

RubySeppings.com Tutorial Book Sleeve

Fits a standard Penguin classic paperback book. The embroidery pattern is available in my Etsy Shop 'Four period costumes'

If your handbag, tote bag or backpack is full to the brim with stuff (and these days we all seem to carry around a lot of bits and bobs including hand sanitiser and drinks), this book sleeve will keep that all important book, clean and undamaged (and you won't lose your bookmark). This is a really fun project that is quick to make and easily customisable and also makes a great gift for any book lover.



What you need:

2 x 10.5" x 7.5" of outer fabric

1 Button

2 x 10.5" x 7.5" of lining fabric

1 x 6" piece of narrow elastic

4 x 10" x 7" medium weight fusible interfacing

To begin:

Fuse your interfacing to all four rectangles of fabric.

Mark a 1" square on the bottom corners of each piece and cut it out.

On the right side of the back outer piece make a small pencil mark on the top edge at the centre point. Fold your elastic in half and position on the pencil mark with the raw ends facing upwards and aligned with the top of the fabric. Secure with the machine going backwards and forwards several times about a quarter of an inch from the top.

On the outer fabric, stitch down the sides and along the bottom.

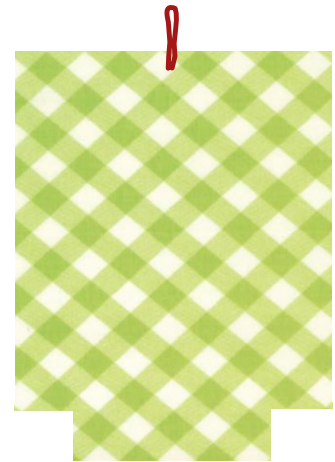
On the lining fabric, stitch down the sides and along the bottom but leave approx 3" gap along the bottom for turning.

'Box' both bottom corners on each sleeve by matching the side seams and bottom seams stitching a quarter of an inch from the edge.

Place the outer sleeve inside the lining sleeve **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER** and align the side seams and pin in place. **Be sure to make sure your elastic is facing downwards.** Stitch around the whole edge using a half inch seam allowance. Pull the outer bag through the gap in the bottom of the lining. Smooth out and push all corners out. Stitch the gap in the lining together.

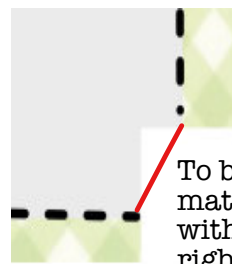
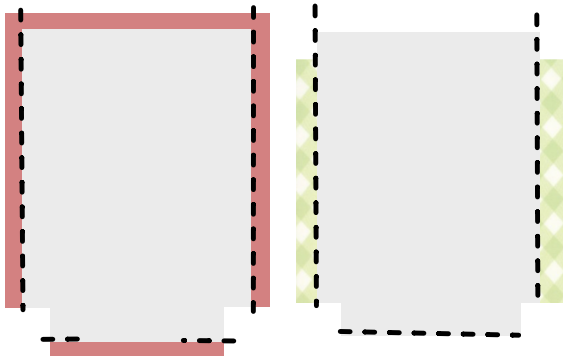
Press the top edge of the bag neatly and top stitch (a contrasting colour can look pretty here). Sew on your button and it's all done.

Book Sleeve Tutorial Diagrams

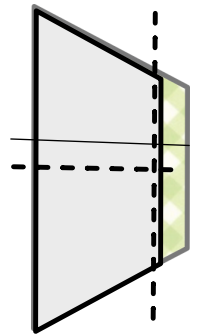


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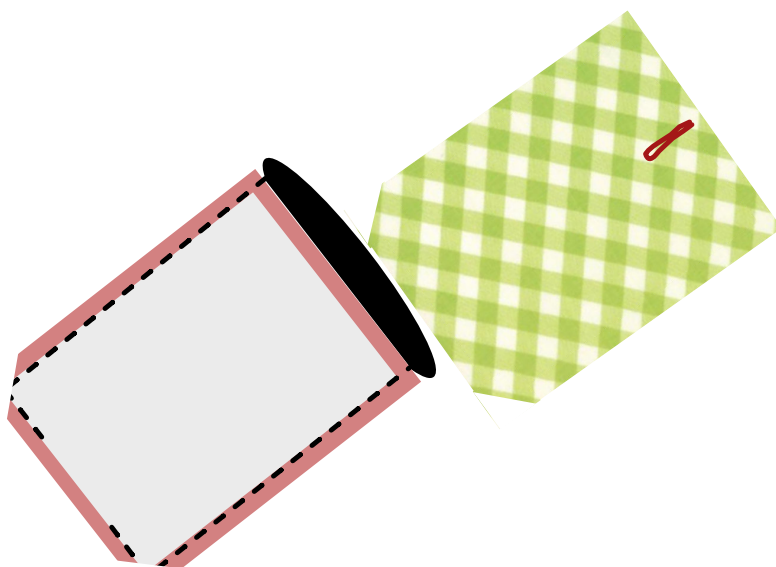
Attach the elastic to the top of the back piece. Secure with machine stitching.



To box the corners match the side seam with the bottom seam right sides together. Press the seam allowances in opposing directions to avoid bulk.



With Right Sides together stitch the two sets of rectangles together but on the lining pieces leave approx 3" gap along the bottom for turning through at the end.



With the lining bag inside out and the outer bag right side out, place the outer bag inside the lining and match the seams. Be sure to tuck your elastic in. Stitch all the way around the top edge being sure that your line of stitching goes below the end of the elastic.

To finish: Pull the outer bag through the gap at the bottom of the lining. Tuck the lining inside the bag and stitch up the gap and smooth everything out. Top stitch and add the button to finish.