

Helen's Handy Needlecase

Supplies:

- 10" square of print fabric
- 10" square of white felt
- 10" square of sew-in interfacing
- 10" square of freezer paper
- Snap or Velcro for closer (snap size 2/0 is best)

1. Trace pattern onto dull side of freezer paper and cut it out.
2. Place print fabric right side down on top of interfacing.
3. Press freezer paper pattern onto wrong side of print fabric.
4. With small stitches, stitch next to the freezer paper. Do not stitch on the freezer paper.
5. Carefully remove freezer paper pattern. It can be used again.
6. Trim close to stitching (pinking shears are good for this).
7. Cut slit in wrong side of interfacing only and turn and press. Slit is about 4" long.
8. Place this piece onto the felt square wrong side to wrong side and stitch down.
I use a Blanket Stitch, but any stitch will do.
9. Use fancy stitches or plain and stitch from valley to valley on the opposite side four times.
10. Trim the felt close to the applique and fold. I used pinking shears again.
11. Add a snap or velcro for closer. Yes, you can sew on snaps with your sewing machine.

How to fold: The north/south sewing line has no fold. The east/west line is divided at the middle and each end folded in toward the middle. The remaining lines will automatically fold out (see diagram). Flatten it.

