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Letter from the Editors

Hi Sewists,

Happy Holidays! We all know that the holiday season (as fun as it is) can cause quite the headache. Between entertaining the family, cooking holiday feasts and decorating the home, there's hardly time to track down every gift on the list. Don't let the holiday woes get you down! The 6 sewing projects in this free eBook were designed to make perfect gifts in a pinch. All of the items included in the eBook can be made quickly. If you find yourself without a gift with the family on the way, whip up any of these simple projects. Homemade gifts truly show you care. Let these 6 ideas inspire you to create a sewn Christmas gift they'll love.

Happy Sewing!

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Quick Quilted Kindle Cover

By: Celeste Streeter

This holiday season, everyone wants the new “it” toy, the Kindle. This Kindle cover sewing pattern is so simple! Make and give this custom Kindle cover to a friend or family member so they can protect their precious e-Reader.



Materials:

- Canvas- 9.5x13.5 (stabilizer)
- Batting-9.5x13.5
- Fabric - 9.5x13.5 (inside lining)
- Fabric Scraps-(5 or 6 1/4 yrd selections)
- Velcro-(non-sticky)
- Bias tape-2 yrds(store bought or homemade)
- Thread
- Sewing machine

1) Lay out lining, canvas and batting; lining with right side facing away. Next, lay the canvas and then the batting on top.

2) Cut a 4.5 inch square. Lay in the middle of the batting rectangle, right side facing up. Cut two 2.5x4.5 inch strips. Laying the first strip alongside the square sew it down. Lay the second strip on opposite side and repeat.



3) Continue in this manner, working your way around and outward laying strips alongside and sewing them down as you go until all of batting is covered.



4) At this point you may want to trim corners on one end, making one end rounded. The rounded end will be wrapping around to form a closeable flap.

5) Sew bias tape around the edges of work, giving it a finished look.



6) On the end of the square quilt-pieced end, sew the fuzzy sided strip of Velcro. Then on the rounded lining end, sew the scratchy sided piece of Velcro.

7) Lastly, fold your rectangle so that only 2 1/4 " remains unfolded. It should look somewhat like an envelope. Now sew the top and bottom seams together, closing the envelope. The Velcro should be able to fold over and close together. Finished!

Bow Bag Sewing Tutorial

By: Beccy Ridsdel of Wipster

You can never go wrong when gifting a homemade bag, right? Use scraps of upholstery fabric and an old pair of jeans to make this cute Bow Bag. The top has a drawstring so it can expand when needed but draw up for security too. Your girlfriends, sisters or daughters will love receiving this lovely bag under the tree!



Materials:

- 1 yard x 12" main fabric (I used large scraps of upholstery fabric)
- 1 yard x 12" lining fabric (I used an old pair of jeans)
- 1 yard of ribbon
- 5" elastic
- A dinner plate

1) Because I wanted the bag to be able to hold files and papers, I used an A4 sheet of paper as a template.

2) Use a dinner plate to draw a curve around one corner. You can adjust the size of the curve by choosing smaller or bigger circular things.



3) Cut the curve. This is the basic template; the straight edge on the right is the fold line.



4) Cut 1 (back) piece on the fold and two half (front) pieces. Add extra seam allowance to these two pieces. Cut two pieces on the fold for the lining (I recycled a pair of jeans).



5) Pin the two half front pieces face together and place a mark 2 inches from the top, then another 1 inch below that. This will be the opening for the drawstring casing. Sew up front pieces, leaving the 1 inch marked area open.



6) Open out the front piece and press the seam. Topstitch the front seam open.

7) Cut a piece for the pocket approximately 6x6 inches.

8) Fold and press the edges. Press the top edge deep enough to encase the elastic and sew this edge.

9) Thread elastic through casing using a safety pin. Gather and secure at both ends.



10) Sew the pocket to one of the lining pieces, approximately 3" from the top.



11) Sew the two lining pieces together, leaving a 3" opening in the base.

12) Place the lining inside the outer, right sides together. Pin and sew.



13) This is a bit tricky. Invert the bag by pulling all the fabric through the hole in the lining then sew up the hole. This always looks like it isn't going to work, and then it magically becomes a bag, you'll see.



14) Press the bag again and topstitch around the top of the bag, as close to the edge as possible.

15) Measure from the top of the bag to the opening of the ribbon casing. Mark where the casing needs to be at each side of the pocket and sew around the whole bag. Avoid the pocket, don't want to sew that baby shut!



16) Measure across your body to determine the length of the handle and cut two strips of fabric as long as you need (plus 1" seam allowance) by 2" wide.

17) Sew a point on one end of the handle, and half the point on the other and trim the seams.



18) Use a knitting needle, turn the handle the right side out.



19) Press the handle flat.

20) This is where you'll be glad you half sewed the second point! Push the excess fabric inside to form the second point and press.

21) Topstitch the handle as close to the edge as possible.

22) Line up the handle with the outer side seam of the bag and stitch across, following the topstitching on the bag. The handle should overlap the edge of the bag an inch or so for decorative effect.

23) Sew a decorative vintage button to the pointed bit.



24) Tie your ribbon to a crochet hook and thread through casing.



25) Gather the top of the bag slightly and tie a bow. You're done!

Holiday Apron Tutorial

By: Freda Marie for Creative Chics

Sport this cute holiday apron while you prepare Christmas dinner for the family. Or if you're the guest, make your hostess this special holiday apron. This easy Christmas craft requires only basic sewing skills. It makes a great Christmas gift or fun Christmas craft with your friends.



Materials:

- Apron
- Fabric scraps (4" x 4" works best for easy drawing and cutting)
- 1 piece for the snowman body
- 1 piece for the hat
- 1 piece for the shawl
- Sewing Machine with zig zag stitching
- Sharp scissors
- Spray fabric adhesive
- Black fabric paint or black marking pen
- Matching threads for your fabrics

1) Purchase an apron at your favorite craft store that is ready for you to create your own holiday design. The apron can vary in price but seldom will cost you more than \$5.00, making this entire project very affordable and fun!



2) Decide what design you want on your apron (snowman, reindeer, a saying) and create the design from fabric. In my example, I found a snowman online, printed it on my printer (4 copies) and used it as a pattern to cut out my fabric pieces. Be sure you allow 1/8" overlap between pieces that touch each other.

3) Cut out the printed image and pin it to your apron. Then sew a basting stitch around the outside edge of the design.

4) Cut the image into the individual pieces. In my case I had a snowman body, scarf, and hat. I cut the snowman out of the fabric I was using for his body and another cut was made from a stabilizer (pellon) the same size as my fabric cutout. I did this with each piece of the snowman design.

5) Next I used fabric adhesive to place the stabilizer on my fabric making sure I placed it on the sewn outline for the body. Using the same technique, I then placed my fabric for the snowman on the stabilizer. Now I was ready for the next layers, the scarf and hat. Using the same technique of a layer of stabilizer and then the fabric I laid all of the pieces on my apron outline.



Crafter's Tip for Moms: You can make this a fun project for the entire family by letting them come up with the designs and cut them out while you help out with the sewing and embroidery. If you don't have an embroidery machine there are lots of felt letters in the craft store that can work for your design. Happy Holidays Everyone.

6) Then, topstitch around the outside edges of each piece of fabric in the design. Use a narrow and short zig zag stitch to create a tight sewn edge on your design, changing threads to match the color of your design fabrics.

I used black fabric paint to create dots for the eyes and buttons and orange thread in a zig-zag stitch for the carrot nose and a straight black thread basting stitch for the mouth.

7) Finish off by using an off white thread the color of my snowman to embroidery "Let it Snow" and some embroidered snowflakes finish off the theme.



Granny Chic Slippers

By: Disney of Ruffles & Stuff

Dress up comfy footwear with the stylish Granny Chic Slippers. With a few girly additions, this easy sewing project makes for a cheap (and quick!) gift anyone would love to receive.



Supplies:

- Isotoner Ballerina Slippers (Walmart also sells an off-brand for \$6!)
- Seam Ripper
- Colorful Tulle (I used peach silk, ivory cotton and gold colors)



1) I started by using a seam ripper to take off the bow. Then I cut out four petal shapes in three different sizes from peach silk, ivory cotton, and gold tulle.



2) Then I laid the petals on top of each other, starting with the largest and ending with the smallest.



3) I folded the flower in half and stitched once in the middle, then folded it in half the other way, and stitched again to make an "X".



4) And threaded three Champaign pearls in the middle of each flower.



5) Then I had three lovely flowers!
(And it wasn't until this point that I realized that was only enough for one slipper, haha!)



6) So I repeated the steps for the other slipper, and stitched them on the front of the slippers!



Can you say \$6 Christmas gift?

Getting Back at the Dryer Gloves and Scarf

By: Disney of Ruffles and Stuff

Finally a use for all of those mate-less socks! When the dryer eats one of your socks, use the leftover ones to make these funky gloves and scarf with this free, easy sewing pattern. Give a set to your son or daughter as an extra gift to keep them warm this winter.



Materials:

- 6 Pretty Socks (They don't need to match, just coordinate!)
- Store bought gloves (Walmart sells a two-pack for \$1.50)
- Yarn
- Pom-Poms

1) Sort through your socks and find the pretty ones. They don't have to match, just coordinate! It's ok if they have holes or dirty soles, because you'll just be using the tops. I used three socks for each glove.



2) Cut the tops off.



3) Turn the gloves inside out. Then take one of the sock pieces and pull it over the glove with the insides facing each other. Pin the sock piece about 1/4" below the edge of the glove band.

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4) And sew it on to the glove!



5) Sew the rest of the sock pieces to each other in the same way, but with right sides facing each other.



6) Add as many as you'd like, making sure that the last one you add has the sock band as the open end, to have a finished look.



7) Then I added a couple of pom-poms! This was my first attempt at a pom-pom, but it turned out pretty well! Here's how I did it:

Take about 3 yards of yarn and double it up, then wrap it around two slightly separated fingers about 12-15 times, leaving a tail. Wrap the tail through your fingers and around, looping it back under itself to tie very tightly, and knot. Then snip all the loops in the middle, and trim all the yarn about half way down until everything is even! (For a larger size, use more yarn, and three fingers)



8) Then I simply sewed the pom-pom to the top of the gloves!



Travel Activity Packs

By: Kirsty for 365 Days of Pinterest Creations

These Travel Activity Packs are a great way to entertain children on long car or plane rides. Chock-full of games and entertainment, these will hush any "Are we there yet?" inquiries. Give a parent the gift of silence during holiday travels this year; the kids will love them too!



Materials:

- Enough fabric for folders about 15" x 10"
- Ribbon
- Games, goodies, puzzles (for inside the folder)



1) First I printed all my free travel printables at A5 size so the travel folder will be about 15" x 10" when lying open and flat. I thought if it were any larger it wouldn't fit comfortably on the tray table on the plane.

2) The kids then chose the fabric and ribbon they wanted and I began cutting all the material contemplating the number of straight sewing lines I would have to undertake for this project. Luckily most will be hidden.



3) Once the pockets were sewn down the side of the inside panel, I pinned the two full panels together right sides together and sewed around the outside. Don't forget to add the ribbon that will tie your folder together at this point. I left a small gap so I could turn it out the right way, which was then hand sewn together.

4) I then measured and pinned a halfway line, closed my eyes and hoping for a straight sewing line, I put my foot down on the sewing machine! Luckily the middle seam is straight enough that the kids won't notice any of the small deviations.



5) I waited until the kids were busy and then filled the pockets with the printables, some new books, pencils, and other goodies.

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- Gifts for Adults
- Festive Holiday Gifts



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