



Technique: Sewing, Fabric Crafting

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Skill Level: Beginner

Crafting Time: An evening

Finished size: Custom

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®, Surelock, Dapper by Tim Holtz for Coats

Look very “dapper” wearing these clever wrist bands. Whether you create a watch, or a fun fabric bracelet, the technique is the same.

See supplies listed with instructions for each.

Seam allowances are ¼" (64cm)

Options are endless. Showcase your favorite print with aplomb—it takes less than ⅓ yard (11.43cm)!

All fabrics shown are from the *Eclectic Elements* by Tim Holtz Dapper 2 Collection.

Basic Plaid Band

If you have a watch with a slide-through attachment, this simple band is ideal, and you can make one for every outfit.

Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread** ⅛ yd (11.43cm) fabric: Plaid, Dapper by Tim Holtz
- ⅓ yd (11.43cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- ½" (1.27cm) hook-and-loop fastener

Cutting

Measure your wrist circumference and add 2" (5.08cm). Determine the finished width of the band, based on the watch bracket span and multiply this by two, plus ½" (1.27cm) for seams. This is the cut width of the band. From the fabric and interfacing, cut (1) strip the measurement determined above

Assembling the Band

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the band fabric.
2. With right sides together, fold the strip in half widthwise and sew the long edges together. Press the seam allowances open and turn the tube right side out.
3. Center the seam on the underside of the band. Press.

4. Slide the band through the watch brackets and adjust the position to the center.
5. Turn under ¼" (.64cm) twice on one short end of the band and stitch in place. Try on the band and adjust the length to allow ½" (.27cm) overlap, plus ½" (1.27cm) for the turn-under, and trim the excess length.
6. Turn under ¼" (.64cm) twice on the other band end and stitch in place.
7. Hand- or machine-stitch the hook portion to the end of the band right side on the underlap portion and hook side to the band underside at the opposite end of the band.

Band Together

Sometimes watch brackets are too narrow to really showcase a fabric band well, so the answer is easy—band them together in layers. Use a narrow band through the brackets and attach to a wider wrist band.

Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**
- **Coats® Bold Hand Quilting thread**
- ⅓ yd (11.43cm) fabric; **Cigar Bands, Dapper by Tim Holtz**
- ⅓ yd (11.43cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- ½" (1.27cm) hook-and-loop fastener

Cutting

Measure your wrist circumference and add 2" (5.08cm). Determine the finished width of the band, based on the watch brackets and multiply this by two, plus ½" (1.27cm) for seams. This is the cut width of the wider band. The feature band is cut the same length, but narrower than the base.

From the fabric and interfacing, cut (1) strip the measurement determined above for the wider band (1) strip the measurement determined above for the narrower band

Assembling the Band

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of both band fabrics.
2. With right sides together, fold the strips in half widthwise and sew the long edges together. Press the seam allowances open and turn the tubes right side out.
3. Center the seam on the underside of the bands. Press.
4. Hand-stitch a line of big stitches down the center of the narrow band using Bold Hand Quilting thread.
5. Slide the narrow band through the watch brackets and adjust the position to the center.
6. Center the narrow band across the width of the wider band. Hand-stitch the edges in place using Bold Hand Quilting thread and stitch horizontally near the watch to hold it in place. Repeat for the opposite end of the band.
7. Closely zigzag across both ends of the stacked band.
8. Turn under ¼" (.64cm) on the overlap end of the band and stitch in place. Try on the band and adjust the length to allow ½" (1.27cm) overlap, and trim the excess length.
9. Hand or machine stitch the hook portion to the end of the band right side on the underlap portion and hook side to the band underside at the opposite end of the band.

Strip Tease

If you love the look of ribbon bracelets, it's easy to duplicate that look using fabric strips and your serger. To wear this watch, simply wrap the strips around your wrist, tie, and tuck in the ends.

Supplies

- Coats® Surelock Serger Thread
- ½ yd (11.43cm) of two coordinating fabrics; **Game Cards and Tailored from Dapper by Tim Holtz**
- Seam sealant

Cutting

From each fabric, cut:

2 strips, 1½" (3.81cm) x 36" (91.44cm)

Assembling the Band

1. Press each strip in half widthwise.
2. Set the serger for a dense stitch or rolled hem.
3. Tapering onto the strip and off it at the other end, sew along the length of all the strips.
4. Apply seam sealant to the ends and let them dry thoroughly.
5. Fold the strip in half forming a loop and thread the loop through the watch bracket from front to back. Pull the strip ends through the loop and pull snugly up against the watch bracket.
6. Repeat Step 6 for all the strips, adding two to each watch bracket.

Note: *If your watch bracket is wider, then use more strips of another fabric.*

The Wrist Band

There are times when you just don't need or want to wear a watch, but you still want some wrist décor. Find yourself a metal motivational saying and anchor it on the fabric band for a fun bracelet.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- Coats® Bold Hand Quilting thread
- ½ yd (11.43cm) fabric; **Typography, Dapper by Tim Holtz**
- ½ yd (11.43cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- 1 snap clasp leather closure
- 2 small buttons or beads

Cutting

Measure your wrist circumference and add 1" (2.54cm). Determine the finished width of the band, based on the watch brackets and multiply this by two, plus ½" (1.27cm) for seams. This is the cut width of the band.

From the fabric and interfacing, cut

(1) strip the measurement determined above

Assembling the Band

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the band fabric.
2. With right sides together, fold the strip in half widthwise and sew the long edges together. Press the seam allowances open and center it, then stitch across one end. Turn the tube right side out.
3. Center the seam on the underside of the band. Press.
4. Topstitch multiple lines of stitching along the band

length near the edge and down the center space.

5. Try on the band and adjust the length to allow for the leather closing extension. Trim the excess band length, allowing ½" (1.27cm) for turn-under.
6. Turn under ¼" (.64cm) twice on the unfinished short end of the band and stitch in place.
7. Using a double strand of Bold Hand Quilting Thread, sew the upper snap tab to the finished end of the strap, and the underlap portion to the hemmed end. Sew multiple times through each hole in the tab to secure.
8. Try on the wristlet and mark the location of the metal saying.
9. Remove the bracelet and sew on the metal saying, using buttons or beads if desired, to accent the holes.



(Top) Band Together, (Middle) Basic Plaid Band, (Bottom) The Wrist Band



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