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e-Reader Case



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materials and tools

- Serger
- Outer fabric
- Lining fabric
- OESD Fuse & Fleece
- 1 spool of variegated thread
- 2 spools of serger thread
- Narrow ribbon or ribbon floss
- Clear quilters' ruler
- Fabric marker or pencil
- Tapestry needle
- Seam sealant

Protect your e-reader with this easy-to-make, custom-fit sleeve. Nearly all of the stitching, including the embellishing, is done on your serger!



Tip: Select your favorite variegated thread, then choose complementary fabrics for your e-reader sleeve.

step one

Prepare the Fabric

- Measure your tablet or e-reader.
- Add at least 1" to the width for "wiggle" room.
- Add about 5" to the length for the flap.
- Add an additional 3" to the length for the tucks.

I started with a 10" x 20" rectangle for my Nook Color Tablet and approximately 11" x 26" for my iPad.

- Cut a rectangle of outer fabric and a rectangle of Fuse & Fleece this size. Fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the fabric following the instructions included in the package.



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step two

Create the Tucks

- Mark lines along one short end of the rectangle: leave a wide space in the middle for the flatlock embellishment, with marks for two or three tuck lines above and below the center.

My first line was about 1¼" from the edge, two more spaced 1¼" apart, the center line about 1½" away, the next line another 1½" away, then two more spaced 1¼" apart.

step three

- Fold the fabric/stabilizer on the marks and press to create creases along each line.
- Set your serger for a 2-thread wrapped edge with variegated thread in the lower looper. (A 3-thread rolled edge with variegated thread in the upper looper may also be used. Set the stitch length at 1mm. Serge a sample and adjust the settings as needed.

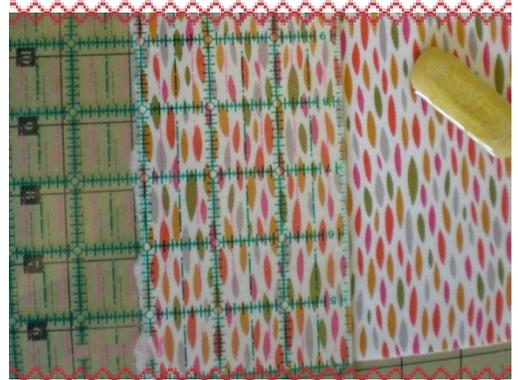
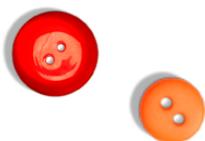
step four

- Serge along the length of the fold, using the edge of the foot as a guide. Do not cut any fabric off the edge!



step five

- Repeat for the remaining tucks.
- Fold all the tucks away from the center; press.



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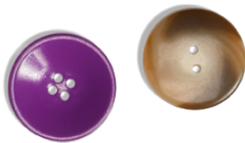
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step six

Create the Woven Ribbon Flatlock

- Turn the tucked fabric over and mark a line through the center of the wide space between the two middle tucks.
- Fold along the marked line, right sides together, and press.



step seven

- Set the serger for a 3-thread flatlock and adjust the stitch length to 4mm. Serge a sample and adjust the settings as needed.
- Serge along the edge, with the stitch just barely falling off the edge of the fold.

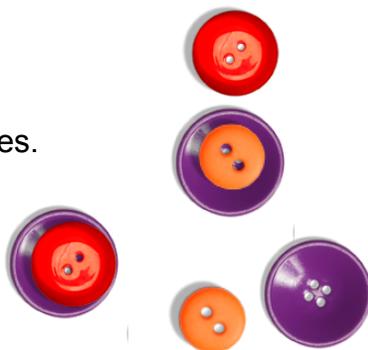
step eight

- After stitching, gently pull the sides of the fabric to open the fold so the stitches lie flat.

There will be “squiggles” on the outside of the fold; opening the fold reveals decorative “ladders” on the inside of the fold.

step nine

- Weave ribbon through the stitches.



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step ten

Construct the Sleeve

- Trim the rectangle so all the sides are straight and the corners are square.
- Round the corners on the tucked end of the rectangle.

Tip: Use a teacup or mug as a guide for drawing curves at the corners.

step eleven

- Cut a lining piece the same size as the tucked piece. Place the tucked rectangle and the lining right sides together.
- Set the serger for a 3-thread overlock with a stitch length of 4mm. Serge a sample and adjust the settings as needed.



step twelve

- Serge down one long side, around the curves, and down the other long side. Leave the short straight end open.
- Turn right side out and press.



step thirteen

- Adjust the stitch length to 1mm and serge across the open end of the rectangle.
- Apply seam sealant to the ends; clip thread tails when dry.



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step fourteen

- Place right side down on a flat surface. Fold the straight edge up to form the body of the sleeve.

For my sleeve I turned up about 5".

- At the sewing machine, edgestitch through all layers at the sides of the sleeve.

step fifteen

- Insert your e-reader into the pocket and fold the flap down.

