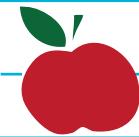


Dictation Pouch



Supplies:

- patterned cotton fabric, 12 1/2" x 4"
- white cotton fabric, 2" x 4"
- permanent blue fabric marker
- masking tape
- ink pen
- matching thread
- 1/2" or narrower twill tape or ribbon, 12" length
- safety pin

Step 1: Cut the fabric as shown in fig. A, with two pieces of patterned fabric, one 7" x 4" and another 5 1/2" x 4" and one piece of white fabric, cut to 2" x 4".

Step 2: With the fabric marker, draw lines on the white fabric starting 1/2" from the edges and each 1/2" apart, as shown in fig. B. It is easier to have your child write on the fabric in this step and is helpful if you use a piece of masking tape to secure the fabric to a hard surface before your child writes "Thank You" with the ink pen.

Step 3: Sew the white fabric piece to the smaller patterned piece with right sides together, as shown in fig. C. Use a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open the seam.

Step 4: Using an overcast or zig-zag stitch, stitch along the top 1 1/2" on opposite sides of each fabric piece, as shown in fig. D.

Step 5: Press down the top edge of each fabric piece toward the wrong side by 1/4". Then, with the two pieces right sides together, stitch around three sides, stopping 1 1/4" from the top section that was sewn with an overcast stitch. See fig. E.

Step 6: Press open this side seam and topstitch along the folded top edges of the opening to prevent fraying.

Step 7: Next, fold down the top folded edge of the pouch by about 5/8" and press in place. Topstitch along the inside of the pouch on the right side of the fabric to create the casing. Your stitching should be about 1/2" from the folded edge.

Step 8: Attach the safety pin to the end of your twill tape or ribbon and thread it through the opening to the other side. Trim the edges and pull the pouch closed.

Fig. A

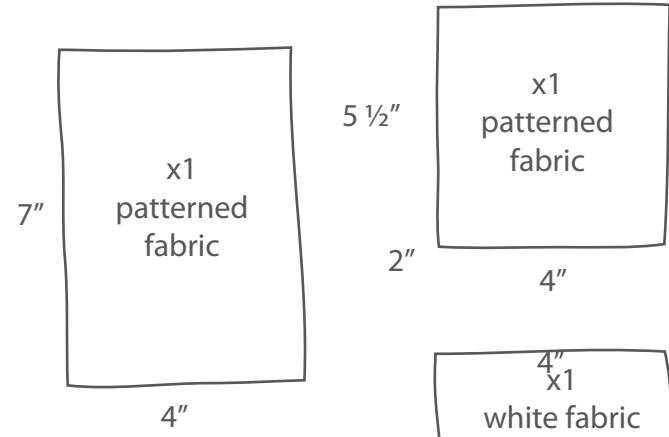


Fig. B

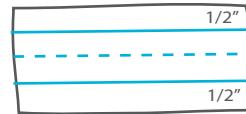


Fig. C

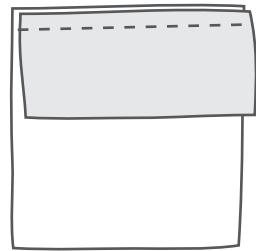


Fig. D

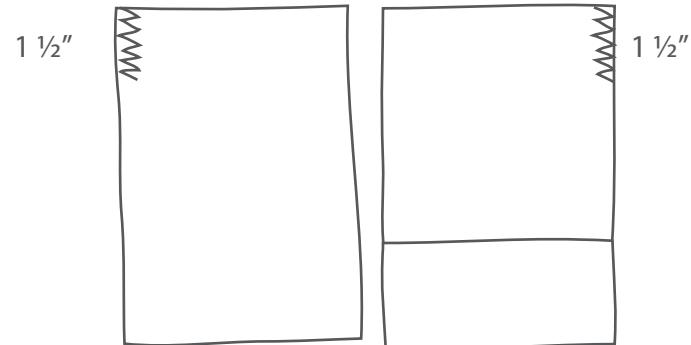


Fig. E

