

Weekend Retreat Travel Case

Fabric Requirements – 3 Fat Quarters

Cutting Instructions

Fabric

Cut 2 – 7 ½" x 17"	Outside back and flap & Inside lining
Cut 1 – 7 ½" x 16"	Back inside pocket
Cut 1 – 7 ½" x 13"	Middle inside pocket
Cut 1 – 7 ½" x 10"	Front inside pocket
Cut 1 – 2" x 32"	Optional handle

Batting

Cut 1 – 7 ½" x 17"	Main interfacing
Cut 1 – 7 ½" x 5"	Pocket interfacing

Velcro

Cut 1 – 1" x 3 ½"	Hook and Loop
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- Step 1.** Make the inside front pocket. Lay the front pocket fabric, 7 ½" x 10", face down and place the pocket batting, 7 ½" x 5", across one end. Fold the pocket fabric around the batting by folding it in half to form a 7 ½" x 5" Pocket. Mark the center of the pocket and lay the hook side of the velcro ¼" down from the folded edge of the pocket. Top stitch along the folded edge ¼" down from the edge making sure to catch the velcro. Stitch a second parallel line 1 ¼" down from the folded edge catching the other edge of the velcro. Top stitch both short ends of the velcro to complete the pocket.
- Step 2.** Fold the back pocket in half, wrong side together, and top stitch ¼" down from the folded edge. Repeat for the middle pocket.

Step 3. Layer the middle and front inside pockets aligning raw edges with velcro facing out. Mark a line 2" in from both edges of the pocket and top stitch the two pockets together along these lines.

Step 4. Layer the back and middle/front inside pockets aligning raw edges. Mark one line down the middle (3 ½" in from both sides) and top stitch along this line. Layer pocket on top of inside lining along one edge and baste together 1/8" in from the raw edges, do NOT sew down along folded edges.

Step 5. Place outside back and flap, 7 ½" x 17, on top of the main batting piece and quilt. A 1" cross hatch or stipple quilt will give a nice look to your travel case.

Step 6. Layer the quilted piece face up with the inside lining right side down. Clip the corners for a rounded effect then sew together using a ¼" seam allowance around the case leaving a 3" opening along one of the long edges (preferably on the flap end). Turn right side out.

Step 7. Press the project flat and top stitch using an 1/8" seam allowance around the complete project, making sure to close the opening used for turning the project.

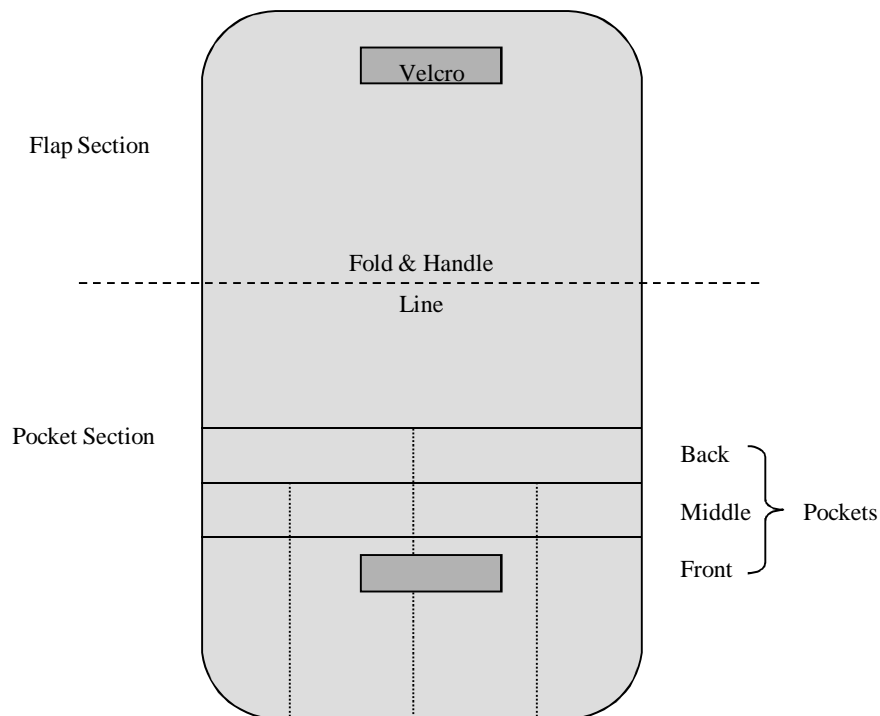
Step 8. Fold the "flap" closed and mark the flap for velcro placement. Sew the velcro around all four edges to secure.

Step 9. *OPTIONALLY*, take a 2" x 32" piece of fabric and fold both edges to the middle, folding widthwise. Fold in half widthwise, sandwiching the raw edges in the middle. Top stitch 1/8" from both edges to make a handle. Close the flap of the bag to form two sections (flap and pocket) and mark this line.

Step 10 Lay 4" from one end of the handle along the line between the flap and pocket and stitch down along the center of the handle. Starting on top of the handle section already attached lay 4" from the other end of the handle along the same center line. Fold over the raw end and stitch down this end of the handle covering the raw edge of the other end of the handle.

Step 11. Fill your bag with tools and you're ready to go!

Placement Guide



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The perfect accessory for your next sewing retreat. Carry your extra cutting mat, scissors, rotary cutter, marking pens and more in this convenient travel case. Use it for a notebook and pens for class or how about jewelry and make-up for a weekend away.