

# TUTORIAL PENCIL-CASE

In this tutorial I will show you how to make a pencil case using Double-sided interfacing for fabric and very simple sewing.

Feel free to use the same principle to make many other kinds of shapes: glass cases, money pouches, small hand bags, etc

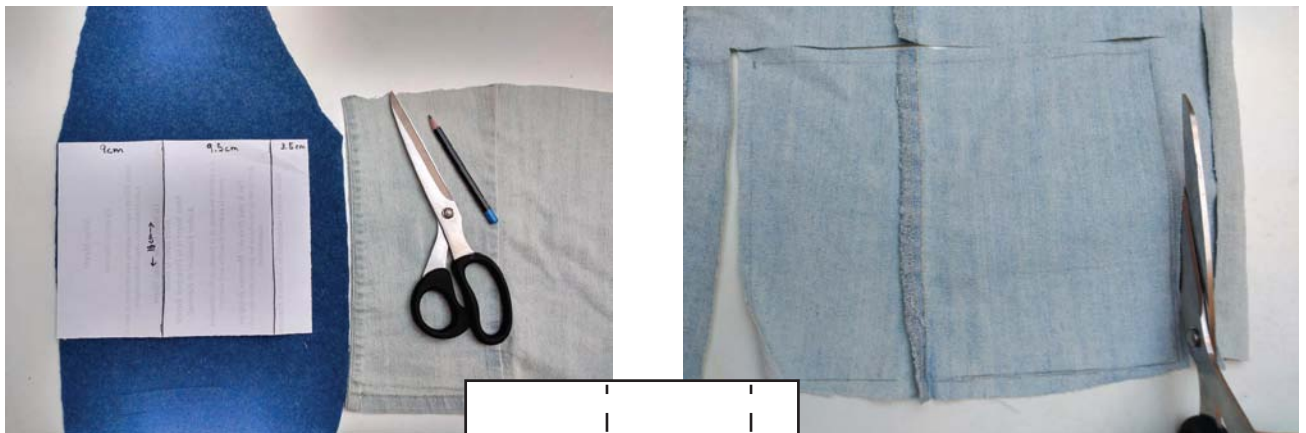
## You will need:

- 2 different fabrics of 19x23cm minimum (felted wool and jeans in this example)
- Scissors
- Paper and pencil
- Double-sided interfacing for fabric
- Needles and thread
- Iron
- 2 Sew-on snap buttons

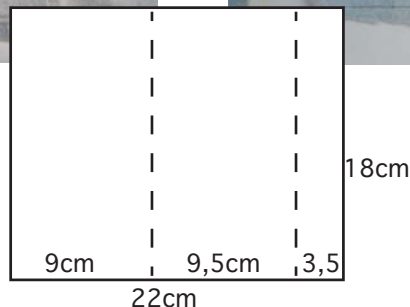


## 1 Preparatrimon

Measure and cut the 2 fabrics, jeans for the inside and felted wool for the outside. Always add at least half centimeter on each side to trim it afterwards.



Mark the creases with pins to know where to place the decoration.



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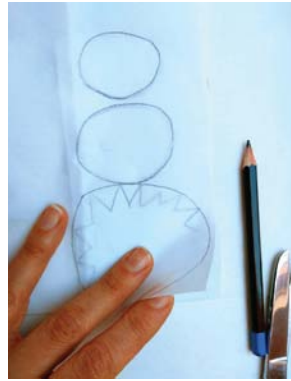
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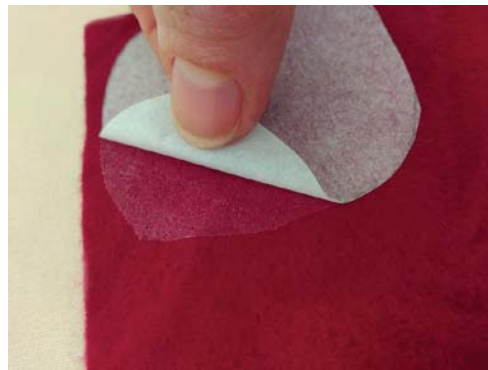
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## 2 Decorations with interfacing

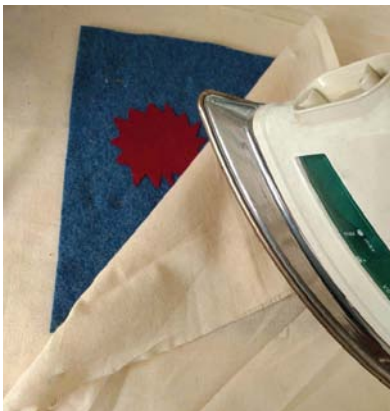
For decorating this pencil-case I used a drawing made by my son (5 years) and separated it into 3 layers of 3 different colors. You can use any kind of fabric you want but the less synthetic the better



Trace the drawing of your choice onto the paper side of the interfacing and then cut around the drawing (don't go into details)



Place the interfacing with the adhesive side facing down onto the wrong side of the fabric for the bottom layer and iron for a few seconds until the glue melts and it sticks to the fabric. Let cool down and then peel of the paper. Draw the details and cut the shape.



Place the shape onto the outside fabric of the pencil-case, interfacing side down. Cover with a cotton cloth (avoid synthetic) and iron for a bit longer pressing it and making sure all the bits are well glued. Repeat the same process for each layer.

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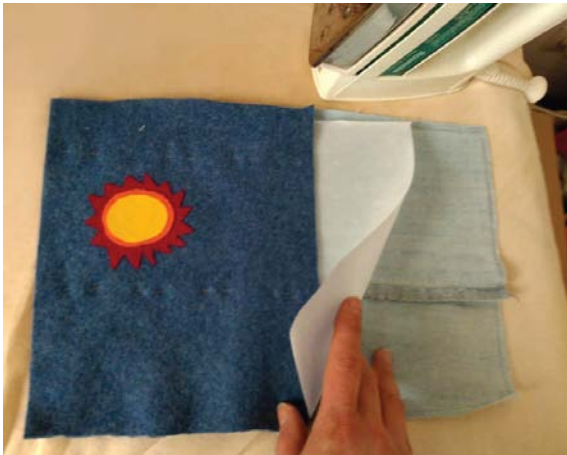
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### 3 Assembling the pencil-case

For attaching the two sides of fabric we will use the same technique as before, using the interfacing and an iron.

This time we will cut the fabrics and the interfacing of the same size.

Be sure you glue them with the wrong sides to each other.



Start by adhering the interfacing to the firmer fabric (the jeans in this case) Peel off the paper when cool and then iron it, with the glue facing down, onto the second fabric (felted wool).

When they are glued together shape the inner folds with the help of the iron.



Now is time for trimming the edges and rounding up some corners. Note that the outer fabric that I used is felted wool, which can expand with the ironing, so don't worry if it doesn't fit perfectly. Just re-measure and trim the edges as you see fit.

As I had some leftover bits I trimmed from the shape of the sun with the interfacing glued to it, I used them for some final decorations.



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## 4 Sewing

For sewing the case together I used a thick thread and a very simple stitch like the Whip Stitch, making it visible so it is part of the decoration as well.



Whip Stitch:

- You prick your needle about 3 mm from the edge.
- The thread is passed over this edge to be able to stitch from underneath.
- This is done in such a way that the thread is at an angle to the edge.
- Repeat as many times as necessary.

Here is a link to a tutorial to understand it better.

<http://benziedesign.blogspot.com/2013/05/embroidery-basics-whip-stitch.html>



Snap buttons are very practical and easy to sew. Just use a pin through them to place both parts correctly in place.

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You can combine freely the sewing and interfacing for nice finishing touches.



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Here you have some other examples of what you can do with the same technique.



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