

Padded cases for
your hi-tech toys

Got It Covered



Combine your love of technology with your appreciation for style by creating eye-catching, reversible covers for each of your electronic devices, such as iPods, iPhones, and Kindles. These covers are not just for looks: Their soft padding will protect your investments from damage caused by tough tumbles in your handbag or backpack.

To make each cover, you'll choose two great fabrics, make a pattern based on the size of your device, cut the materials, and finally, sew. You're just a few steps away from a new home for your electronics.

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Supplies

- ¼ yard each of two lightweight cotton fabrics
- ¼ yard medium-loft cotton batting
- Hand-sewing needle
- Paper and pen
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Thread to match cotton fabrics

Draft and cut the pattern

The covers below are sized to fit an iPod or a Kindle, but you can alter the pattern to fit any device you'd like by following these steps.

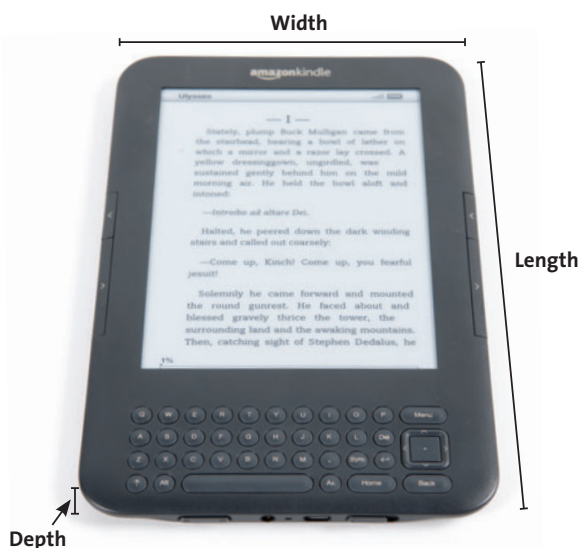


- {1} CHOOSE THE FABRIC.** Choose two lightweight cotton fashion or quilting fabrics and a medium-loft cotton batting (this makes the finished bag washable). Prewash the fabric, then iron it.

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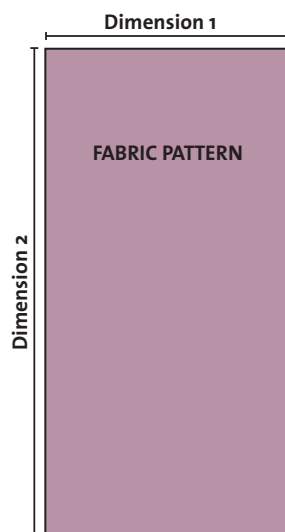
SIZING UP

If you're making the covers as a gift, you can get dimensions for any electronic devices from the manufacturer's website. Just look for the product specifications.



- {2} MEASURE THE DEVICE.** Take your device's length, width, and depth measurements. Here, the larger cover fits a Kindle at 8 inches long, a little less than 5½ inches wide, and just under ½-inch deep. The smaller cover was designed to fit an iPod Touch at 4½ inches long, a little less than 2½ inches wide, and just under ½ inch deep.

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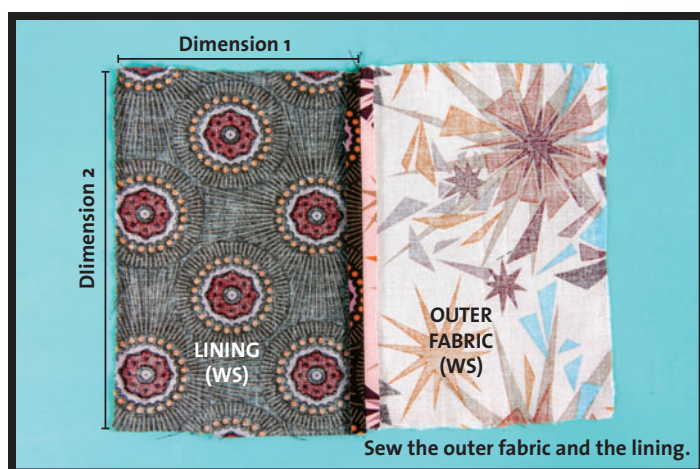
Dimension 1: $L + 1 \text{ inch ease} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ inch SA} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ inch SA}$

Dimension 2: $2(W+D) + \frac{1}{2} \text{ inch ease} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ inch SA} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ inch SA}$

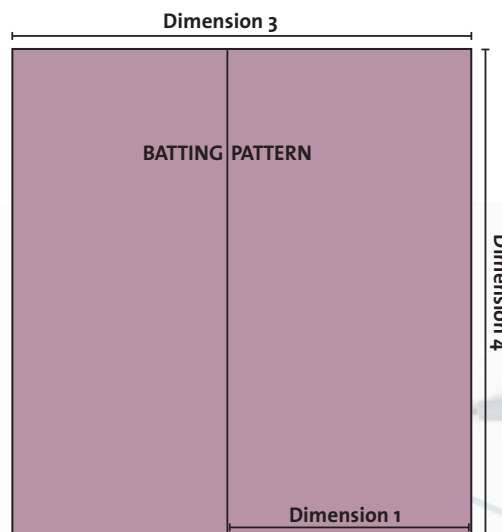
{3} MAKE THE PATTERN AND CUT THE FABRIC PIECES. Combine the width and depth of your device and double that figure. Make a rectangular pattern this width by the original length of your device. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the width and 1 inch to the length for ease. Next, add a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance to all sides of both patterns. Following the pattern, cut one of lining and one of outer fabric.

Make the cover

Simple techniques make sewing these covers a cinch.



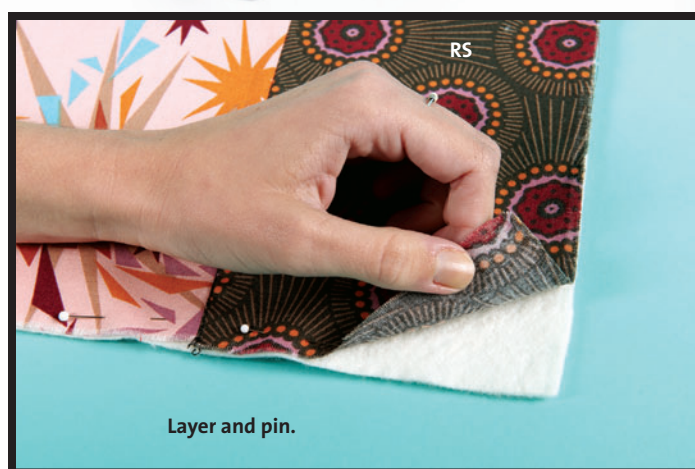
{1} JOIN THE OUTER AND LINING FABRICS. Sew the face and lining, right sides together, along Dimension 2. Press the seam allowances open, and press the joined fabrics flat to form a single-layer rectangle.



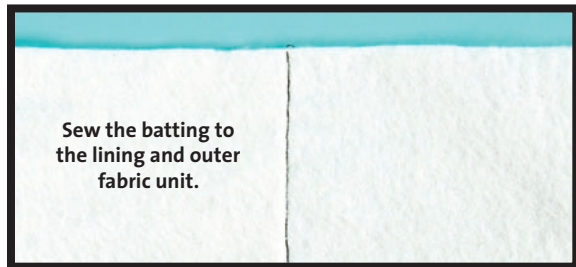
Dimension 3: $2(\text{Dimension 1}) - \frac{1}{2} \text{ inch}$

Dimension 4: Dimension 2

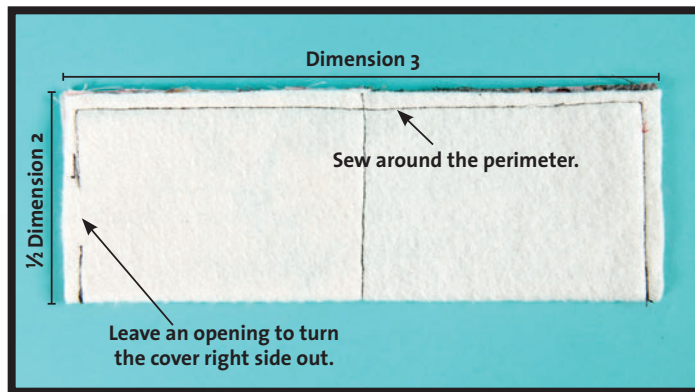
{4} MAKE THE BATTING PATTERN, AND CUT THE PIECE. Make another pattern that is double the fabric pattern in length less $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Cut out the batting using the batting pattern.



{2} PIN ON THE BATTING. Pin the batting to the wrong side of the outer fabric and lining unit.



{3} SEW ON THE BATTING. Stitch the batting to the outer fabric and lining unit along the center seam.



{4} SEW THE OUTER EDGES. Fold the fabric/batting unit in half, right sides together, perpendicular to the seam. Sew around the perimeter, leaving an opening for turning the cover right side out.



{5} FINISH THE COVER. First, grade and trim the seam allowance and batting. Then, turn the case right side out and hand-sew the opening closed. Tuck the lining inside the pouch, tack all layers together at the bag's bottom corners, and lightly press the bag flat.

