



“Worthy” Laptop / Tablet Sleeve

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Background

Please don't be put off the word on this Laptop sleeve. When I was asked to make a bag design, I was the midst of some serious self-reflection. More of that in my blog that accompanies this pattern. (www.ukqu.co.uk). In short, I wanted a word to represent one of my key values as a reminder when I have moments of self-doubt. Cheesy! I know, I know, but it works for me. This pattern is utterly adaptable. In the appendix, you will find templates for letters, numbers and symbols so you can create your own words or sayings. This pattern uses Tweed and applique letters. However, you could also use orphan blocks or pieced pieces – like I said utterly adaptable!

I am not a professional photographer. Although I think my photos are getting better they are not perfect. You may get the odd shadow, out of focus or a weird angle. The photos are used to illustrate a technique. Also as the proud mummy of three cats and a pug, stray hairs are an inevitability. While I try to keep them out of my sewing room, rogue hairs (or pet) do make their way onto my clothes and into my room. Therefore, some of my photos may show stray hairs.

This is my first ever pattern, so please provide feedback via my blog page. I have broad shoulders so be honest (but please keep it clean!!). I really hope you enjoy making this laptop sleeve as much as I did.

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Tales of a Part-time Quilter.

Materials

- ½ metre of Tweed (depending on the size of Laptop/Tablet)
- ½ metre of contrasting Fabric (depending on the size of Laptop/Tablet)
- ½ metre of Wadding / Batting (I used scraps of Hobbs 80/20 but any batting/ wadding will work)
- Sheet of Paper (tracing or copy paper) to trace around letters.
- Fabric Scraps (for the applique)
- Small Piece of Heat N Bond Iron-On Adhesive or other Fusible Webbing (for the applique)
- Button

Tools

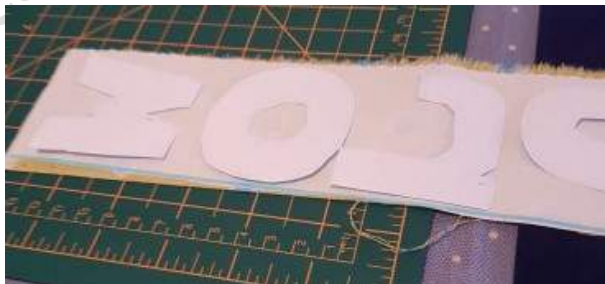
- Iron and Ironing board (or mat)
- Basting spray or Pins (I use 505 Spray)
- Hand Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (threaded)
- Walking Foot / Free motion Embroidery Foot (optional)
- Binding clips

Instructions

1. First, you need to decide on what word you want to applique on your sleeve. Examples: “Love”, “Craft” “Quilt” etc.
2. Trace around the letters you want and cut them out.
3. Next, select scrap(s) from your stash to use. (I chose the Cute Cat Fabric, as it’s a good contrast to the background fabric. However, the choice is yours).



4. Iron the Fusible webbing (I use Heat N Bond) onto the back of the chosen fabric.
5. Lay out the letters on the fabric, and draw (Note: you **NEED** to make sure you lay out the letters back to front. Do not ask how I know this. Rookie mistake!)



6. Once you have drawn round the letters, cut them out.
(Yay the right way round !!!)



7. On to the sleeve itself. Measure your Laptop / Tablet.
(My laptop is 8.5 inches by 12 inches). Depending on how snug you want the sleeve to be, add one or two inches to each measurement. (I wanted a sleeve that I could tuck a notepad into so I added 2 inches.)
8. Cut out 2 pieces of tweed fabric to your desired size (For my laptop sleeve, I cut pieces 11 inches by 15 inches).
9. Using Chalk, mark out where you want to place the letters. (I chose the centre of the sleeve, but you may want to align at the top, bottom or to once side).



10. Peel the backing off the fusible webbing, and using a hot Iron, fix the letters in place.
11. Using a decorative stitch of your choice, stitch round the edges of each letter to hold it in place. I used a blanket stitch.



12. Next Quilting. Cut 2 pieces of co-ordinating fabric to the same size as the tweed pieces. You will also need to cut Wadding/Batting to the same size. I used two layers to make sure my laptop is well protected.

However, if you are using a higher loft wadding (such as the dreaded Polyester wadding... Yuck just had a judder!) You may find that one layer is sufficient. (Note: The thicker the wadding the more you may want to cut the sleeve a bit wider to take into account the thickness).

13. Baste the front and back pieces. I use 505 Spray, but you may prefer pins.

To spray baste:

- Lay the Coordinating fabric, right side down.
- Next, lightly spray the wadding and lay on top of the Fabric.
- Smooth out any lumps or bumps before repeating with a second piece of Wadding.
- Smooth out lumps and bumps again. Lightly spray baste the wadding before laying the Top layer, right side up.

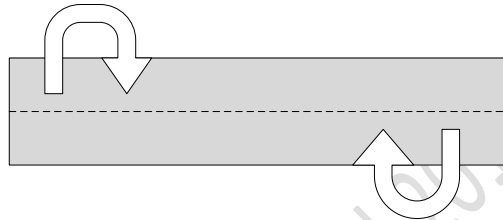
To Pin baste:

- Lay the Coordinating fabric, right side down.
- Next, lay two layers of wadding on top of the Fabric, smoothing out, between each layer.
- Lay the Top layer, right side up, on top of the layers, completing the “quilting sandwich”. Using basting pins, pin the “quilting sandwich” together.

14. Using your walking foot, stitch straight lines vertically down the “quilt sandwich”, taking care not to sew over the appliqued letters. (note: you can use a free motion embroidery foot and, with feed dogs dropped, free motion a pattern of your choice)

15. Once quilted, measure both pieces and trim if necessary to ensure both are the same size. (This is another reason for adding inches at the beginning).

16. Next to make the button loop. Cut a 2 inch by 6 inch strip from the co-ordinated fabric. (I used the same as the applique letters, but totally up to you if you use some of the backing fabric instead).
17. Fold each end into the middle and press.



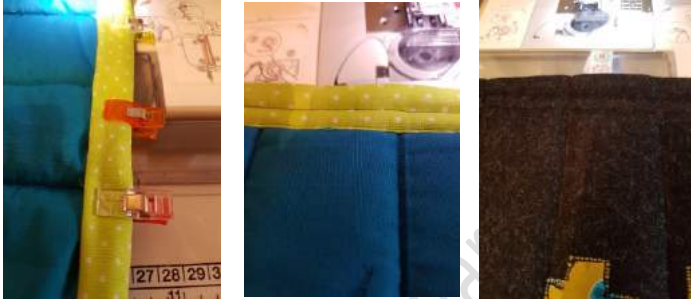
18. Top Stitch along the edge. Next fold in a loop and stitch in place.



19. Take a piece of the coordinating fabric, and press the edges in.
20. Pin to the rear piece of the sleeve, tucking the two loop ends under.
21. Stitch around to hold in place.
22. Add decorative stitching to match the applique. (I used the letter stitch feature on my machine to add my initials).



23. Cut two strips of coordinating fabric 2 ½ inches x Width of fabric. Fold in Half lengthways and press with a hot iron.
24. Using one of the stripes bind the top of each sleeve piece.



25. Using the remaining strip bind both front and back together.
26. Hand Stitch Button on Front, and you are done.



Appendix – Letters, Numbers and Symbols

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