



MATERIALS

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

Coats & Clark™ All-purpose Zipper, 12" (30.5cm)

⅓ yd (30.5cm) outer fabric

⅓ yd (30.5cm) lining

⅓ yd (30.5cm) cuff fabric

¼ yd (23cm) single-sided fusible foam, 20" (51cm)

⅓ yd (30.5cm) woven fusible interfacing, 20" (51cm)

Point turner

Zipper foot

Zipper pull, or 8" (21cm) small cord (optional)



SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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

This handy padded case is perfect for storing and carrying pencils, markers or small sewing tools. When you want to use or display the contents, just unzip the Coats & Clark® zipper and push down the top.

MEASUREMENTS

7" x 8½" (18cm x 21.5cm)
(maximum height)

CUTTING

From the outer fabric, cut:

(2) rectangles, 7½" x 10" (19cm x 25.5cm)

(3) rectangles, 2¾" x 3" (7cm x 7.5cm)

From the lining, cut:

(2) rectangles, 7½" x 10" (19cm x 25.5cm)

From the cuff fabric and interfacing, cut:

(1) rectangle, 9" x 14½" (23cm x 37cm)

From the fusible foam, cut:

(2) rectangles, 7½" x 6½" (19cm x 16.5cm)

PREPARATION

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the foam to the wrong side of the outer fabric rectangles matching the lower edges and sides. Note that the foam is shorter than the outer fabric height.
2. Center and fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the cuff fabric. Press under ¼" (1cm) on the two long edges.
3. To shape the outer container, measure in ¼" (1cm) on each side of the lower corners and mark. Using a ruler, connect the upper corner to the lower marking and trim to taper the piece. Repeat for the second corner on the outer rectangle, and on the lining. Draw a 1" (2.5cm) square on each lower corner, then cut out the square.



Seam allowances are ¼" (1cm).

ASSEMBLING THE OUTER CONTAINER

1. Sew across the upper edge of the fused foam on each outer container piece.
2. Mark the upper edge of each container piece ½" (1cm) in from the upper corner on the same side; mark 1" (2.5cm) on the remaining side.
3. Unzip the zipper and place the right side along the upper edge, turning under the zipper tape and place the zipper at the ½" (1cm) mark. The zipper coils should face the container fabric. Pin in place. At the 1" (2.5cm) mark, fold the zipper at a right angle to the edge and toward the container bottom to get it out of the way. Place the upper lining edge over the zipper, right sides together.
4. Stitch across the upper container edge, encasing the zipper and keeping the end out of the stitching line. Repeat for the second half of the container.
5. Press the seams toward the container.
6. Open out the container/lining, match the zipper seams exactly and keep the zipper tail out of the way. Pin the side and bottom seams of both the lining and outer container right sides together with themselves and the zipper seam in the middle.
7. Sew the side seams and bottom seams, leaving a 4" (10cm) opening in the lining side seam for turning.
8. Press the seams open. To box the corners, fold the bottom seam directly on top of the side seams and stitch across. Repeat for each container corner and lining corners.
9. Turn the container right side out through the lining opening. Gently push out the corners to square.
10. Hand or machine stitch the lining opening closed.
11. Push the lining into the container.
12. Stitch across the zipper tape extension 2½" (6.5cm) from the container edge, then with the zipper closed, trim just beyond the stitching. To finish, fold the edges of one small outer fabric rectangle in and arrange to encase the zipper end. Stitch around the tab to secure.
3. With wrong sides together, fold and press the cuff in half, matching the turned under edges. Starting at the seam, mark the center point of the cuff circumference at the top and bottom edges. Insert the raw edges of a tab at the center point and the side seam of the cuff bottom edge. Stitch around the lower cuff edge, catching the pull tabs in the stitching.

ASSEMBLING THE CUFF

1. To make the pull tabs, press under the long edges of the two small rectangles to meet in the center. Fold the strip in half, press and edgestitch both sides. Fold the tabs in half matching the raw edges and baste.
2. Open out the ¼" (1cm) areas previously press along the cuff long edges. Fold the piece right sides together and match the short ends. Sew the seam and press the seam allowances open. Refold the ¼" (1cm) turn-under edges in place.

ASSEMBLING THE CONTAINER

1. Slide the cuff over the outer container with the tabs facing downward. Place the upper cuff fold along the zipper tape, matching the side seams at the zipper end side. Pin securely.
2. Slide the container upper edge over the free-arm of your sewing machine and edgestitch the cuff folded edge to the upper container edge, keeping the zipper tail free. Be sure the lining lies flat during stitching.

FINISHING

1. If desired, add a zipper pull or 8" (21cm) length of small cord to the existing zipper pull for accent.
2. Fill the container, and to use open the zipper and just pull down the cuff. To zip and store, pull up the cuff.

