

Drawstring phone/sunglasses case



Glossary of terms:

Backstitch - sewing backward and forward at the beginning and end of a seam

Zig zag – it's a back-and-forth stitch used where a straight stitch will not suffice

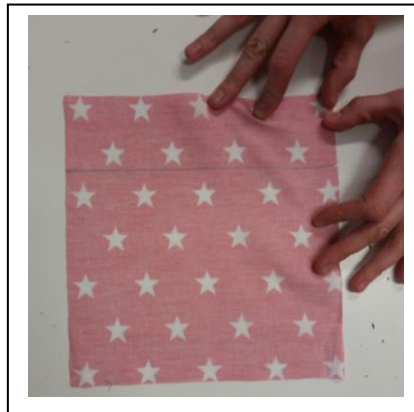
Hem - the edge of a piece of cloth folded narrowly and sewn to prevent unravelling of the fabric

Right side of fabric - "printed" or "pretty" surface of the fabric

Wrong side of fabric - the other surface, opposite to right ☺ usually has more faded colour

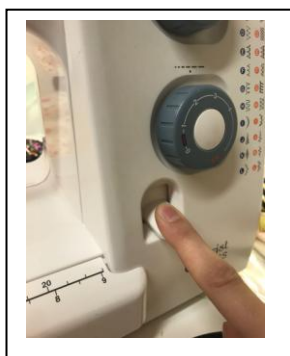
You will need:

- A square piece of fabric 23x23 cm. Use non-stretch cotton, or if you are a more experienced sewer you can try velvet or jersey/sweatshirting fabric
- Matching colour polyester branded sewing thread (e.g. Coats, Moon, Gutermann)
- 40-50 cm length ribbon (up to 2.5cm wide)
- Chalk pencil or wash-out fabric marker and a ruler – use these to mark the line 6 cm down from the top edge on the wrong side of the fabric:



Notes throughout

- To secure each line of stitching **backstitch 3-4 stitches** at the beginning and the end (i.e. when you start sewing and when you finish just before removing item from machine.
- to sew straight seams use masking tape on the base of the machine as a guide



1. Zig zag your fabric edges to stop fraying

(Machine setting: 3 step zigzag D, top dial stitch width 5, bottom dial stitch length 1.5)

Zig zag all four edges as close to the fabric edge as possible – stitch drops off edge to the right to 'bind' frayed edge.



2. **Turn the corners in** approx 2.5 cm across and 6 cm down using the snips on fabric as guidance



3. **Fold top edge down** to the wrong side of the fabric to meet the line, giving you a 3cm deep turning and press flat with the iron. Pop a couple of pins in, heads sticking outside the fabric



4. **Place the ribbon into the fold**, pushing it up into the fold to keep out of the way while stitching next

5. **To stitch down the top folded edge**
Place masking tape on base of sewing machine 2cm away from the needle to use next as 2 cm sewing guide.

(Stitch settings: Top dial A, bottom dial stitch length 2.8)

Stitch the top hem approx 2 cm from fold line with the ribbon in place (pin ribbon away from stitching if needed)



5. Sew the sides and bottom closed with a 1cm seam allowance:

Place masking tape on base of the machine the 1 cm line (1cm away from the needle) to use as a guide.

Sew the side and the bottom up (right sides together) with a 1 cm seam allowance



6. Snip seam allowance at bottom corners off at an angle and turn case the right way out. Use closed scissors/knitting needle/chopstick to gently push corners out fully.

7. Press case flat pulling the seams out to the edges.



Where to buy sewing fabric and notions:

- **Fabric Land on Western Rd Brighton** is cheapest for EVERYTHING and has a large range of commercial garment patterns. fabricland.co.uk/brighton.htm | 76 Western Road, Brighton, West Sussex BN1 2HA 01273 822257
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