

PURSE MEMO CASES

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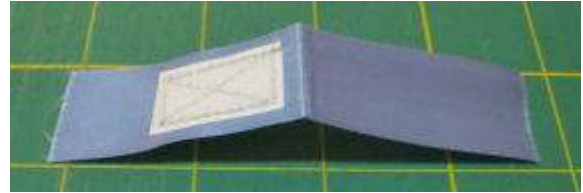
Supplies:

Vilene or aqua magic wash away stabilizer to fit your hoop
2 pieces of fabric cut to 6" x 8" for case, 1 piece of fabric cut to 5 1/2" x 8 for pocket
2 pieces of easy felt (or timtex) cut to 3 1/2" x 6"
1 piece of thin quilt batting 3/4" x 6" to place between the 2 pieces of eazy felt
1 piece of Velcro 5/8" or 3/4" wide x 1" long
1 piece of grosgrain ribbon 3/4" to 7/8" wide x 4" long (use color to coordinate with the fabric)
3/4" wide Stitch witchery
3" x 5" notepad or top spiral bound notebook.

TIP! STARCH YOUR FABRIC UNTIL NICE & CRISP FOR EASIER TRIMMING!!



1. Using 3/4" or 7/8" ribbon 4" long, iron a strip of iron on interfacing (cut slightly smaller) to one side of the ribbon to give it more substance. This becomes the wrong side.



2. Fold the ribbon in half (right side out) and press to crease. Open the ribbon flat & place the SCRATCHY side the 1" Velcro on the ribbon next to the fold. Stitch down on your sewing machine.



3. Now, fold the ribbon in half again, place stitch witchery inside the fold & press to bond the 2 sides so that it becomes one piece.



4. Take your pocket fabric 5 1/2 x 8 and fold 1" over along one 8" side. Place stitch witchery inside fold and iron until fabric is fused.

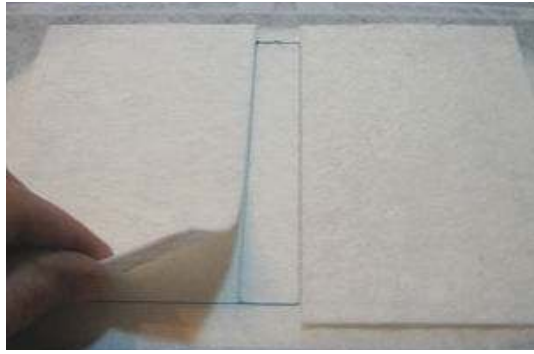
Note: Use the same color thread in your bobbin as the first color in the design to keep the final satin edge of the case the same color on both sides!



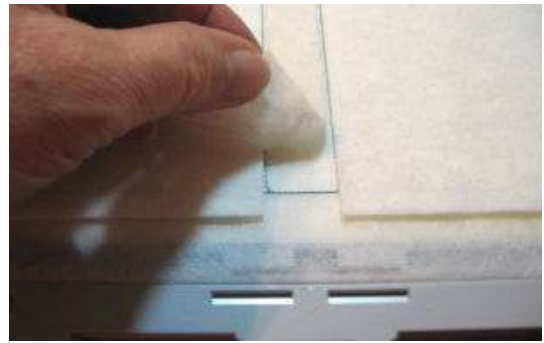
5. Stitch the outline on the stabilizer (no fabric yet) Notches are stitched on right at the top & bottom for pocket placement. The small rectangle at the top is for ribbon closure placement. With hoop on back side, extend the notches by marking 1" lines directly on the stabilizer. Mark lines up from each side of the small rectangle too.



6. With hoop still on the back side place your 6" x 8" fabric centered over the outline, tape or spray with adhesive to keep in place. (This picture shows the right side of the hoop, but the fabric should be placed over the outline on the back side of the hoop in this step!)



7. Flip hoop to front side & center the two pieces of eazy felt 3 1/2" x 6" over the outline keeping one edge just outside the stitched center lines.



8. Place the narrow strip of quilt batting centered in the middle of the two pieces of eazy felt.



9. Place your last piece of fabric 6" x 8" centered over the outline and felt/batting. Use spray adhesive or scotch tape to keep in place. Place hoop back on machine. (This picture shows the back side of the hoop but the front of the hoop should be facing up in this step!)



10. The next color stop tacks the felt/fabric down & stitches the outline for Velcro placement. The outline stitches twice. The next color stop stitches the quilted background (if no quilted background preferred, just skip this color)



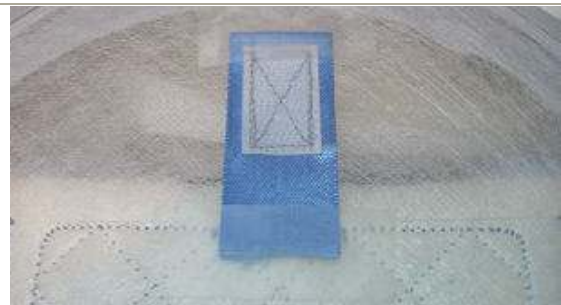
11. Place the fuzzy side of the Velcro centered over the small rectangle outline at the bottom. Use scotch tape to keep in place. Put hoop back on machine and stitch the Velcro down with the next color stop in the design.



12. Stitch the rest of the front design following the instructions in the text file. (Picture does not show the quilted background or Velcro at the bottom - these were added to the designs later!)



13. Remove hoop and trim the excess felt/fabric from around the outline on both sides of the hoop. Trim close to the stitches without cutting into them.



14. Flip hoop to back side and tape the ribbon closure (prepared earlier) between the lines on the stabilizer at center top with cut edge of ribbon extending inside the outline about 1/4". Velcro should be facing you!



15. Flip hoop to the back side, place the prepared pocket fabric over the outline keeping the folded edge even with the marks on the stabilizer on right side (top & bottom).



16. Tape in the fabric place at the corners and at the middle area of the folded fabric. Place hoop on machine and stitch next color stop to tack pocket fabric down.



17. Remove hoop, trim the pocket fabric close the outline. Do NOT cut into the ribbon closure as you're trimming! Leave the ribbon closure taped in place and put hoop back on machine.



18. The last color in the design stitches the final satin outline. (Picture does not show quilted background or ribbon closure - they were added to the designs later!)



19. Remove hoop & flip over. Trim the design from the stabilizer trimming at least 1/16" from the edge. Run a warm wet rag along the edge to dissolve the remaining stabilizer. Let dry.



20. And here is the finished purse memo case!

Here are some mechanical pencils I found that are short enough to fit these memo cases!



Office Depot - 10 mechanical pencils - \$2.99. These are the perfect length for the cases and are refillable!



Wal-Mart - 5 pack MINI mechanical pencils - \$1.29
A little shorter length but work nicely with the cases!