The Ultimate "Anything" Case

5. Pin the left side of the zipper onto the left (rounded) edge of the case, matching edges as indicated in the photo at left. Once you pin the whole length, open up the zipper.

6. Stich the left side of the zipper in place.

Instructions

1. Start with a piece of fabric slightly bigger than the size of the template you have chosen. I like using fabric collage for a project like this one, but you can also piece a design if you like.

7. Tabs: cut two strips of fabric 1.5 x 2". Press down 1/4" seam allowance on long edges. Fold in half, wrong sides together and ttop-stitch closed.

2. Copy the template of your choice (small or medium) onto a piece of folded paper. Use the full-size template to cut out your quilted piece of fabric.

8. Center the raw edges of each tab along short rounded edges. Baste in place.

3. Encase the round edges with bias tape.

9. Close the zipper. Turn the piece wrong side out. Starting on the side with the top part of the zipper, bring the short points together to meet in the center. Sew the opening closed, with a zig-zag or overcast stitch.

Installing the zipper. *The trick here is to use a zipper at least 3 inches longer than the rounded size of the case. This will allow you to manouver and sew both sides on easily.*

10. Open the zipper about halfway before proceeding to close the second side, in the same way as indicated above in step 9. Turn the case inside out.

4. Open up the zipper. Pin onto the right side of the case. Make sure to leave about 1/2" from the top edge to where the zipper teeth start, to be able to close that seam later. Sew the zipper on.

Now wasn't that easy? I love this case because it is small, but roomy, and it lies flat so you can rummage through it without things falling out!

This pattern is given in two sizes: small and medium. If you want a smaller or larger case, however, all you have to do is reduce or enlarge the template.

place on fold

Smal case
(finishes at about 5.5" long)

Medium-sized case
(finishes at about 8" long)