

Quick Gift Makes—Even your grandkids can make most of these!

Coasters/Wine Markers

Fabric Requirements

5 X 5" squares per coaster

Instructions

Link: <http://sochickhandbags.blogspot.com/2013/10/sew-easy-criss-cross-coaster-tutorial.html> (this one uses fusible fleece, but you can use batting, or neither)

- Fold 4 of the squares in half, either into rectangles or triangles. Press.
- Place the unfolded square right side up, then place the other, folded squares with raw edges to the outside, overlapping ("braided") as demonstrated. Make sure they are neatly aligned on the edges.
- Sew around the outer edges with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Trim corners, then turn right side out. Press.



Kleenex Pocket

(Make a matching one to go with a make-up pouch/car kit!)

Fabric Requirements

3 Rectangles 4" X 5 3/4"

2 Squares 4" X 4"

Instructions

Link: <http://quiltandsewforever.blogspot.com/2014/09/braided-patches-tissue-holder-tutorial.html>

- Fold 2 rectangles in half (lengthwise) to measure 2" X 5 3/4". Press.
- Fold 2 squares in half. Press.
- Place the unfolded rectangle right side up, then place the folded pieces with raw edges to the outside, overlapping ("braided") as demonstrated. Be sure to line everything up around the edges nicely.
- Sew around the outer edges with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Trim corners, then turn right side out. Press.

Note: if you'd like to add a loop, cut a piece of ribbon or similar to around 3 1/2", fold in half, and place with end bits to the outer edge and in the centre of a short edge of the bottom fabric before placing the folded pieces on top.



Another Kleenex Pocket

Fabric Requirements

1 piece of fabric for “binding” and inner lining: 7 3/4” X 5 3/4”

1 piece of fabric for outer: 6 3/4” X 5 3/4”

Instructions

Link: <http://sewscrumptious.blogspot.com/2014/03/mothers-day-gift-tutorials-tissue-holder.html?m=1>

- Place both fabrics right sides together.
- Sew down short edges (the one is longer than the other, so they won't lie flat yet).
- Turn right side out, with shorter fabric on top. Position so that each “binding” is of equal width. Press.
- With short side still on top, fold each long edge to the centre. Press.
- Sew along each short edge with a 1/4” seam allowance.
- Trim corners, then turn right side out. Press.

Note: if you'd like to add a loop, cut a piece of ribbon or similar to around 3 1/2”, fold in half, and place with end bits to the outer edge in the centre of a short edge (where the “bindings” meet) between the layers.



Other web links

Spencer Ogg Bummitum Bum Bag (for doggy friends) free pattern and fabulous video tutorial : <https://www.spencerogg.com/bummitum-bum-bag-free-sewing-project/>

Emmaline Bags for retreat bag hardware and free pattern: <https://emmalinebags.com/>

Round Make-up or Activity Drawstring Bags (video tutorial): <https://mycrafts.com/diy/tutorial-drawstring-bag/>

Gift bags/reusable shopping bags: <http://jembellish.blogspot.com/2014/04/shopping-bags-from-bedding-upcycle.html?m=1> (works great with two-sided fabric like batiks—very quick sew, can be made in varying sizes)

Becky West pouch instructions (for car kits, or anything else): please email me and I'll copy and send (with Becky's permission).