

Quick 'n Easy CELL pouch

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I have a problem with my cell phone. It's black and it doesn't have a place where I can attach a lanyard. This results in my cell phone forever being "lost" somewhere in my handbag! So I thought that maybe you have the same problem and to solve the problem I have made a cell phone pouch that not only protects the phone but is bright enough to be found in my handbag. This pouch fits a Samsung slider phone - if your phone is longer or wider simply make the strips a bit longer or wider.

materials

- One bright fabric for the lining (13 x 14½)
- One 2¾ x 13" x bright fabric for the front. (I used the same fabric as the lining but you can use anything)
- Two 1½" x 13" strips that co-ordinate with the lining fabric.
- One 13" x 4½" iron-on batting. (If you don't have readily available use normal batting and appliqué paper)
- 1½" velcro. You can use black or white - whatever you have on hand.
- 2" x 20" strip of bright fabric for the strap.
- Little lanyard clip.
- Butterfly charm.
- Thin paintbrush for turning pieces right side out and pushing out corners
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat.
- Thread to match fabric.
- Sewing machine and usual sewing requirements.

how to

1. Join the 1½" co-ordinating strips to either side of the 2¾" bright strip.
2. Press seams outwards.
3. Iron the batting onto the back of this piece.
4. Place the lining fabric and this piece right side together and pin all the way around.
5. Stitch all the way around, leaving an opening so that you can turn right side out. Remember to double stitch on either side of the opening.
6. Trim the corners then turn right side out. Push out corners with the paintbrush.
7. Neatly close the opening by hand.
8. The layers need to be quilted together - here you can stitch straight lines or wiggly lines, whichever takes your fancy!
9. Now measure your phone and check the fit. Make sure that there is enough overlap on the top to accommodate the velcro.
10. Apply velcro to the top of the bottom piece and to the inside of the top flap.
11. Handstitch the sides closed. You can also use an edge stitch foot to

machine stitch the sides closed.

The Strap:

1. Press the 2" x 20" strip in half lengthwise with right sides facing.
2. Stitch down one side and across one bottom.
3. Turn right side out and press. Check the length of your strap. If you feel it's too long make it shorter.
4. Close the open end by hand.
5. Fold in half. Thread one end of the strap through the clip making sure it is at the half way mark.
6. Stitch across the strap to keep the lanyard in place.
7. Attach both loose ends onto top flap, stitching double to make sure it doesn't come loose.

Lastly stitch on the butterfly charm - anywhere you like. These little pouches make lovely little gifts.

