



Shop Hop

ORGANIZER



MATERIALS:

1/2 yard for Main Cover Fabric & front pocket
1/2 yard for Lining, back pocket & handles
3/8 yard Fusible batting
3/4 yard Medium Weight Interfacing

NOTIONS:

Elastic Hair tie or 4-inch piece of elastic
1 large button
6 gallon size ziplock freezer bags
Sewing Supplies & thread
Fabric clips (optional)

READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING. PRESHRINK AND PRESS FABRICS. SEW PIECES RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER (RST) AND USE A 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE THROUGHOUT. WOF = WIDTH OF FABRIC, LOF = LENGTH OF FABRIC

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

From Main Cover Fabric:

Cut [2] – 12" × 13" rectangle

From Lining Fabric:

Cut [2] – 12" × 13" rectangle

From Pocket 1 Fabric:

Cut [1] – 7" × 16" rectangle

From Pocket 2 Fabric:

Cut [1] – 10" × 16" rectangle

From Fusible Batting:

Cut [1] – 13" × 25" rectangle

From Weight Interfacing:

Cut [1] – 13" × 25" rectangle
Cut [1] – 7" × 16" rectangle
Cut [1] – 10" × 16" rectangle
Cut [2] – 1-1/2" × 16" rectangle

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Outside Cover

1. Sew (2) 13" square pieces together using 1/4" seam.

Note: This seam will be at the bottom crease of your organizer so be sure that you position directional fabrics correctly.

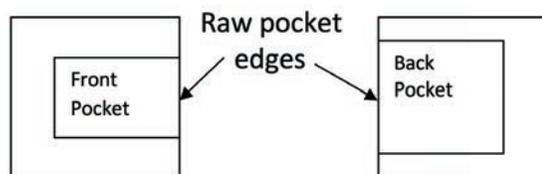
2. Press seam open. Fuse the fusible batting to the wrong side of the cover piece. Quilt as desired.

Pockets

1. Fuse interfacing to wrong sides of pocket pieces.
2. Fold each pocket in half with RST. This will give you a 7" × 8" and an 8" × 10" rectangle.
3. Using 1/4" seams sew all 8" side seams. Turn right side out. Press.
4. Topstitch along folds which will be the top of the pockets.

Pocket Positioning

1. Center each pocket on one of the 13" × 13" inch lining pieces with raw edges of the pocket even with the lining edge. Pin in place.



2. Stitch pockets in place along each side using 1/8" seam. Sew dividing lines as desired to hold pens, notebooks etc.

Lining

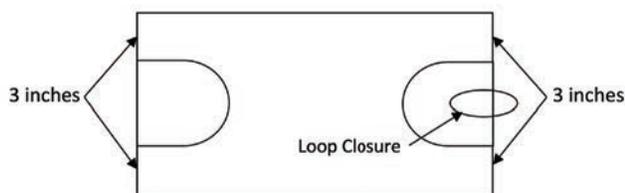
1. With RST and using 1/4" seam, sew lining/pocket pieces along the bottom raw pocket edge. Press seam open.
2. Fuse 13" × 25" piece of interfacing to wrong side of lining piece.

Handles

1. Center 1-1/2" × 16" interfacing strips to the wrong side of each handle piece. Fuse in place.
2. Fold and press the 16" fabric edges over the interfacing 1/2" on each long side. Fold the handle in half to create 3/4" × 16" strip. Press. Topstitch 1/8" from each long side.
2. Fuse 13" × 25" piece of interfacing to wrong side of lining piece.

Handle Position

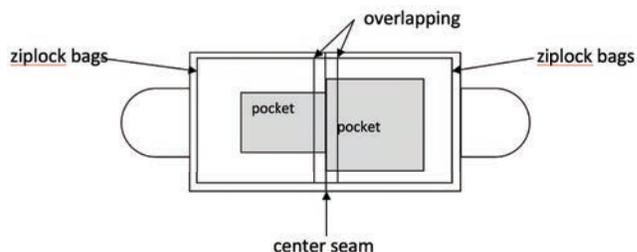
1. Pin handles as shown, 3" from the side edges on the right side of the outside cover piece. Baste in position. Remove pins.



Putting It All Together

1. Pin cover to lining with RST. The handles and half of the loop closure will be sandwiched between the cover and lining.
2. Stitch around all outside edges using a 1/2" seam, leaving 4-5" open on one side for turning. Clip corners.

3. Turn organizer right sides out. Press. Topstitch around all edges.
4. Position [6] ziplock bags with bag bottoms overlapping the center seam line (3 bags going in each direction) on the lining side of the organizer. The overlap should be about 1/2".
5. Secure with fabric clips (see diagram below). Sew in place through all layered bags at 1/4" on each side of the center line.



6. Stitch button in place on outside of organizer. Congratulations! You are ready to put your new organizer to use. Have fun filling it with all your quilt shop finds.

Also use to organize: coupons, school permission slips, greeting cards, vacation information, quilt blocks, hand-stitching projects.



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I am a mom of 4 and have been sewing and quilting for over 40 years. After spending time as both a customer and an employee of brick and mortar quilt shops, I started my own business "The Sassy Sunflower". I design quilt patterns and kits using five half yard cuts of fabric to make an entire quilt top, called Half Pack Quilts. I also create sewing and quilting videos and tutorials that are available on my website, www.sassysunflowerquilts.com. Putting my own creative twist on projects has always been important to me and I encourage others to do the same ... that is why I strive to incorporate this potential for unique creativity into all Sassy Sunflower designs. I also enjoy presenting trunk shows for guilds and other sewing groups. I am passionate about presenting "quilting" in a positive way, so that others can find in it the same joy that I have experienced.