



REVERSIBLE New Style Travel Tissue Holder

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Please read all instructions before beginning this project.

Materials required for each tissue holder:

- 2 pieces of fabric 6" x 6" (pattern may not be suitable for directional fabrics)
- Coordinating Thread
- 2 pieces of ribbon (grosgrain, satin, etc.) 7 1/2" each
- Temporary marking device, i.e., chalk
- Yo-Yo and/or Button, if desired
- Miscellaneous trim (yarn, ribbon, etc.), if desired.

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Instructions:

1. Using a chalk, marker or other suitable marking device, mark 1 1/2" in from each edge on one side of one fabric square.



2. Fold each 7 1/2" strip of ribbon in half, right sides together. Center over marks on fabric & pin.



3. Baste ribbon to fabric square, using 1/8" seam allowance



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4. Pull ribbon loops gently up out of the way. Bring opposite edge up to match edge with loops, smooth & press in half (being careful NOT to press the ribbon).



5. Press 2nd fabric square in 1/2.



6. Stitch sides using 1/4" seam allowance. Clip bottom corners. Repeat both seams and corner clips on other piece of fabric.



7. Use your fingers to align one side seam with pressed bottom center crease, forming a triangle. Pin.



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8. Measure from point up $\frac{1}{2}$ ", mark a perpendicular line, stitch. **NOTE:** If you have pinned the point & side seam straight with the bottom center crease, you will form a 1" perpendicular line (triangle). See image below.



9. Clip off triangle point.



9a. Repeat on other side.

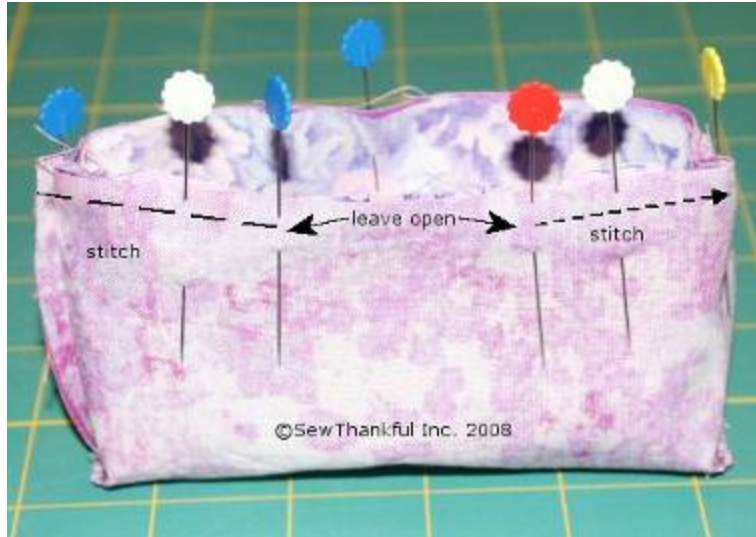
9b. Repeat process for other piece of fabric.

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10. You should now have what looks like 2 square bottom bags (each unlined, one has ribbon loops on one side, both with raw edges). Insert one unit inside the other with right side of both fabrics to the INSIDE. Be careful to smoothly sandwich the ribbon loops. Match side seams carefully and pin. Match raw edges all around. Place one pin in center of long edge that does NOT have the loops. Place one pin in center of each ribbon tail. Place a 2nd pin approximately 3/4" or so toward the center away from the ribbon edge (see image below).



Use a 1/4" seam allowance, backstitch at beginning and end to secure. Remove pins as you come to them, do NOT sew over the pins. Remember to leave an approximately 2 1/2" opening (between the two center-most pins on the "ribbon" side), stitch all the way around the top except for the opening.

11. Press all the way around the top edge to set the seam. Finger press apart/open the seam opening area, making it even with the seam allowance. Press this area open gently with your iron.



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12. Turn right side out through the opening. Use your fingers to smooth open/finger press the seam joining the two fabrics.



13. Determine which side you want to use for the lining and insert inside the other. Remember, this is a REVERSIBLE project, so you can change your mind later to show the other side. Smooth out nicely making sure to pay attention to the open seam allowance between the ribbon loops.



14. **Choose how you want to finish.** You may wish to top stitch (using a straight stitch or a decorative stitch if your machine has one you like) all the way around (approx. 1/8" from the edge). Or, you may wish to apply a trim of some sort. I couched a fancy yarn using decorative stitch in the picture below. Ribbons, beaded trim, feathers, fuzzy trims, etc....all look great! *Option: Add a yo-yo or button or other embellishment item to front.*

Insert tissue packet. Pull ribbon loops around (exposing the right side) to secure tissue packet inside. ENJOY!



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