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Pencil Case

We searched and searched for a cute pencil case for my daughter. We were unable to find the size she was interested in so we decided to make our own.

Supplies you will need: 1/4 yard fabric 1/4 yard fusible webbing 14" or longer zipper

1. Cut two pieces of fabric 8 1/2" x 9 1/2" for the lining and for the outside of the case. Cut one piece of fusible webbing the same size. Fuse the fabrics together so the fusible webbing

is in between the fabrics with the wrong sides together. You

will now have a single piece of double sided fabric.

2. Fold over the top of the fabric, lengthwise, 1/2" along the top and bottom (towards your lining piece) This is where you will sew on the zipper.



3. With the zipper facing up, place the fabric on top of the zipper with the fold on top of the zipper and the main bag fabric facing up. Sew the zipper in place on the top, and then along the bottom.







You will now have a tube.



4. Sew the sides of the bag with the right sides together. Leave your zipper open about 3" so you can turn your case right side out. Sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the case.





5. With the bag still inside out, fold in the corners, matching the side seam with the bottom fold of the case. Use a ruler and mark the fabric with chalk 1" straight across the corner. It will make a triangle. Sew on the chalk line. Repeat on the other side.





This will allow your pencil case to stand up and create a bottom of the case. Your case should look like this:



6. Cut off the zipper that is extending and the corner triangles. Make sure you cut about 1/4" away from your stitching line. Turn right sides out and smile because you have a cute pencil case!



