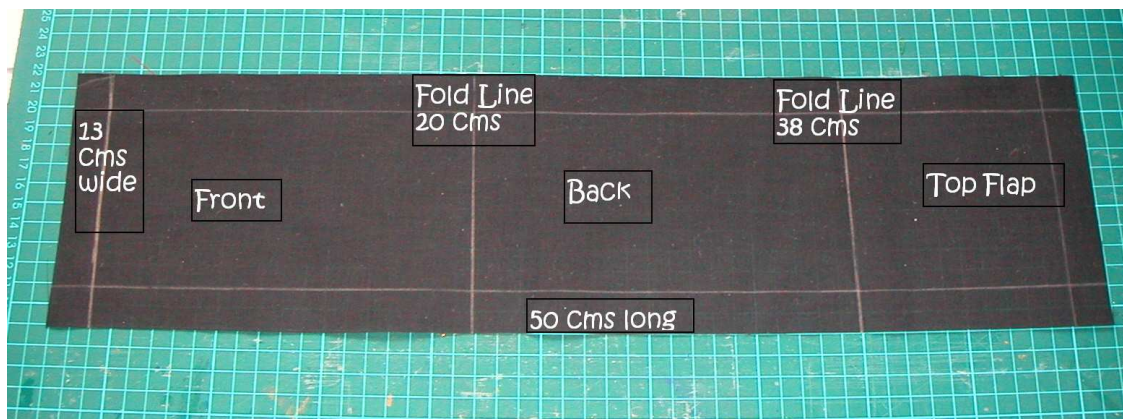# ROCKET PENCIL CASE

Materials needed:

1. black (or a very dark blue) material for the outside of the pencil case, measuring 13 cms x 50 cms
2. any colour material (for the lining) and wadding, both measuring 9 cms x 45 cms
3. bondaweb
4. a length of cord if making the neck purse
5. three strips of bright material which will be used for the rocket, and which measure 2 cms x 10 cms plus a triangle for the rocket cone (across the bottom should measure 6 cms)
6. embroidery threads, cotton threads, needles and scissors
7. some sort of fastening, e.g. Velcro strips, press studs, ribbon

Making the Case:

Cut out the black fabric and mark the bottom fold at 20 cms and the top fold at 38 cms, leaving 12 cms for the flap. This will leave a 2 cm strip all around (which is the hem and will be folded and sewn after you have added the wadding and lining).
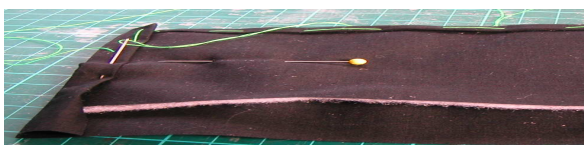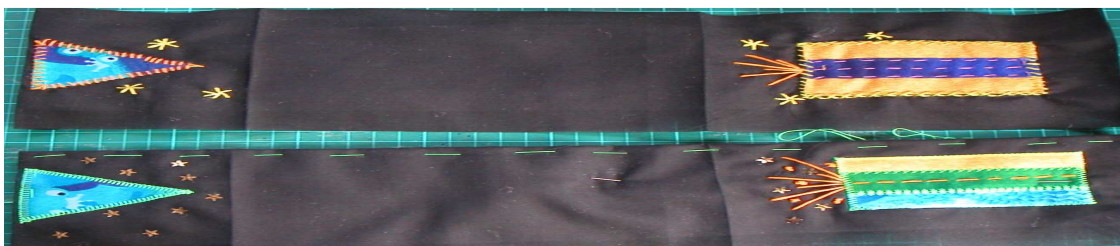

Using the three strips for the rocket – iron bondaweb onto the back of these and the back of the triangle. The base of the triangle should measure the same as the three strips. It can be as tall as you wish – but must fit on the flap.

Fold the bottom outside black material in and iron the strips onto the front, making sure they overlap slightly and are in the centre.

Fold over the top front flap and iron on the triangle but remember there will be a 2 cm gap which will form the hem.

Unfold the case and pin the wadding in the centre. You can now stitch around the rocket and nose cone and embroider as you wish. You could add on sequins or stars or French knots which will quilt the material and also look like the night sky. You can do this by hand or using a sewing machine with fancy stitches. From the bottom of the middle strip of the rocket make long stitches to represent the tail of sparks.

Finally put the lining on top of the wadding and pin into place. Fold over all the edges twice and stitch down, using a single strand of cotton thread, all the way around OR use a machine to sew down. It might be helpful to tack this in place first

Fold the back and front of the case together and overstitch both sides, using two strands of cotton thread.

If you want to have a fastening, you can sew on Velcro strips, or a press stud, or even two pieces of ribbon, one from the middle of the rocket and one from the middle of the nose cone, and tie in a bow

You could also make this into a neck purse by sewing a cord across the fold line underneath the flap. Or you could even make a case for glasses or sunglasses.

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