



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend

It's all about dots on this handy zip-top tablet case—they form the basis for the whimsical design stitching. Bold Hand Quilting thread accents the polka dots with across-the-dot stitching and connects the polka dots with big stitches. The case is lined and padded for safely stowing your technology. Sans technology, it's a great pouch for carrying almost anything, from a light lunch to small sewing projects.

Finished Size:

9½" x 12" (24 x 30.5 cm)

Supplies

Bold Hand Quilting thread, contrasting color
 Dual Duty XP® All-Purpose thread, to match fabric
 Coats Polyester All-purpose zipper, 14" zipper
 ½ yd (.46 m) lining/binding fabric
 ½ yd (.46 m) batting
 ¼ yd (.23 m) polka dot ribbon, ¼" (.6 cm) wide
 1 sew-through flower button, 1½" (4 cm) diameter

Additional Requirements

Sewing Machine
 Zipper foot
 Basic sewing supplies

Cutting

From the polka dot fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 12½" x 19½"(32cm x 49.5 cm)*

From the lining/binding fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 12½" x 19 ½"(32 cm x 49.5 cm)

1 strip, 2½" x 24"(6.5 cm x 61 cm)

From the batting, cut:

1 rectangle, 15" x 21"(38 cm x 53.25 cm)

*Cut the outer case by following the polka dots, even if the fabric is printed off-grain.

Embellishing the Case

1. Layer the outer case fabric right side up over the batting rectangle, allowing extra batting on each side. Pin in place.
2. Using a double strand of Bold Hand Quilting thread, connect the dots with big stitches starting with a row approximately 3½"(9 cm) from one short edge. Make three rows using the adjacent dots as a guide for stitching.
3. On the left side approximately 2½" (6.5 cm) from the cut edge, repeat the big stitching lines to connect the dots along the length of the piece. Make three rows using the adjacent dots as a guide for stitching.

4. On each polka dot connected by big stitches, use a double strand of Bold Hand Quilting thread to make a cross in the dot. Take a single stitch diagonally at the center to anchor the crossed threads.
5. Baste ⅛"(.3 cm) from the edge of the embellished case. Trim the batting to match the case size.

Assembling the Case

1. Layer the case over the lining rectangle wrong sides together. Baste the edges together over the previous stitching line.
2. Serge or zigzag both short edges of the case fabric to finish. Press under ¼"(.6 cm) along the finished edges.
3. Lay the pressed-under edge over one side of the zipper tape, having the pull near the embellished end and allowing about ¼"(.6 cm) of the tape to show.
Note: that the zipper is longer than the case upper edge. Edgestitch in place using the zipper foot. Repeat for the other side.
4. Stitch across the end of the zipper and trim the extra length.
5. Fold the case right sides together, with the zipper partially open. Stitch the side seams using a ¼"(.6 cm) seam allowance.
6. Use the 2½"(6.5 cm) strips to bind the seam edges, turning under the binding ends at the top and bottom of the case.
7. Turn the case right side out and poke out the corners.

Finishing the Case

1. Fold the ribbon and poke through the zipper pull tab. Knot and trim to the desired length.
2. Hand stitch the flower button to the ribbon.

