



Keep Your Sunglasses Safe

Raccoon Case



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Materials

- (1) Scrap (9 x 8½") Exterior Fabric.
- (1) Scrap (9 x 8½") Lining Fabric.
- (1) Scrap (9 x 8½") Pellon TP971F Fusible Thermolam or other similar fusible interfacing with a bit of loft and stability.
- (1) Zipper (25") or longer, we cut it down to size.

Before You Start

First I'd like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for downloading my pattern! Please read through the entire pattern before you start. I hope you'll find it easy to follow and just as fun to make as I do. If you have any questions, or find anything is unclear, please don't hesitate to drop me an email: maria@pinkponydesign.com.

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Have fun! =)

Thank you!

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1. Cut your rectangles of 9 x 8½" from exterior, lining and your interfacing. Print your template, just make sure your printer is set to **not** scale the document but to print at 100% so that the template will be the correct size. Test by measuring the 1" square. Cut out the template and use it to shape all pieces on one short side. Fuse your interfacing with your exterior piece.



2. Quilt your lined Exterior fabric if desired, I chose to do simple diagonal lines.



3. Separate your zipper (if it's one purchased with a closed end and not as yardage, cut off the stoppers in both ends, and pull off the zipper pull).



4. Take one side of your zipper (you will only use the one side so you might as well make a case for a friend too while you're at it ;)) and place it face down on top of your exterior fabric all around the rounded edge and to the end like in the photo. Then place your lining on top face down and with clover clips or pins hold your three layers in place. Sew down with your zipper foot $\sim \frac{1}{8}$ " from the coil of the zipper leaving the non zippered side open. Don't cut off the zipper ends stocking out!



5. Cut little "V" shapes into the seam allowances (not into the zipper) on the exterior and the lining fabric around the curved part to make the curve smoother when turning. Turn your case right side out and topstitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge all the way around the zipper. This so we don't risk getting our lining caught in the zipper pull when we open and close our case.



6. Time to put the zipper pull back on. Now don't panic, this isn't all that tricky! Place your case just like in the photo, if you managed to get the parts of your zipper sticking out completely even, it can be easier if you shorten one $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Start by placing both sides completely even like in the photo, pull on your pull on the long side first and then slide it onto the shorter side while still holding the whole thing flat to the table. Once you have it wiggled into both sides, place your fingers like I have mine in the photo and pull it on. Piece of cake! =)

If you find it completely hopeless, try asking a friend to hold it flat to the table while you wiggle it on. It just takes a little practice and then you'll be doing it in a flash =)



7. Take out your sunglasses, place them on your case and leave about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " to each side of them (you don't want your case too tight or it will be tricky to open and close it) and cut off the excess fabric from the bottom if any, taking care to leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



8. Sew off the end with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance with a short stitch length. I don't like leaving raw seams but if we cover it up with bias tape or similar, it will get too bulky once we turn it. Cut off a little bit of the corners to make it neater when you turn. Close the raw seam with a tight zigzag stitch and turn. Voila!

All done and well done! =)



