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DIY Mobile Phone Case



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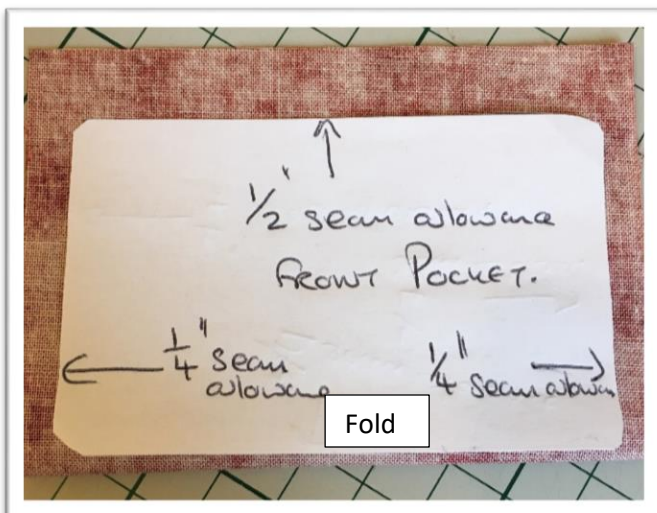
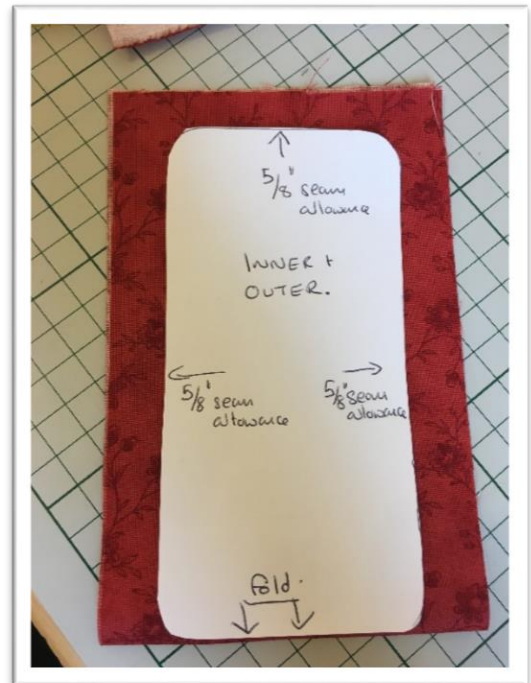


Materials:

- Approx. 19" x 2.5" outer fabric plus
- Extra outer fabric for pocket and strap
- Approx. 19" x 2.5" lining fabric
- Strip of wadding
- 2" of Velcro (his and her pieces)

Method:

1: All phones are different sizes so to find your size draw around your mobile phone then add $\frac{5}{8}$ " to top and each side (the bottom is on the fold so nothing needs adding. Fold the outer fabric and lay your pattern on the fold (as in diagram on the right). Pin on the pattern and cut. Repeat for the lining and wadding.



2: For the front pocket draw around a credit / debit card and add on the seam allowances as shown on the left. One long side is on the fold. The short sides are the top and bottom. Cut out one pocket.

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3: For the fastening, cut out a strip of outer fabric 19" by 2.5". Fold so that the two long edges are meeting, right sides together. Sew down the long edge. Cut 2" from this tube for the pocket tab. On both pieces open the seam and finger press open. Sew along one short edge on each piece so that the open seam is in the middle. Trim the corners and turn both pieces right side out, make sure the corners are pulled out sharp and press.

4: Take the long piece and turn the raw edge under and stitch to the lining fabric 2" from one of the short edges (right sides facing). The tab faces away from the short edge as this is going down the case and the phone will sit in the fold so that it can be pulled out using the tab. *Don't apply the Velcro to the long tab until the case is assembled.*

5: Take a 1 ½" piece of Velcro and stitch this to the right side of the outer fabric. This should be 1" down from one of the short edges and in the centre.

6: Take the short tab and add a ¾" strip of Velcro near the turned edge. Take care what colour thread you use as you want this to blend in with the outer fabric.

7: Prepare the pocket by folding length-ways with right side facing. Sew around the raw edges, leaving a gap on the long edge to turn the pocket through. Trim the corners and pull right-sides out. Make sure the corners are pulled out and press the pocket, taking care to press in the edge of the opening. Place ¾" piece of Velcro (other part to the one stitched on the tab) very near the top of the pocket, in the centre, and stitch around.

8: Line up the pocket on the right side of the outer piece, make sure there is equal space at each side and it is placed approximately 2.5" away from the short edge. **Please note:** *this should be the opposite end to where the Velcro is already stitched onto the outer fabric.* Edge stitch around the pocket about 1/8" from the edges, leaving the top open. **Important:** *make sure the Velcro edge is the top edge.*

9: Line up the short tab, fold raw end under and stitch to the outer lining above the pocket so that the Velcro pieces match.



10: Lay down the lining on top of the outer fabric, right sides facing. **Important:** *line up the edge of the outer piece with the 1.5" Velcro stitched on to the lining edge that has the long tab attached.* Lay both pieces on top of the wadding. Stitch a ¼" around the pieces, leaving a small gap in one side where the fabrics can be pulled through.

11: Trim the corners, and any excess wadding, and turn right sides out. Make sure the corners are neatly pulled out and press the case with the raw edges of the opening turned in ¼"

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12: Fold in half, lining together, and edge stitch down both sides. All that remains is to add the second piece of Velcro to the long tab. To do this, put your phone in the case. The important point here is that the phone goes between the place where the tab that is attached to the lining and the tab itself (pulling the tab up will pull the phone up. *It will be difficult first time but once in place it behaves perfectly.* Now pull the end of the tab over the phone to the Velcro and mark where the 2nd part of the Velcro needs to go on the tab. Trim the tab to size, and fold the raw edges in and stitch across the edge to secure. Stitch the Velcro to the tab.

The mobile phone case is complete!

I am sure you will find ways of adapting this for your own needs. But here are a couple of suggestions:

Firstly.....

Add loops for a strap, either a wrist strap or a cross body strap (I often like to go out without a handbag and this is great for me).

This one on the right has very small loops which were sewn between the lining and the outer fabric. My reasoning for doing this is so that it would fit 'clip on straps' (like the chain in the picture), or you could thread a leather strap through and tie a knot to hold it in place (the knot would be bigger than the hole).



Secondly.....

If you don't like the long tab, and to be honest you don't really need it to pull out the phone unless you have big fingers, then add a shorter tab to the short edge before sewing together. This would keep the phone very secure.

Thirdly.....

Why not make one in black and decorate with beads and lace for the evening. Better still, go for a steampunk look by adding embellishments representing the industrial age! One could go on and on but I am sure you can come up with lots of ideas. These are very quick to make – I hope you enjoy making this phone case.

Please remember that even in a case phones are delicate and should be treated with care.