

Embroidered pencil case:



Materials

Outside fabric – 11” by 13” or 28cm by 33cm

Medium / stiff iron-on interfacing – same as outside fabric

Lining Fabric - same as outside fabric

Velcro – about 3 inches cut in 2 pieces.

Instructions:

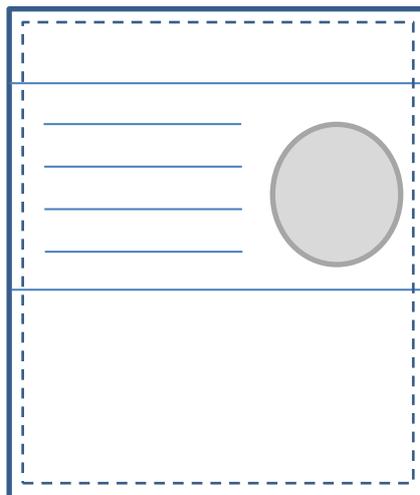
- 1) Iron outside fabric
- 2) Iron interfacing on back of outside fabric (damp cloth for 12secs)
- 3) Mark with an iron off or wash off pen or pin and tack loosely as below.

flap - 2 inches / 5.25cm

front - 5 ½ inches / 13.25cm

back - 5 ¼ inches / 13.25cm

(dotted line reminds us
there is a seam allowance)



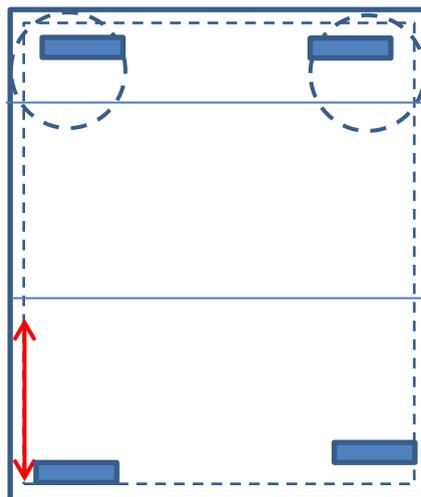
- 4) Choose a butterfly or other picture. Cut it out roughly and iron bond a web on the back.
- 5) Iron it on to the outside of the pencil case where the grey circle is

- 6) Mark 4 more lines on the same panel as the butterfly if needed.
- 7) Hand sew around the butterfly with blanket stitch or cross stitch or a stitch of your choice.
- 8) With a sewing machine sew along the lines using these techniques as you choose with a range of embroidery threads.. Test each stitch on a test piece as each machine sews with each thread differently :
 - a. Pin some fine ribbon or cord and “couch” them that is sew over them with a zig zag that goes from one side of the ribbon to the other. Do some small stitches at the end to fix the ribbon / cord.
 - b. Pick any stitch on the machine and adjust the length and width sew along the line
 - c. Sew 3 or 4 lines in normal straight stitch back wards and forwards but let the lines gently curve.
- 9) You can also sew lines of embroidery between the lines running the edge of the foot along a line of stitch (not a wobbly one!)
- 10) Take the lining fabric and pin the front to the front of the outside (so you can see the interfacing. Place the pins point inwards. The lining may be slightly bigger than the embroider piece as it can shrink when sewn.
- 11) With the piece interfacing up. Draw curves around the corners of the flaps – use a large reel of thread.

draw round cotton reels
in the corners of the flaps

solid rectangles show
where Velcro goes

don't sew where the arrow is
use this gap to turn the case
inside out.



- 12) Sew around the outside ¼ inch from the edge of the interfacing layer leaving a gap along one side at the other end from the flap.
- 13) Turn the case right side out through the gap and pull straight. Iron the edge flat – try not to iron off the lines across the case.
- 14) Sew Velcro to the flap and back of the pencil case. Sew the rough side to the side and the soft side to the flap so it does not scrape your hand when you use the pencil case.
- 15) Fold the bottom section (the back) on the line to form the main part of the pencil case and sew down the sides with a strong quilting type thread.

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