

Tie Phone Case

Create this phone holder that cradles your phone in a soft lining and an extra pocket for either your credit cards or cash. The handy wristlet makes it easy to leave your purse behind when you're on the go. This project requires a few sewing skills and will give you the confidence to create new and unique projects from recycled items. So, shop your closet or thrift shops to find beautiful, unused ties. Make one for yourself or make them as gifts.

Approximate Finished Size: 6¼" x 4"

Supplies Needed:

- Men's dress tie
- Fusible mid-weight interfacing
- Heavy weight non-woven interfacing
- One magnetic closure
- 1" Create-a-Strap Interfacing
- ½" d-ring

Helpful Notions

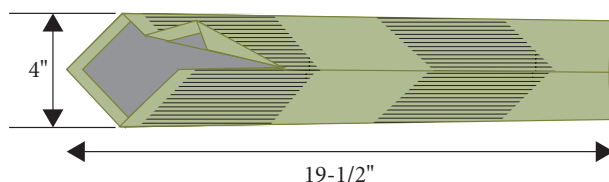
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Seam ripper
- Pressing cloth
- Erasable fabric marking pen or pencil
- Optional: Wonder Clips

Instructions:

Read all instructions before beginning project. All seam allowances are ¼", unless otherwise stated.

1. Prepare the tie:

- Remove inside label and set aside for possible future use.
- Using a seam ripper, unstitch the interior seam of tie, starting from wide end, remove inside stitches.
- Cut the tie to a length of 19½". Set remaining piece aside for wrist strap.
- Open the back of the tie, keep all interior interfacing and lining in place and press flat removing all interior seams and side creases.
- Measure the width of the tie at its widest point to determine the width of the phone case. Our phone case measures 4".

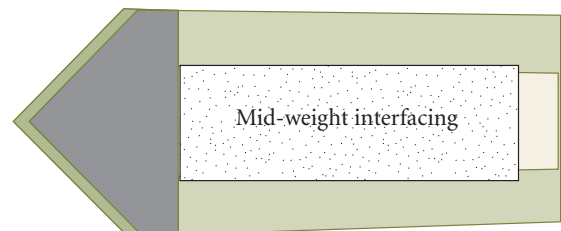


2. Add interfacing:

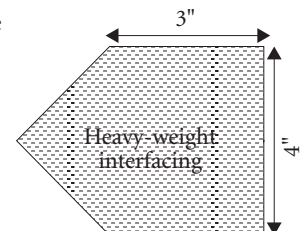
- From the fusible mid-weight interfacing, cut a 4" (width of tie) x 11¾".



- Fuse the interfacing on the inside of the tie, over the original interfacing, just above the tie's lining. Cover with pressing cloth and follow manufacturer's instructions.



- Using the tie as a pattern, trace the "tie point". Add a 3" x 4" rectangle to the straight edge of the tie point, as illustrated below. Cut out the "tie point" from the heavy weight interfacing.
- Slide the interfacing under the lining and securely tuck in between the tie lining and original tie interfacing.



Note: Stitching is not needed at this point. The snap in step 3 will hold the interfacing in place.

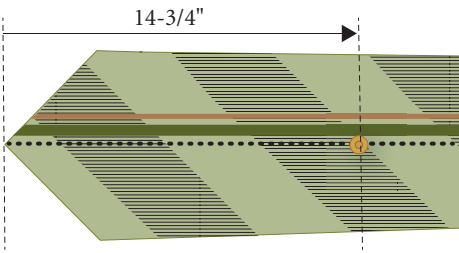
3. Add snap:

- Mark the location of the snap cover:
 - Measure 2½" down from the tip of the tie. Mark on the interior side of the tie using a fabric marking pen or pencil.
 - Secure the snap cover through the tie lining and interfacing only, following manufacturer's instructions.

Note: The snap cover is not visible on the front side of the phone case.

- Mark the location of the snap socket:
 - Measure approximately 14¾" down from the tip of the tie. Mark the location on the exterior side of the tie.

- Secure the snap socket thru the interfacing and exterior tie fabric only, following manufacturer's instructions.



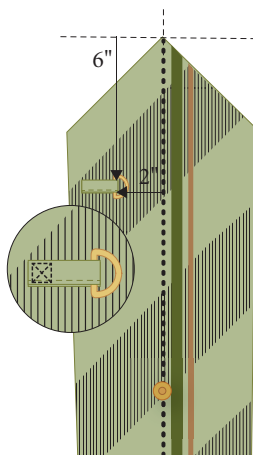
4. Construct wrist strap:

- From remaining tie fabric, create wrist strap:
 - Cut 2 1/4" x 18" piece and press fabric open and flat.
 - Cut one piece of Create-a-Strap interfacing 18" in length.
 - Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of tie fabric following manufacturers' instructions.
 - Fold the tie fabric along the perforations. Fold the strap again in half with the long outer folds aligned. Press flat.
 - Edge stitch both sides of the strap. Strap measures approximately 1/2" x 18".



5. Add d-ring with strap to phone case:

- Cut a 3 1/2" piece from the wrist strap made above. Slip d-ring on, press 1/2" along one short end. Meet the pressed end to the opposite cut end. Pin or Wonder Clip in place.
- Open inside flaps and with right side up, lay tie flat on work surface. Align the d-ring strip on the left flap, with the d-ring place on the inside flap, approximately 6" from tie point and 2" from center of tie, as shown below. Stitch in place with either a straight or box stitch.

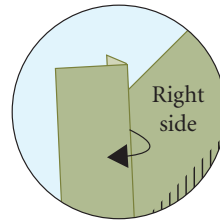
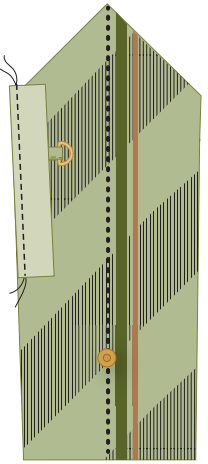


- Add the wrist strap to the d-ring:
 - Slide the remaining piece of the wrist strap through the ring. Overlap the two short edges close to the ring. Stitch the two ends and strap together to secure the strap to the ring.

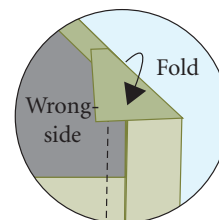
6. Create body of phone case:

- Finish right edge of tie inside flap:
 - Create a binding by cutting a 1 1/2" x 8" piece from remaining tie fabric.

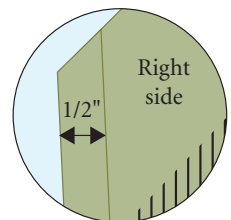
- Place the binding strip so that it aligns with the raw edge, right sides together, and binding extends approximately 1/2" beyond the upper edge. Stitch.
- Press binding over the raw edge covering the seam.
- Fold top edge of extended binding to the wrong side. Press.
- Fold binding to the wrong side, make sure the binding width measures 1/2". Pin in place and press. Stitch in the ditch to secure the binding.



Press to cover seam

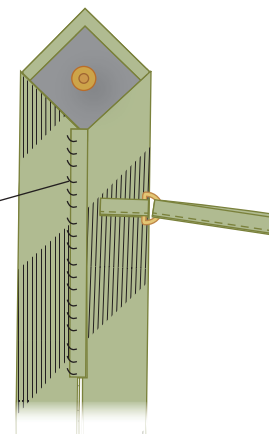


Fold to wrong side



Fold binding in

- Stitch the center seam of the tie:
 - Fold the sides of the tie so it measures the width determined in step 2. Press the sides flat.
 - Overlap right side over left with the binding on top. Slip stitch the binding to the left side of tie along the length of the binding.



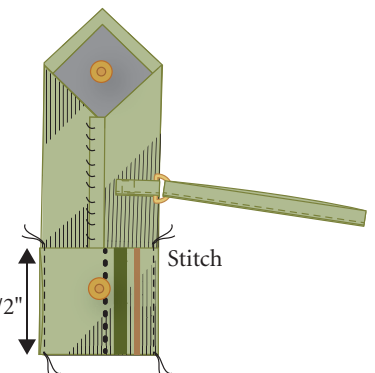
Note: When hand stitching, be careful not to catch the lining of the tie.

7. Complete the cell phone case:

- Fold the bottom edge up 3 1/2", refold the edge again. Pin or Wonder Clip the sides in place.

Note: The snap socket should be positioned at the top of the pocket. If not, refold until you get the snap socket in the right spot.

- Stitch the sides of the pocket. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each side. Remove pins as you sew.



8. Finishing touch:

- Embellish the cell phone case as desired:
 - Add the inside label on the front of the case to give it a designer look.
 - Embroider a favorite design either by hand or machine.
 - Add antique buttons, pins, or favorite costume jewelry.