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** may be threaded under and over guide straps **708** for various configurations to attach pouch **700** to something. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** may be configured in various ways to accommodate various attachment sites of different sizes. For example, to attach pouch **700** to a backpack having a narrow gear loop attachment site, attachment straps may be threaded under the second, third, and/or fourth rows of guide straps. In another example, attachment straps **709** may be alternately threaded under each row of guide straps (ex: over first row, under second row, over third row, and under fourth row) to secure pouch **700** to an attachment site. In some embodiments, having alternate configurations of attachment straps **709** allow for different levels of how tightly or loosely pouch **700** is secured, attached, or hung from an attachment site. In some embodiments, alternate configurations of attachment straps **709** may allow for easier or more difficult removal of pouch **700** from an attachment site. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** have an additional tab towards the bottom of attachment straps that may serve as a stopper, hinge, or hook that abuts against guide strap **708** so that the attachment straps **709** are secure from slipping out from underneath guide strap **708**. In another example, to attach pouch **700** to a vest having a wide loop attachment site, attachment strap may be threaded under the third and/or fourth rows of guide straps **708** so as to accommodate the width of the loop attachment site on a vest.

(27) As depicted, attachment straps **709** and guide straps **708** are made of substantially the same, flexible material. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** and guide straps **708** are made of a flexible material, including canvas, nylon, cotton, polyester, leather, rubber, or any combination thereof. In some embodiments, having attachment straps **709** and guide straps **708** made of the same material ensures a secure attachment and easy removal from attachment site. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** and guide straps **708** may be made of different materials. In some embodiments, attachment straps **709** may further comprise a first side of a fastener, and guide straps **708** may further comprise a second side of a fastener, and first side of fastener will engage with the second side of fastener. In some embodiments, the complementary fastener on attachment straps **709** and guide straps may be one side of a hook and loop fastener, a snap button, a magnetic closure, a hook and eye closure, a button closure, and other types of complementary fasteners or closures. Additional complementary fasteners add an additional level of secure attachment and removal of pouch **700** from an attachment site.

(28) FIG. **8** shows rear view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure. FIG. **9** shows a front angled perspective view of a multi-purpose pouch, according to another embodiment of the present disclosure. In the depicted embodiment, multi-purpose pouch **900** comprises flap **903**, fastener element **905**, retention element **910**, securing tab **921**, and side sleeve **925**. In the depicted embodiment, flap **903** is folded backwards such that object **950** is

exposed for easy access. In some embodiments, flap **903** is tucked into the large pocket of pouch **900**. In some embodiments, flap **903** extends out and folds over such that flap **903** covers object **950** and the underside of flap **903** has a complementary fastener (not pictured) that fastens to fastener element **905**. In the depicted embodiment, retention element **910** is an elastic cord that is routed and/or threaded around pouch **900**. In the depicted embodiment, retention element **910** comprises securing tab **921**. In the depicted embodiment, securing tab **921** is tucked into side sleeve **925**.

(29) In the depicted embodiment, base **930** of pouch **900** is located at the bottom of pouch **900**. As depicted, base **930** is at substantially a 45-degree angle in relation to the back of pouch **900**. In some embodiments, the angle between base **930** and the back of pouch **900** is a substantially 90-degree angle. In some embodiments, the angle between base **930** and the back of pouch **900** is less than a 90-degree angle. In some embodiments, the angle between base **930** and the back of pouch **900** is greater than a 90-degree angle. In some embodiments, the angle between base **930** and the back of pouch **900** is between a range of 15-degrees to 165-degrees. In the depicted embodiment, base **930** has been configured at a substantially 45-degree angle such that objects **950** placed into pouch **900** are also positioned or stacked in the pouch according to the angle of base **930**. For example, depicted objects **950** are two rifle magazines next to each other, and due to the angled base **930** of pouch **900**, the front magazine rides higher or is positioned higher than the rear magazine. In the depicted embodiment, the 45-degree angle of base **930** positions and exposes the front magazine roughly one inch higher than the rear magazine so that a user may easily grasp and extract a magazine from pouch **900**, thereby giving a user shooter a purchase on the magazine. In some embodiments, objects **950** may be positioned or stacked at the same level in pouch **900**. In some embodiments, where magazines are stacked at the same level in pouch **900**, a user may have some difficulty and fumble while feeling around to grasp a magazine to extract from pouch **900**.

(30) In some embodiments, base **930** further comprises one or more support elements (not shown). In some embodiments, the support element is placed in the bottom of pouch **900**, thereby accentuating and reinforcing the angle of base **930** in relation to back of pouch **900**. In the depicted embodiment, base **930** is cut and sewn at a substantially 45-degree angle in relation to the back of pouch **900**, and a thin piece of plastic (not pictured) may be placed in the bottom of pouch **900** to accentuate and reinforce the angle of base **930** in relation to the back of pouch **900**. In some embodiments, the bottom of pouch **900** may further comprise one or more pockets and slots in which to insert the one or more support elements. In some embodiments, the support element may be removable or permanent. In some embodiments, the support element is made of one of metal, wood, polyethylene, cardboard, and any combination thereof.

(31) From the above description, it is manifest that various techniques can be used for implementing the concepts described in the present application without departing from the scope of those concepts. Moreover, while the concepts have been described with specific reference to certain implementations, a person having ordinary skill in the art would recognize that changes can be made in form and detail without departing from the scope of those concepts. As such, the described implementations are to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive. It should also be understood that the present application is not limited to the particular implementations described above, but many rearrangements, modifications, and substitutions are possible without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Claims

1. A multi-purpose pouch comprising: a pouch base, a pouch body having a first side, a second side opposite the first side, and a front, and a pouch back opposite the front, the pouch base and pouch body forming a pouch pocket, wherein a top portion of the pouch body and the pouch back define an aperture for receiving an object to be stored in the pouch pocket, wherein the pouch body

includes a fastener element; a closure flap extending from a top end of the pouch back, the closure flap comprising the complementary fastener element for engaging the fastener element when the multi-purpose pouch is in a closed configuration, and wherein the closure flap may optionally be stowed along a pouch side of the pouch back when the multi-purpose pouch is in an operational configuration; and a looped retention element having an initial end and a terminal end, the looped retention element forming a loop beginning at a retention element clasp, extending around a first side of the multi-purpose pouch and around the front of the multi-purpose pouch, through a front retention element guide, looping around a second side of the multi-purpose pouch, passing through a rear retention element guide positioned at a midpoint of the top end of the pouch side of the pouch back, continuing around the first side of the multi-purpose pouch passing through the front retention element guide in the opposite direction, continuing around the second side of the multi-purpose pouch, and passing through the retention element clasp, wherein the retention element clasp engages the initial and terminal ends of the looped retention element, wherein the retention element clasp is operable to allow a user to adjust a tension of the looped retention element by adjusting the length of the looped retention element.

2. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 1, further comprising a first securing tab and a second securing tab configured to engage the first securing tab to secure an object in the pouch pocket, the first securing tab engaged with a first securing section of the looped retention element extending between the front retention element guide and a first side of the rear retention element guide and a second securing tab engaged with a second securing section of the looped retention element extending between a second side of the rear retention element guide and the front retention element guide, the securing tabs configured to allow the user to engage the first securing tab with the second securing tab such that the looped retention element passes over an object in the pouch pocket as the looped securing element extents between the front retention element guide and the rear retention element guide.

3. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 2, wherein the securing tabs are engaged using a securing tab engagement interface.

4. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 3, wherein the securing tab engagement interface is hook-and-loop interface.

5. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 2, further comprising a first side sleeve on the first side of the multi-purpose pouch and a second side sleeve on the second side of the multi-purpose pouch, the side sleeves for stowing the securing tabs.

6. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 1, further comprising a clasp mount positioned proximate to the rear retention element guide, wherein the clasp mount secures the retention element clasp.

7. The multi-purpose pouch of claim 1, wherein the front retention element guide is a piece of webbing attached to the front of the pouch pocket creating a passage for the looping retention element and the rear retention element guide is a tube formed by a webbing attached to a top of the back of the multi-purpose pouch.