

# Pocket Tissue Pack Cover

You will need:

- 5 ½" (H) x 6 ½" (W) fabric for exterior
- 5 ½" (H) x 7 ½" (W) fabric for lining
- Matching thread
- Rotary cutter, ruler
- Temporary marking tool
- Basic sewing supplies



## 1. Sew the side seams

Lay the exterior fabric on top of the lining fabric, right sides together. Match up the shorter 5½ inch sides and sew them using a ¼ inch seam. Since the lining fabric is slightly wider than the exterior fabric, you should now have a tube that looks as pictured.



## 2. Press the side seams

While the fabric tube is still inside out, gently press each seam allowance so that the lining fabric is pressed towards the exterior fabric. Then turn the tube right side out. Press the seams towards the exterior fabric.



## 3. Press the edges of the tube

Press the edges of the cover so that a ¼ inch wide strip of the lining shows along each of the shorter sides of the exterior fabric. Make sure that both the ¼ inch strips of lining are straight all the way along and that both are identical in width. Press the side seams.

## 4. Sew the end seams

With the exterior fabric on top, on each of the longer sides, using a washable marking pen or pin, mark the exact center. Fold one short side in towards the center so that the edge is exactly at the dot. Pin in position.

Then fold the second short side in towards the center so that it meets the first side. Clip or pin in position. Make sure both sides are positioned at the dot and that there is no gap between them. Repeat on the other side.



5. Sew both end seams with a ¼ inch seam. Make sure to secure the ends of both seams by reverse stitching. To make sure that the stitching is secure at the center where both sides meet, do a couple more lines of stitching in the center. If desired, finish the raw seam edges a zigzag stitch or overedge stitch.

6. Press and Turn Turn the cover right side out, gently poke the corners out, and lightly press. Done!



## Easy Scrunchie

- 3 1/2" x 22" fabric strip • 9" of 1/4" elastic • Basic sewing supplies

1. Fold the fabric strip in half lengthwise, right sides facing. Pin. Make a small mark 1 1/2" from each of the top left and right corners of the pinned piece.

2. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch along the long edge, beginning at the mark on the left-hand side and stop at the mark on the other end. Be sure to secure your stitching on both ends.

3. Secure a large safety pin through one open end of the piece, and use it to turn the tube right-side out.

4. Fold the tube in half and carefully align the open top and bottom short edges. Pin these edges together and then stitch them with a 1/4" seam allowance to secure. This will form your fabric tube into a ring with a 3" opening along the outside edge.

5. Secure the safety pin through one end of the elastic. Thread the elastic through the open seam and all the way around the fabric ring. Remove the safety pin and overlap the raw ends of the elastic, stitching them together securely.

6. Close the opening of the scrunchie so that the side seams are aligned. Pin the opening shut and edge stitch 1/8" from the edge of the opening to close.



## Key Fob Wristlet

- 3" x 10" rectangle fabric
- 2" x 10" rectangle Pellon 987F Fusible Fleece
- Key Fob hardware and key ring
- Basic sewing supplies



1. Center fusible fleece rectangle on wrong side of fabric, fusible side down. Press in place.

2. Fold both long sides of the fabric rectangle over the fleece. Press.

3. Fold the piece in half lengthwise, being sure to keep the pressed edges neatly tucked in. Press and pin in place. Sew closed, as close to the open edge as possible. Repeat on the other side.

4. Even up both short ends of the piece, trimming away any fleece that is visible. Fold the rectangle in half and stitch across the short ends a few times to hold in place.

5. Place the fabric piece into the key fob hardware and lightly squeeze closed. (Use a piece of batting or felt to avoid scratching the metal.) If everything looks good, firmly clamp down on the key fob hardware to close.

# Chenille Hot Pad/Mug Rug/Pot Holder

*Be sure to use 100% cotton fabric!*



- One 9" square Insul-Bright
- Three 8" squares and one 9" square for the chenille top
- One 9" square for the back
- One 9" square cotton batting
- 2 ¼" strip for binding

1. Layer the three 8" squares, right side up, and center on top of the 9" square, also right side up. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.
2. Layer the back square (wrong side up), Insul-Bright, cotton batting. It's helpful to lightly spray baste these layers together. Center the top four layers on top. Pin along the drawn diagonal line to hold all the layers together.
3. Stitch along the line with a normal stitch length and a complementing thread. Lock your stitches at the beginning and end of each line. You're stitching on a bias, so be careful not to pull or distort the piece as you are stitching.
4. Continue to stitch diagonally across the piece approximately 3/8" apart until the entire piece is completed.
5. When you're done, use a chenille cutter or small sharp scissors to cut through the top **THREE** layers (not the fourth one!). This is the easy part, but take your time! The guide on the chenille cutter will allow you to evenly slice the fabric.
6. Square up your piece and bind using your preferred binding method. (It's easier to stitch the binding strip onto the chenille side.) If you wish to make the pad round, trace a circle and cut on the line. You'll need to cut your binding strip on the bias.

To add a hanger to a pot holder, do so before adding the binding. Cut a strip of fabric 2" wide x 5" long. Fold in half lengthwise, open and fold the raw edges into the center, refold and stitch along the long edge. Fold the hanger in half and pin where desired on the pot holder. Baste in place inside the seam allowance. Then add the binding.
7. Once the piece is completely sewn, wash and dry it to fluff up the fibers. Done!