

## Grab and Go Sewing Caddy

### Supplies:

1 fat quarter fabric **or** two complementary overall print fabric is best 10" x 16"

1 13x10 inch piece of batting (fusible or regular batting scrap will work)

1 3" piece of Velcro in color to match your fabric (sew in Velcro works best)

4 zipper style **freezer** bags, quart size (be sure to get the zipper type like Hefty, not the press and seal, bags without writing on them are difficult to find)

### Cutting Directions:

From fabric choices, cut 2 rectangles 12  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches by 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches for outside of bag and lining. Cut one 3"x 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for bottom casing inside bag.

Trim batting scrap to 12  $\frac{3}{4}$  "by 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  ".

**Assembly:** Lay batting on wrong side of the fabric to be used for the outside of the bag. Fuse or pin batting in place. Place lining fabric on top of outside fabric, right sides together. Angle trim all four corners by marking in 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in from each corner, cut on an angle between the 2 marks. Repeat for all four corners.

Remove the lining piece and set aside the outside piece with batting pinned to wrong side.

Lay the lining piece right side up with short end up. Measure down one inch from top at the center and mark. Draw a light pencil line for the 3" Velcro placement. Separate the Velcro. Center one of the pieces of Velcro at the mark pin in place. Turn the other short end up and repeat. Test to be sure Velcro will line up when bag is folded. Sew the Velcro in place.

With right sides together pin and sew all around using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam, leaving an opening to turn. Trim corners, turn, and press. Top stitch all around. Outer cover is complete.

Place case with lining short side facing up. Find the center of the long side and mark on each side with a pin. Take one zipper bag and place on lining with top of bag below Velcro and just under the angled edge. **Zipper should be on the left side.** Tape down at edges with painter's tape to hold in place. Add a second bag on top of the first in the exact same position and also tape down. Turn the case with the other short side up and repeat this process with the other two bags. Once all four bags are taped down, sew across the center line (marked with the pins). Remove the tape. Cut off the bottoms of the bags about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch beyond the seam line leaving the zipper pull sections in place.

Fold the 3" x 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece in half long ways, right sides together and sew around the length and one end leaving the other end open to turn. Turn, tuck in open end and press. Center this casing over the center seam of the bag to encase the seam and bag edges. Adjust the length to your bag, fold in the open end once you have determined your length. Sew all around and then sew down the center.

**Your bag is complete.** Embellish as desired. Fill with your quick to grab sewing items.

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