

CHILDREN'S PENCIL CASE by Kerrie Hay

This quick and easy little project will take you almost no time at all and will please all the kids in the family OR better still, why not teach the kids to make their own?



MATERIALS

- One 32cm x 29cm piece of plain fabric
- One 26cm x 29cm piece of printed fabric
- One 26cm x 29cm piece of thin wadding
- One 25cm open end chunky zipper
- One 17cm x 6cm strip of printed fabric
- One zipper pull or ribbon if preferred
- 60cm of braided pom poms
- Sewing thread to match
- Walking foot
- Zipper foot #4
- Clear Foot #34

METHOD

- Lay plain piece of fabric right side facing up on table.
- Place wadding in the centre of the fabric (wadding will be smaller)
- Place printed fabric right side facing up, on top of the wadding, to create a sandwich of layers.
- Attach walking foot and quilt through all layers of fabric following the pattern on the fabric or as desired (this can be done several times along the length of fabric to hold it together)
- Fold over a double hem of 1.5cm at both ends of plain fabric and press, fold over again and press (this will cover the raw edges of the printed fabric).
- Stitch along folded edges to secure in position with Edgestitch Foot #10. Move needle to required position before sewing.
- Attach Clear Foot #34 and select zig zag. Sew on Pom Poms or braid for decoration. This foot allows you to see exactly where you are sewing.
- Attach Zipper Foot #4 and change needle position accordingly. Open and separate zipper. Attach one side at a time, making sure that when joined together everything matches up.
- Neaten raw edges with Overlocker or zig zag stitch on your machine.
- Do up zipper (this will now make a tube).
- Attach zipper pull or ribbon to the zipper tab.
- Turn pencil case through to wrong side.
- Flatten tube, making sure that the zipper is positioned in the centre of the tube.
- Straight stitch along bottom edge close to zipper.

- Open zipper half way and do the same at the other end.
- Fold and press, fabric piece for handle, in half. Open out then fold and press raw edges into the centre on both ends.
- Fold in half and edgestitch along both sides to secure.
- To create a gusset for the pencil case, take each corner and open out the end so that the seam allowance is positioned in the centre of the bag, forming a triangular peak (like ears).
- Insert handle, between the two layers, at either end. Pin in position.
- Measure down approx 2.5cm and sew across from edge to edge. You may need to turn through and check before sewing to make sure handle is in correct position.
- Turn through to right side and push out corners.
- Fill with your favorite pens, pencils or gels and enjoy.

