



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

- 3/8 yd (35cm) main fabric
- 3/8 yd (35cm) lining fabric coordinate
- 1/4 yd (23cm) each of three pocket fabric coordinates
- 1/4 yd (23cm) binding fabric
- 1/4 yd (23cm) lightweight batting, 60" (152.5cm) wide
- 1/4 yd (23cm) medium-weight fusible woven interfacing
- One flower button, 3/4" (2cm)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Removable marker

SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

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When you do handwork, there's always a challenge of keeping track of small scissors, thread, needles, pins, etc.—and don't forget glasses? This handy chatelaine keeps all the necessities in one convenient place—around your neck.

MEASUREMENTS

55" x 5" (140cm x 13cm) (at the widest portion)

CUTTING

From the main fabric and lining fabric, cut:

(2) strips, 6" x 29" (15cm x 74cm)

From your choice of pocket fabrics, cut:

(1) rectangle, 5" x 8½" (13cm x 22cm), for flat pocket

(1) rectangle 8" x 6½" (20.5cm x 16.5cm), for divided pocket

(1) rectangle, 8½" x 5½" (22cm x 14cm), for scissor pocket

(2) circles, 3½" (9cm), for pin cushion

(1) rectangle, 7" x 5½" (18cm x 14cm), for glasses band

From the binding fabric, cut:

(3) strips, 2 1/8" x width-of-fabric (WOF) (5.5cm x WOF)

From the interfacing, cut:

(1) rectangle, 8½" x 5½" (22cm x 14cm), for scissor pocket

(1) rectangle, 7" x 5½" (18cm x 14cm), for glasses band

From the batting, cut:

(1) strip, 6" x 60" (15cm x 152.5cm)

Seam allowances are 1/4" (.64cm).

PREPARATION

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse each interfacing rectangle to its respectively sized fabric rectangle wrong side.



ASSEMBLING THE BASE

1. From each of the lining and the main fabrics, sew one short end together and press the seam allowance open.
2. With wrong sides together, layer the lining fabric, batting and main fabric and pin the strip edges together.
3. Using the removable marker, mark 11" (28cm) from the center seam on each half of the strip. Mark the center of the short seam. At the seamline, center and draw a line 2½" (6.5cm) wide. Connect the 11" (28cm) mark to the 2½" (6.5cm) mark tapering the piece on both halves to 5" (13cm) wide below the 11" (28cm) mark. The reason for this to reduce the width (and bulk) at the center back neckline for a more comfortable fit.

4. Using a long stitch, machine-baste on the marked lines through all layers creating a shape that's 2½" (6.5cm) wide at the center back neckline seam and 5" (13cm) wide at the bottom of both halves. Trim the fabric layers just outside the stitching lines. Press.

ASSEMBLING THE POCKETS

Note: The pockets can be placed anywhere on the chatelaine, and size and shape varied, depending on your sewing needs. The instructions are for the featured arrangement.

1. For the large flat pocket, press the rectangle in half to make a double layer 5" (13cm) wide and 4¼" (11cm) tall with a fold at the upper edge. Matching the raw edges, stitch the pocket to one lower edge of the chatelaine, leaving the upper edge open.

2. For the divided pocket (to hold thread spools), press the rectangle in half to form a pocket 3¼" (8.5cm) tall and 8" (20.5cm) wide. Fold the pocket in half and mark the vertical center. Sew a gathering thread across the long raw edges. Matching the centers and raw edges, position the pocket on the remaining lower edge of the chatelaine. Pull up the gathering threads to fit. Sew the side and lower edges together, and stitch along the center marking from the bottom to the top of the pocket, backstitching for reinforcement.
3. For the glasses band, fold the rectangle in half lengthwise and press a crease. Unfold, then press both short edges to the middle. Refold and press. Edgestitch each edge and topstitch the strip center. Position the strip on the chatelaine 5½" (14cm) above the divided pocket. Stitch both ends, and trim the extra strip length.

4. For the pin cushion, place the two circles right sides together and sew around the entire edge. Carefully cut a small slit in the back circle layer center only big enough for turning. Turn the circle right side out and press the edges to shape. Lightly stuff with fiberfill and whipstitch the slit edges together. Hand-stitch the pouf to the chatelaine 3½" (9cm) above the glasses band, pulling the threads tightly to tuft the center. Sew the button over the center stitches.
5. For the scissors pocket, fold the rectangle right sides together and stitch the short edges together. Press the seam open. Turn the tube right side out, center the seam, and press the edges. Seam side down, position the pocket lower edge 7¾" (20cm) above the flat pocket. Sew across the bottom and both ends. Trim the excess pocket width.

FINISHING

1. Sew the binding strips end to end using a diagonal seam. Press the seams open. Press the binding in half wrong sides together. Beginning at the back neck edge and matching raw edges, sew the binding to the chatelaine, mitering the corners as you stitch.
2. Fold the binding to the wrong side and hand-stitch the folded edge in place.
3. Add your tools, some fun sewing commemorative pins, and you're good to go.

Tip: Try on the chatelaine before sewing on pockets and pin cushion to be sure the pockets are positioned comfortably for you.

