

Clean Car Pocket Caddy
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See text file (provided with designs) for list of supplies and specific cutting instructions.

PREPARE POCKET 1st! – cut cotton fabric & interfacing to size listed in text file provided with designs.



1. With non fusible side of interfacing and right side of fabric facing each other, stitch 1/2" seam along one 5" edge.



2 - Flip fabric up and over top edge of interfacing and press to fuse the fabric to the interfacing.



3 – This just shows the back of the pocket after pressed. Top stitch along the top and set aside.

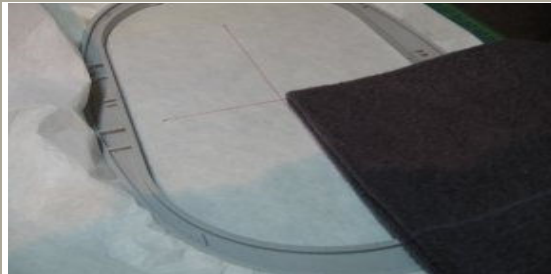


4 - Hoop cutaway stabilizer. Stitch placement lines on the stabilizer only, no fabric yet.

NEXT....ADD DESIGN & POCKET TO CADDY FABRIC – cut fabric to the sizes listed in the text file.



1 – Mark lines across along the long sides & the 6" ends of narrow piece. (3" line at top, 1 1/2" line at bottom)



2 – Fold large fabric piece in half horizontally and then in half again vertically. Center folded fabric inside corner of placement lines.



3 – Fold fabric out flat using the placement lines as your guide to keep fabric straight. Use temporary adhesive spray to secure in hoop. The 3" line on back of fabric at the top!



4 – 1st color stitches design. Next color stitches pocket outline.



5 – Notice the short placement lines stitched on each side of the pocket outline



6 - Center pocket over outline keeping top even with short placement lines at the sides. Slip end of a seam ripper or a fat pencil under top of pocket to create a gap (Allows room to easily slip an item into the pocket!)



7 - Tape pocket in place along the sides and the bottom. Put hoop on machine.



8 – Next step tacks pocket down. Remove hoop and trim excess fabric around pocket. Put hoop on machine.



9 – Last step finishes the edge of the pocket. Remove from hoop and trim stabilizer close to the design.



8 – Pin 16" long sides of large piece to 6" x 16" fabric strip and stitch the strip to the larger piece with a 5/8" seam allowances.



9 - Top stitch seam allowances open flat (like putting in a zipper) to 3" line at top and to the 1 1/2" line at the bottom.



10 - Fold top down to 3" line & top stitch 1/4" from cut edge. Stitch 2nd row of stitches 3/8" above 1st row to create a channel.

11. At bottom, fold fabric to 1 1/2" marked line & top stitch 1/4" from cut edge to create channel at the bottom.



11 – Re-open the seams on each side at top to create openings to insert the tubing and the ribbon hanger strips.



12 - Cut ribbon at an angle on each end. Lightly singe cut edges with disposable lighter to keep ribbon from raveling.



13 - Cut ribbon strip in half, singe cut edges with lighter too. Mark 3" lines on ends & fold to a 1 1/2" loop, stitch across ribbon to secure.



14 – Mark the center on the dowel (2 1/2") and push the dowel inside the plastic tubing to dowel center mark.



15 – Feed plastic tubing (with dowel inside) into channel through opening. As tubing reaches opening insert ribbon ends to catch tubing & continue feeding tubing through channel. At end, push tubing over dowel to center mark.



16 – Push/pull tubing inside channel until the wooden dowel is centered between the openings. (this will keep the design centered on the caddy front)



17 – Cut small slit inside bottom channel and thread 1/4" ribbon through channel. Pull ribbon to gather fabric as tight as possible and tie in a knot. Pull ribbons ends to the inside, no need to trim. This forms the bottom of the caddy.



18 – Cut the plastic canvas to 10" high (should already be 22 1/2" long). Whip stitch 10" sides together with heavy upholstery thread or yarn to form a tube.



19 - Push canvas inward at stitched edge to make smaller. Slide canvas inside caddy and push the canvas up under the plastic tubing to form the caddy.



20 – Slip shopping bag inside caddy. Push canvas in around top & slip edge of bag down around the canvas.



21 – Make canvas round again by pushing it up under the plastic tubing. Will also hold the bag in place.



Total cost to make 1 car caddy:

- Fleece fabric - \$1.67 (fleece used for samples was \$4.90 for 3/4 yard will make 3 bags)
- 3/8" polyethylene plastic tubing - 32 cents (Tubing is 16 cents/ft in Lowe's plumbing dept)
- 1/2 yd of 1/4" ribbon – 8 cents (6 yd roll - \$.97)
- 1 yd of 1" grosgrain ribbon – 31 cents (31 cents/yard)
- 1/4" dowel rod – 5 cents (\$.37 for 3 ft piece) (Dowel rod enough to make 7 caddies)
- Plastic canvas – 72 cents (6pk – 13 1/2"x22 1/2" - \$4.28)
- Total (excluding sales tax): \$3.15 per bag.** (Plastic canvas, ribbon & dowel rod - Wal-Mart pricing)

Tie ribbon around head rest or around glove compartment lid between bucket seats! Or hang from stick shift or arm rest. Adjust by tying knot closer or further away!