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Quilted Tool Caddy

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Get organized for sewing with this fold-over quilted case that holds the basic tools needed for most classes. Make it work for you—customize the pockets to fit your tools.

Finished size:

Approximately 8" x 7", closed
8" x 13", open



Supplies

Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA 3 Series or 5 Series machine
- Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C
- Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C
- Walking Foot #50
- Zipper Foot #4

Fabric & Notions

- 3 coordinating fat quarters*
- Isacord embroidery thread in coordinating color
- YLI Monofilament thread
- YLI Fusible thread (optional)
- OESD Fuse & Fleece, 10" square
- Low loft batting, 8" x 20"
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Decorative button
- Temporary spray adhesive
- Best Press Clear Starch Alternative
- Flat magnetic closure
- 9" zipper
- Tassel

Tools shown
in the finished
caddy above



Cutting & Preparation

Cut the following pieces. The letter indicated is a reference to which of the three fat quarters was used for that piece.

Inside Panel

One rectangle, 8" x 20" (A)

Zippered Pocket

One rectangle, 8" x 7" (B)

Two strips, 8" x 1½" (C)

Outside Panel

One rectangle, 8" x 11½" (A)

One square, 10" x 10" (C)

One strip, 8" x 3" (B)

Lower Pocket

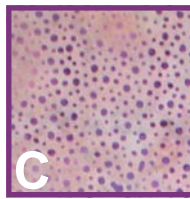
One strip, 1" x 8" (A)

One strip, 3" x 12" (B)

One rectangle, 8" x 5" (C)

Binding

65" of bias-cut strips, 2¼" wide (B)



*The above pieces for Fabric B should be carefully planned to get them from one fat quarter. They will fit but with little excess.

Inside Panel

Zippered Pocket

Fold the pocket piece in half across the width so that it is 8" x 3½"; press.

Position the folded edge on the zipper tape next to the coils and stitch it in place using a Zipper Foot #4.

Pin the pocket to the inside panel of the caddy, about 2" from one end. This will be the upper end of the caddy (behind the front cover).

Stitch along the lower raw edges of the pocket and the upper zipper tape to secure the pocket to the fabric.



Fold each strip in half along the 8" side. Place one at the lower edge, matching the raw edges. Stitch in place using a ¼" seam allowance.

Flip the folded edge down to cover the raw edges and edgestitch in Place using Edgestitch Foot #10.



Repeat with the remaining folded strip and the upper edge of the zipper tape. *Note: Change to the zipper foot if needed to stitch next to the coils.*

Baste along each side of the pocket and trim the ends of the zipper tape if needed. *Tip: Partially unzip the zipper before trimming the end.*

Sew one part of the magnetic closure to the inside panel just above the zippered pocket, centered from side to side. Set aside the inside panel of the caddy.

Outside Panel/Front Cover

Fuse OESD Fuse & Fleece to the wrong side of the 10" square following the manufacturer's directions.

Make the following machine settings:

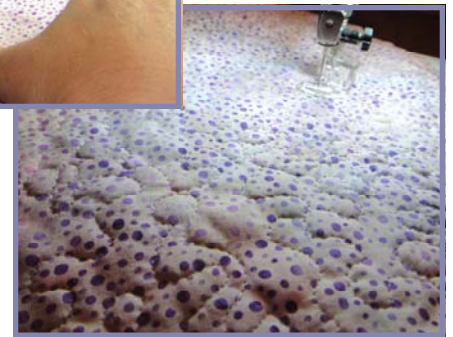
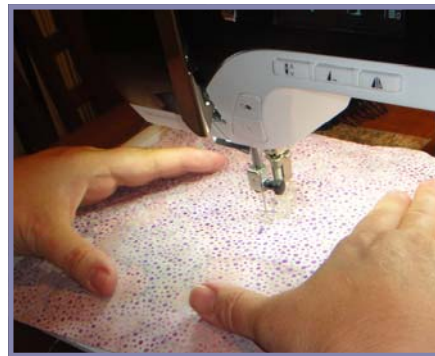
Stitch: Straight

Feed Dog: lowered

Presser Foot: Freehand Quilting Foot #29

Thread: Monofilament thread in the needle and the bobbin

Positioning one hand on each side of the square, free motion stitch across the entire surface of the fabric square, creating texture. Move the fabric to make rounded shapes, similar to "puzzle pieces".



Trim the stitched square to 8" x 7½". Set it aside.

Position the 8" x 12½" rectangle on one end of the batting, using temporary spray adhesive to hold it in place.

Fold the 3" strip in half across the 8" side and press. Place it along the edge of the fabric and stitch it in place through the fabric and batting.



Position the front cover on the batting, butting the edge next to the stitched strip.

Fold the strip over the raw edges and stitch it in place along the folded edge using Edgestitch Foot #10. Edgestitch the opposite edge of the strip, also.

Pieced Pockets

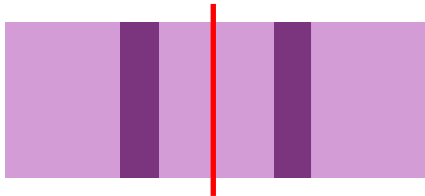
Cut a 4" piece from the long 3" wide strip and set it aside.

Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew the remaining 3" x 8" strip to the 1" strip. When joined, cut across the width so you have two pieces, each one, 3½" x 4". Use

Patchwork Foot #37 or Patchwork Foot with Guide #57 (shown) for consistent seam allowances.



Sew the pieces together with the single rectangle centered between the strip pieced units.



Press the pieced pocket and fold in half lengthwise (indicated by the red line). Measure 4" from the fold, and trim the excess away from the side edges. Open the fabric; the pocket should measure 8" x 4" with the side panels equal in width.

Place pieced pocket and pocket lining right sides together. *Note: The lining piece will extend beyond the lower edge of the pieced pocket.*

Using a quarter inch seam, seam the pocket and the lining together along the upper edge.



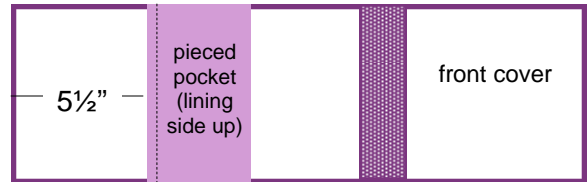
Turn the pocket to the right side, wrapping the lining around the seam allowance at the upper edge of the pocket, forming a faux binding and press. Trim the lower edges even.

Attach Edgestitch Foot #10 to the machine. From the right side, stitch in the ditch below the faux binding to secure the lining to the pocket.



Using a fabric marker or chalk, draw a line across the outer panel of the caddy, 5½" from lower edge.

Position the pieced pocket *face down* on the *outside of the caddy* (it will later be folded to the inside) with the upper edge closest to the front of the caddy.



Sew the lower raw edges of the pocket to the caddy using a quarter inch seam.

Flip the pocket to the right side and press. Using Edgestitch Foot #10, sew along the lower edge of the pocket.

Fold the pocket away from the panel and stitch the remaining part of the magnetic closure to the center of the pocket, sewing through the pieced pocket and the lining only. Baste the side edges to the panel.

Stitch down the center of the narrow strips on the pocket using a feather stitch to create three separate pockets. *Note: Stitch more or fewer lines as needed for your tools.*

Channel Quilting

Place outer panel/batting and inner panel wrong sides together, making sure the zippered pocket is back-to-back with the free-motion stitched front cover. Use temporary spray adhesive to bond them.

Make the following machine settings:

Stitch: Straight

Length: 2.5-3mm

Width: 0mm

Presser Foot: Walking Foot with Guide #50

Thread: Isacord thread in a coordinating color

Attach the right seam guide to the walking foot and adjust it to be ¾" from the needle.

Stitch a series of evenly spaced horizontal lines in the area between the lower edge of the pieced pocket and the band above the front cover.

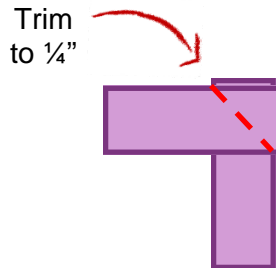


Binding

Place completed front and back panels *wrong* sides together and baste or pin along the edges.

Stitch the bias strips together to make one long strip. Use diagonal seams as shown below for inconspicuous joining.

Place strips at right angles and stitch across the diagonal as shown. Trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press the



Prepare the starting end by trimming it to a 45° angle and turn $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side; press.

Fold the long strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.

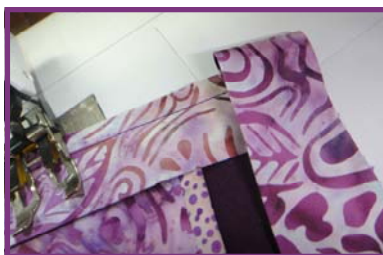
Starting along one side, place the raw edges of the binding on the raw edges of the caddy, leaving about 5"-6" unstitched.

Stitch along the first side using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, stopping and backstitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the fabric.

Remove the fabric from under the needle and flip the un-sewn portion of the folded strip from under the needle. Flip the strip straight up, creating a 45° angle to the corner as shown.



Flip the strip back down, aligning the upper folded edge. If the strip with the upper edge of the quilt. Also align the raw edges of the strips with the next edge of the quilt.



Continue until all four edges and all four corners are sewn and there is an unbound area of 10"-12" between the starting and ending points.

Trim the ending strip so the binding overlaps about 1"-2". Tuck the ending strip into the beginning strip that has the edge folded in. Continue stitching until all of the binding is sewn to the caddy.



Finished binding at starting/ending point

Wrap the binding around the seam allowance and use binder clips to hold it in place.

Change the sole on the walking foot to the center guide sole.



From the front side, stitch in the ditch to secure the binding to the caddy.

Fold the lower end of the caddy to the inside and stitch the sides, sewing through the binding to form a large pocket behind the smaller ones.



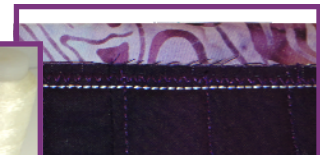
Sew a tassel and decorative button to the center front.

Fusing Tip

Before stitching the binding to the caddy, wind and insert a bobbin of fusible thread. Once the binding is stitched in place, wrap it around the seam allowance and press with steam. The thread will fuse the binding to the caddy & hold it in place for stitching.



Fusible Thread by YLI



Wrap binding around to cover fusible thread; steam press

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