



Oilcloth Pouch

Make this oilcloth pouch to match the boxing pretty bag that featured in September's issue of Sewing World
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Steps to make

Cut the following pieces of Oilcloth:

Main piece (back and flap panel) – 1 x rectangle 25cm wide by 17 cm deep (10 x 7")
 Front panel - 1 x rectangle, 25cm square (10")

FRONT PANEL

1. Open out bias binding and lay across the top of the front panel and hold in place with paper clips (avoid using pins as this will mark the oilcloth). Stitch in place. Turn to the back and fold the bias binding under and secure in place with paperclips.
2. Return to the front and 'stitch in the ditch' with a pretty zigzag stitch.

 'Stitch in the ditch' just means stitching across the seam line on the right side, ensuring that the underside of binding is stitched down.
3. Stitch a Velcro square to each side of the front panel approx 4cm (2") from each side of the front and 3cm (1 ½") down from the bias binding,

4. With the wrong sides together lay the front panel on to the back panel, matching up the bottom edge. Curve each corner – this can be done with a teacup or round lid. When stitching round curves, snip the seam allowance to the seam line to ease around the corners.
5. Open out the bias binding and secure in place with paperclips all around the pouch. Stitch in the same way as the top.
6. Fold top flap panel down and stitch the remaining Velcro squares to the wrong side of the flap to match the Velcro on the front panel.
7. Stitch the two contrasting buttons on the right side of the flap to cover the Velcro stitching and fill with all your favourite daily necessities: perfume, lip gloss, hand cream etc.

Materials

- Oilcloth remnants
- 1m narrow bias binding (1yd)
- Contrasting thread
- 2 x 2cm squares of Velcro (1")

Stockist Information

The Mexican oilcloth used in this project is available from Viva La Frida. Visit Viva La Frida website: www.vivalafrida.co.uk to see a wide selection of colourful oilcloths. To get started with Oilcloth, you can buy an Oilcloth crafter pack, which includes a mixed package of irregular sized pieces of oilcloth. Each pack consists of a minimum of 100cm x 120cm of oilcloth with at least 5 different patterns. Individual pieces range from 20 x 30cm upwards. Available in colour options: warm, cool and mixed @ £8.

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