

Reusable Fabric Folder



Materials to purchase:

2 Fat Quarters of Cotton fabric
1/2 yard of ultra firm double sided fusible interfacing
Coordinating Polyester Thread

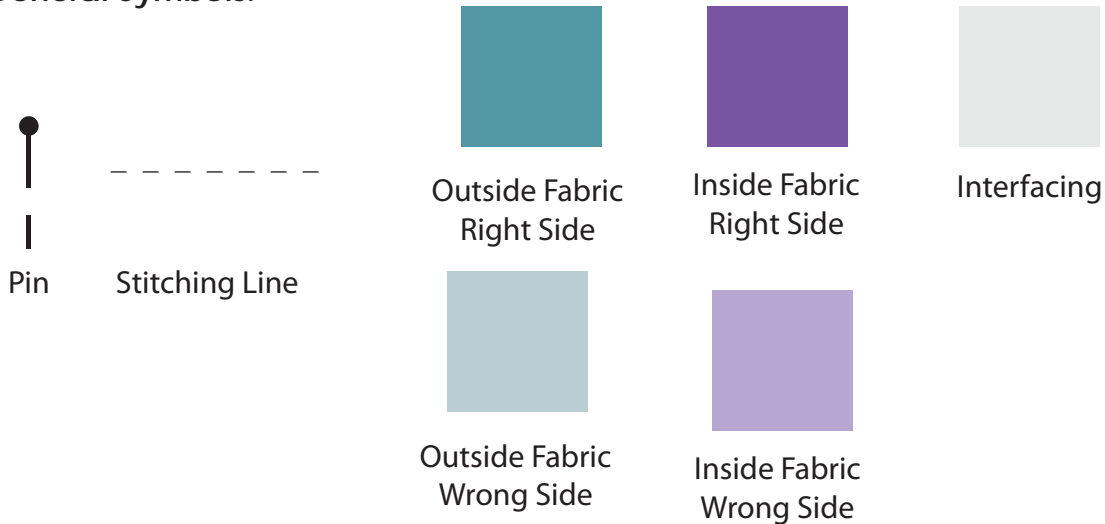
Materials to gather:

Fabric Scissors
Marking pen/chalk
Ruler
Iron and Ironing Board

General Instructions:

Always backstitch a few stitches at the beginning and ending of each set of stitches to secure your row of stitching.

General Symbols:



Step 1: Prepare your pieces

Cut one piece of interfacing to 17 1/2" x 18 1/2". Center the interfacing on the back side of the outside fabric piece. Don't worry at this point that the fabric is much larger than the interfacing piece! Just make sure that there is about 1/2" of fabric left around it.

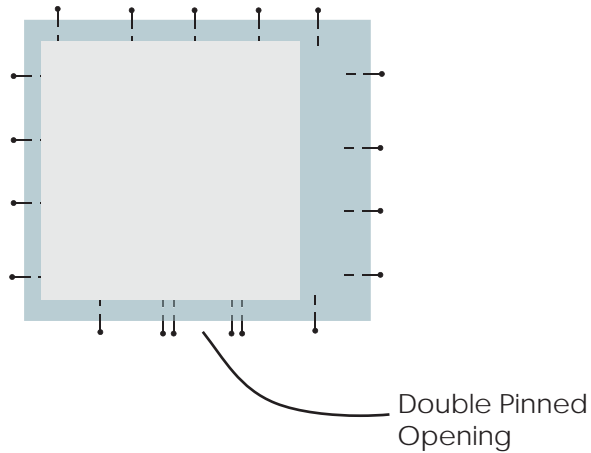


Following the manufacturer's instructions, Iron the interfacing to the wrong side of the outside fabric.

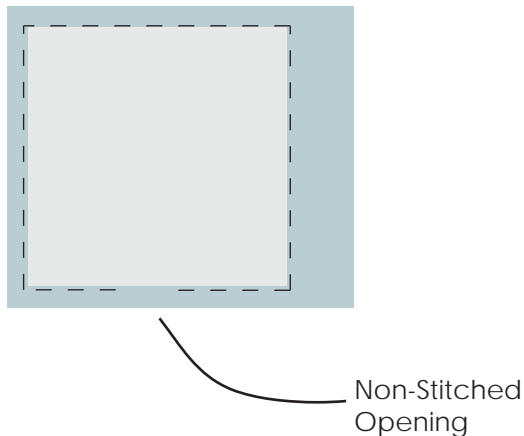
*NOTE: Because this is fusible on both sides, use a piece of parchment paper on the opposite side of the interfacing to protect your iron and ironing board!

Step 2: Pin and Sew

Place the two fat quarters right sides together. Pin every 4"-5" around the edges of the fabric stack. Double pin where the opening will be. It should be an opening about 5" long, on one of the 18 1/2" sides.

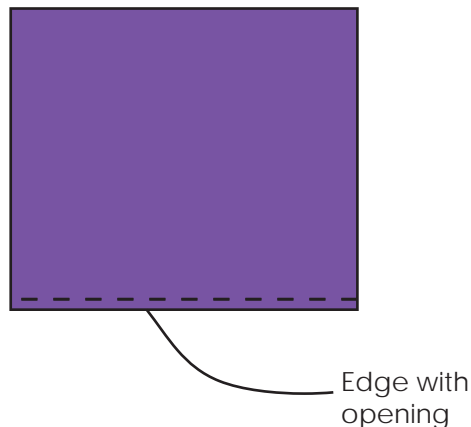


Starting at one set of double pins (remembering to backstitch), stitch directly next to the edge of the interfacing. Stop when you get to the double pins again and backstitch. (Don't forget to pivot with the needle in the fabric at the 4 corners.)



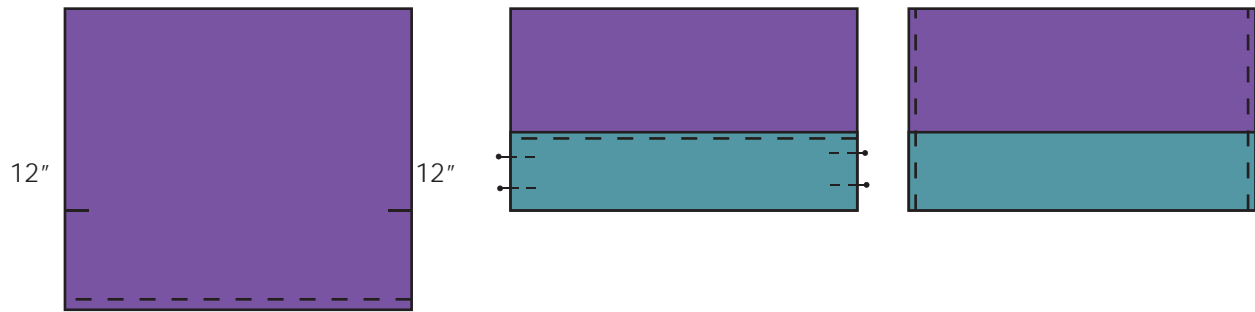
Step 3: Turn Right Side Out

Trim the fabric down about 1/2" away from the sewn line. Clip the corners and turn right sides out through the opening. Press all edges flat. Fold and press the opening shut as well. Stitch along the entire opening side with a 1/4" seam. This will close the hole and add a nice detail to the top of your folder pocket.



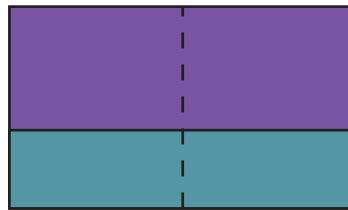
Step 4: Make Folder Pockets

From the top edge, measure down 12" from either side and mark on the inside fabric piece. Fold up bottom along this line and press. Pin both sides of the folder. Sew down both sides of the folder 1/4" from the edge. This will secure the outer folded fabric to make the pocket.



Step 5: Divide the Pocket

Using a marking tool and a straight edge, find and mark the center of the folder. (It should be approximately 9 1/4" from either side). Using the line as a guide, make a stitch up the center of the folder. This divides the pocket in half and provides a nice fold line to fold the folder in half.



Pack up your folder and you're ready to go!