

ROTARY CUTTER CASE

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What quilter wouldn't love one of these quilted cases to hold her rotary cutter? The contrast trim and buttons make them look like little coats.

You can make one case from two 9" x 10½" scraps (plus fabric for bias binding). Two fat quarters will yield four rotary cutter cases (plus fabric for bias binding).

The case can also hold a pair of large eyeglasses.

Finished case measures about 3¾" x 8".

To download the free pattern and follow the step-by-step tutorial loaded with pictures, go to Dawn's website, firstlightdesigns.com, and click on Tutorials.

Fabric and notions

Piece of fabric 9" x 10½" for outside of case
Piece of fabric 9" x 10½" for inside (lining) of case
One fat quarter (about 18" x 21") for bias binding
Piece of lightweight batting 9" x 10½"
Piece of freezer paper about 10" x 11"
¼" inch Steam-a-Seam 2 (double stick fusible web)
Two buttons ⅞" – 1¼" in diameter

Supplies

Sewing machine with walking foot and/or free motion quilting foot
Standard sewing supplies (scissors, pins, measuring tape, seam ripper, etc.)
Rotary cutting equipment (mat, rotary cutter, rulers)

1. Trace the pattern onto the freezer paper. Cut around the outside edges of the pattern.
2. Make a quilt sandwich with the two fabrics and batting. Baste and quilt as desired.
3. Iron freezer paper pattern (shiny side down) to the outside fabric of quilt sandwich. Using a rotary cutter, cut the three straight sides. Use scissors to cut the curve. Peel off freezer paper pattern and save for repeated use.
4. Trim fat quarter to an 18" square. Cut once on the diagonal from corner to corner. From each piece cut a strip 2½" wide along the bias edge. Sew strips together using angled seams. You need a length about 34". Fold strip in half lengthwise and press.
5. Attach binding to the right side of the case as you would for a quilt, starting and ending along the bottom edge. Turn the binding toward the inside and fuse with ¼" Steam-a-Seam 2 (or stitch by hand).
6. Fold case along fold lines, lapping one side over the other in front (it doesn't matter which one). Front flaps should measure 2⅝" - 2¾" from fold to outside edges of binding. Adjust this measurement slightly if necessary so that the finished case measures 3¾" wide. Use Steam-a-Seam 2 to fuse the bottom of the case completely shut (or whipstitch by hand).
7. Sew buttons in place on outer flap. Bottom of lower button should be about 1⅝" from the bottom of case. Let your eye and the size of the buttons guide you. Tack the binding in place 1" down from the point where the bound edges meet.