

Fabric Envelopes

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These fabric envelopes are useful for storing stationery, books, cards, pens and papers. Not only are they practical but they look good too. The envelopes are lined with wadding and fabric, lightly quilted and finished with a ribbon and button tie or a magnetic snap.

Need to Know:

- This project is not suitable for fabrics with a one way design.
¼ in seam used throughout

Materials:

- 1(12 ½ x 24in) rectangle of outer fabric
- 1(12 ½ x 24in) rectangle of lining fabric
- 1(12 ½ x 24in) rectangle of fusible wadding
- 1 button
- 16in (1/4 in) wide ribbon
- Magnetic snap (optional instead of ribbon and button)
- Thread to match

Instructions:

1. Take the outer and lining fabrics and fusible wadding and lay them on top of each other, right side facing upwards.
2. To shape the pointed end, measure down 3in on each side of the 24 in length on one end. Mark with a pencil. Mark the mid-point in the centre of the 12 ½ in width. Using a ruler line up the mid-point with the 3in marking on each side and cut through all 3 layers. **photo1**
3. Iron the fusible wadding to the outer fabric following the manufacturer's instructions. Quilt on the diagonal in both directions 2in apart. **photo2**
4. With right sides facing fold up the unit completed in step 3 so that the straight 12 ½ in side is folded up 9 ½ in. Pin in place. Stitch down each side. Trim corners. **photo3**
5. Take the lining fabric rectangle and repeat step 4. **photo4**
6. Fold the ribbon in half and stitch the folded part to the pointed end of the outer unit, stitching 1/8 in in from the outer edge. (If you are using a magnetic snap you need to add it here to the outer and lining units.)
7. Turn the lining unit right side out and slip inside the outer unit so that the fabrics are right side facing. Matching the side seams and the edges pin together, leaving a 3in opening on the 12 ½ in edge. **photos5&6**
8. Stitch around the outer edges being careful to keep the ribbon out of the way. Clip curves and trim points.
9. Turn through and press well. Topstitch around the outer edge and across the 3in opening. **photo7**
10. Stitch a button to the front of the envelope. **photo8**

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