# Scissor Pouch

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A quilted scissor pouch to keep your scissors safe when on the go. This pattern comes in two sizes for small and medium sized scissors. It's small size and easy to make method make it perfect for using up scraps of fabric.

The small pouch is designed for scissors up to 9cm (3-1/2") long. The medium pouch is designed for scissors up to 15cm (6") long.

## Materials you'll need

- Medium Weight Cotton Fabric
  - 2 pieces of 15 x 18cm for small pouch
  - 2 pieces of 20 x 25cm for medium pouch
- · Fusible fleece, low loft batting or foam stabiliser
  - 1 piece of 15 x 18cm for small pouch
  - 1 piece of 20 x 25cm for medium pouch
- 1cm Double fold bias tape
  - 1m for small pouch
  - 1.2m for medium pouch

## Other supplies and tools you'll need

- Polyester thread
- Marking tool such as tailors chalk or water soluble pen
- Sewing scissors or rotary cutter and mat
- Size 12/80 Universal needle
- (optional) 1cm snap button.



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# Instructions

## Seams are finished with bias binding.

### **Preparation**

#### Quilting the Fabric

The process of quilting the fabric will shrink it. It is important to cut the fabric several centimetres larger than the pattern dimensions. Quilt the fabric to fusible fleece/low loft batting or foam stablizer then cut out the pattern.

Cut 2 pieces of fabric and 1 piece of fleece 15 x 20cm for small pouch 20 x 25cm for medium pouch

Fuse fleece to exterior fabric according to the manufacturer's instructions.



Quilt using any method you like. For the most basic method, quilt using straight vertical lines. Start at the centre and work out in both directions. Width is up to you. The pictured samples used a width of 2cm.

Tip: Sew with the right side facing up.
Alternate the end you start sewing to keep the fabric centred on the fleece



#### Cutting the pattern

Cut the pattern after quilting.

For a right handed pouch, put the pattern on the right side of the fabric. For a left handed pouch, put the pattern on the wrong side of the fabric.

Trace around the pattern using your preferred marking tool. It is safe to use a pen or pencil to trace as the line will be covered by bias tape later.

Cut out one piece of quilted fabric.

#### Making your own bias tape

#### Step 1: Cut your fabric on the bias.

Line up your fabric on your cutting mat and fold it diagonally to find a 45-degree cut line between the lengthwise grain and the cross-grain on your fabric. Cut along that diagonal line using a rotary cutter or scissors.

#### Step 2: Create your strips

Measure strips at a width of 4cm and mark all across your fabric. This will give you enough width to create 1cm double fold binding. Cut the strips

#### Step 3: Connect the strips

Square off the ends of your strips. Align the ends, right sides together, at a 90degree angle. Pin diagonally so the strips will line up neatly once sewn.

Tip: If it helps, you can mark a guideline with a pen.

#### Step 4: Stitch and Trim

Stitch along the diagonal (where you placed your pins) using a 2.5 stitch length. (Remove your pins before you sew.)
Trim the seam allowance to about 0.5cm.
Press the seam allowance flat.

#### Step 5: Create the double fold

Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Fold one side of the strip almost to the center and press. Repeat for the other side. Press the bias tape once more with all folds in place. This time when folding in half make one side slightly (1-2mm) longer than the other.

Tug the tape slightly as you press. This will help prevent the tape from twisting.

You now have 1cm bias tape ready to use.

Tip: Use a glass head pin to pin the fabric to the ironing board as you press. Beware as the pin will get hot.

Use a tailors clapper, spray starch or water to give you crisper folds

### **Sewing Instructions**

#### Step 1: Make the strap

Cut 40cm (small pouch) or 45cm (medium pouch) of bias tape. Fold the ends of the tape to the inside to hide the raw edges and sew together.

# Step 2: Sew bias tape to the inside edge.

Leaving about a 0.5 to 1cm tail, line up the bias tape with the right side of the inside edge. Use the bias tape on the right side. Sew along the crease. (Approximately 8mm seam allowance)

Fold the tape over to the wrong side making sure the tape covers the sewing line you just made. With the right side facing sew 2mm from the edge of the bias tape. Trim off the excess.





Tip: Use glue to hold the bias tape down on the wrong side.





Step 3: Fold the pouch

Fold the pouch along the centre fold line and baste the two sides in place 0.3cm from the raw edge.



# Step 4: Sew the bias tape to the outer edge

Starting at one of the bottom corners, leaving about a 1cm tail, line up the bias tape with the right sides together. Sew along the crease. (Approximately 8mm seam allowance).

Tip: When you get to the highest corner, snip the tape within the seam allowance to make it easier to turn.





At the corners, fold the ends inside to hide the raw edges. Fold the tape over to the wrong side making sure the tape covers the sewing line you just made. With the right side facing sew 2mm from the edge of the bias tape.

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Step 4: Sew on the strap Find the centre of the top flap edge. Leaving a 17cm tail, sew the strap to the flap in line with the bias tape.





