

# Pretty Pursonable Tissue Box Cover

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Completed size approximately 6½" wide x 5¼" tall

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## Before You Begin:

It is important to read through the entire pattern before beginning this project.

### Starch and Iron All Fabrics

#### Before Cutting

**RST= Right Sides Together**

**WOF = Width of Fabric**

Allow extra  
yardage for  
directional fabrics

## Supplies Needed:

- 1 Square Box of Tissue
- 1 Fat Quarter of Cotton Fabric for Body of Cover- **Fabric A**
- 1 Fat Quarter of Cotton Fabric for Sides of Cover- **Fabric B**
- 1/2 yd Cotton Fabric for Lining, Binding & Pockets - **Fabric C**
- 1/2 yd Pellon 71F Single Sided Fusible Peltex Stabilizer
- 2" of 3/4" Velcro
- 14" of 1" Webbing for Handle
- Pilot Frixion Marker
- Point Turner
- One Curtain Grommet 1 9/16" (I used Dritz Brand)
- Matching Thread & Bobbin
- Edge Stitch Foot (optional but helpful)
- Clover Wonder Clips (optional but helpful)
- Normal Sewing Notions

Mettler is my thread brand of choice

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*Mettler*®

Thread.Color.Imagination.



My spray starch of choice is  
Niagara Non-Aerosol  
or Maxx by Faultless.



Print and cut out all three  
templates located at the end  
of the pattern.





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## Cutting Instructions:



### Fabric A Cut:

Two **Template A** pieces -- exterior  
One **Template C** piece -- exterior flap

### Fabric B Cut:

Two **Template B** pieces -- exterior sides  
Two 4" x 7" pieces -- lining of pocket  
One strip 3" x 14" -- handle

### Fabric C Cut:

Two **Template A** pieces -- lining  
Two **Template B** pieces -- lining  
One **Template C** piece -- lining of flap  
One strip 2¼" x WOF -- binding  
Two 4" x 7" pieces -- pocket

### Peltex Single Sided Fusible Stabilizer Cut:

Two pieces of **Template A** -- exterior  
Two pieces of **Template B** -- exterior sides  
One piece of **Template C** -- flap

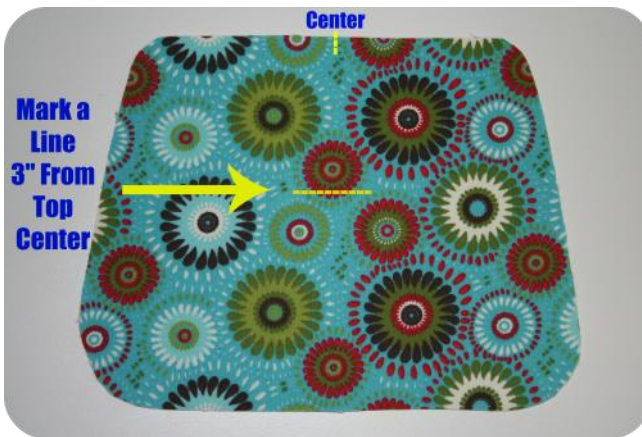
Fuse stabilizer to wrong side of corresponding size exterior pieces only according to manufacturer's instructions.  
Pocket and lining pieces will not require stabilizer.



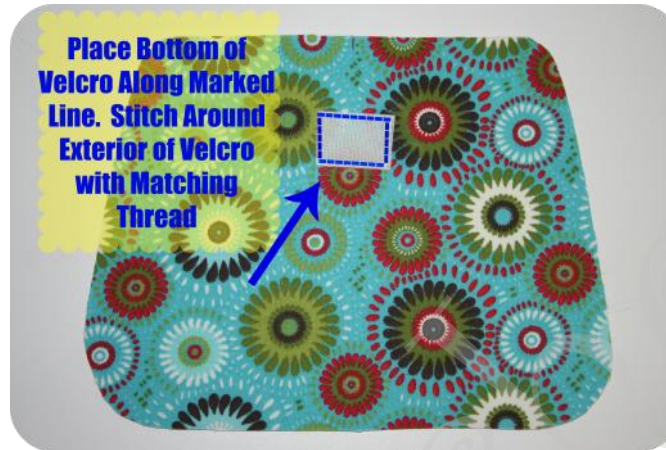
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All seam allowances are a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise indicated.

## STEP ONE: ATTACHING THE VELCRO



Find the center of one fused exterior piece of **Template A**. Measure and mark a line 3" from the top center on the right side of the fabric with a Frixion marker.



Align bottom of "scratchy" side of the 2" piece of Velcro on the marked line. Stitch around exterior of Velcro using matching thread.

Find the center along the curved edge of the interior flap piece of **Template C**.

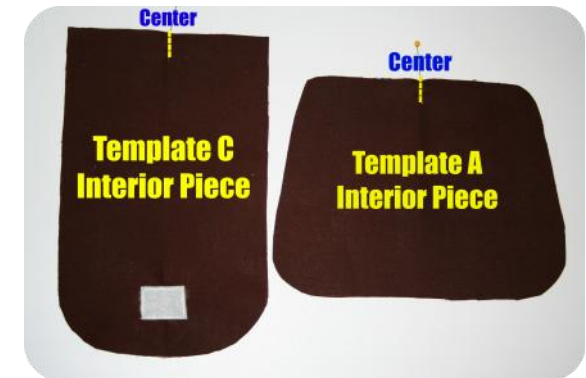
Measure and mark a line  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top center on the right side of the fabric with a Frixion marker.



Align bottom of the remaining piece of Velcro ("smooth" side) on the marked line. Stitch around exterior of Velcro using matching thread.



## STEP TWO: JOINING TEMPLATE A & C



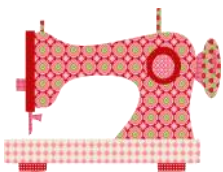
Find the center along the straight edge of the interior piece of **Template C** with the Velcro attached and the center of one interior piece of **Template A**.





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Align the center of the right side of the two pieces; pin. Stitch with a 1/4" seam allowance along the pinned straight edge only.



*HINT: The brown fabric (Fabric B) has sparkles on one side of the fabric. I am using this side as the wrong side of the fabric. This is a good example of being able to utilize both sides of the fabric :>)*



Press seam open. This will be known as the interior (lining) joined piece.

Repeat Step Two to join the exterior fused piece (without the Velcro) of Template A and the exterior fused piece of Template C.



Press seam open. This will be known as the exterior joined piece.



Place right sides together of the interior and exterior joined pieces; pin. Stitch around the exterior perimeter of the pieces leaving a hole at the bottom for turning.

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**Clip the  
Curved  
Edges.**

Clip the curved edges.

**Trim All Edges to  
About 1/8"**

Trim all edges to about an 1/8" taking care not to cut into the stitching.



Turn inside out  
through the  
opening. Press.



Trim the excess fabric to make it even and straight along the bottom. This unit will now be known as the joined piece.  
Set aside for now.

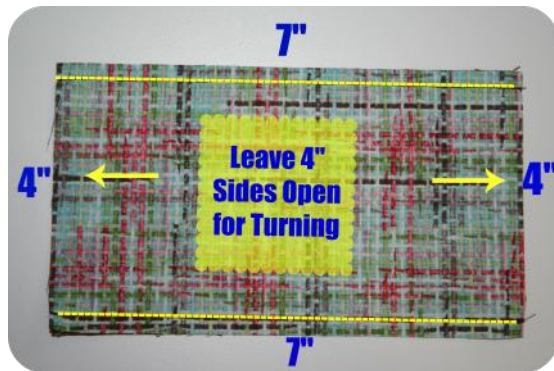




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## **STEP THREE:** **ASSEMBLING THE** **PLEATED SIDE POCKETS**

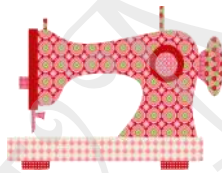
Place right sides together of one 4" x 7" piece of **Fabric B** and one of the same sized piece of **Fabric C**. Stitch along the top and bottom of the 7" sides only, leaving the short sides open for turning.



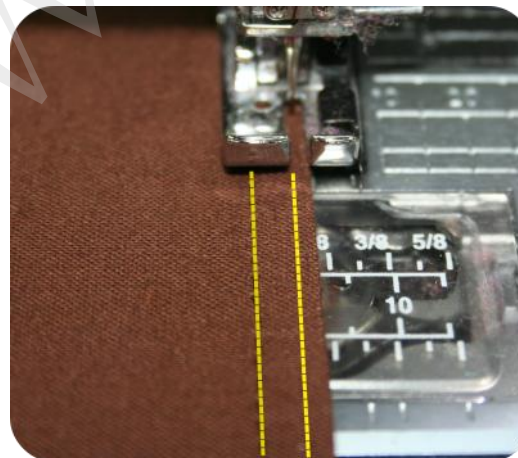
Turn right side facing out. Press. Repeat to join the other two same size pieces together.



Topstitch along the top of the pocket.



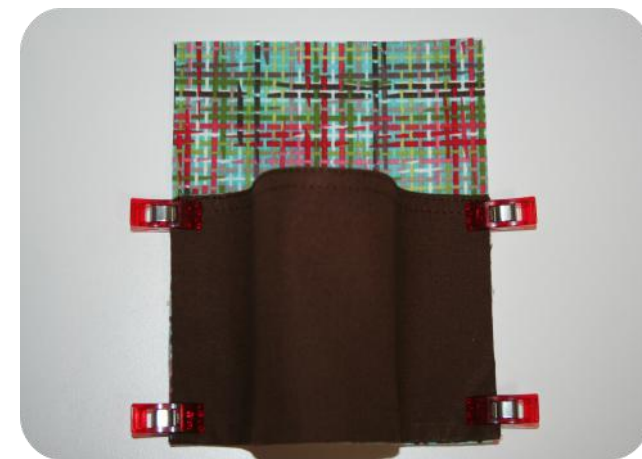
*HINT: I like to double topstitch about 1/8" apart for a more professional finish.*



Place one exterior fused piece of **Template B** on a flat surface, right side facing up.



Align the bottom of the pocket with the bottom of the fused piece. Use Wonder Clips to pin along each side.



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Baste using an 1/8" seam allowance along each pinned side.



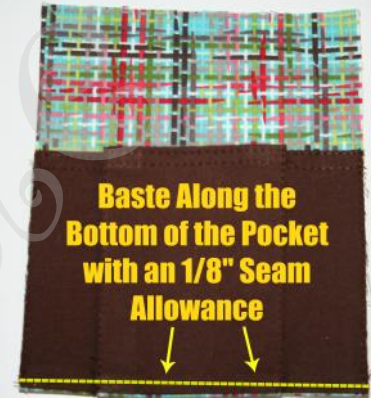
This will leave excess fabric in the middle to make the pleats. Fold the extra fabric evenly, making a pleat/fold about 1/4" on each side. Pin (or clip using Wonder Clips) the bottom of the pleats; press.



Fold the fabric out of the way to place only the pleat under the pressure foot to edge stitch along the fold of each pleat.



*HINT: Using an edge stitch or stitch in the ditch foot really helps in this step.*



Baste along the bottom of the pocket with an 1/8" seam allowance.



Place one **Template B** piece of the lining fabric (**Fabric C**), right sides together with the pleated pocket piece; pin.

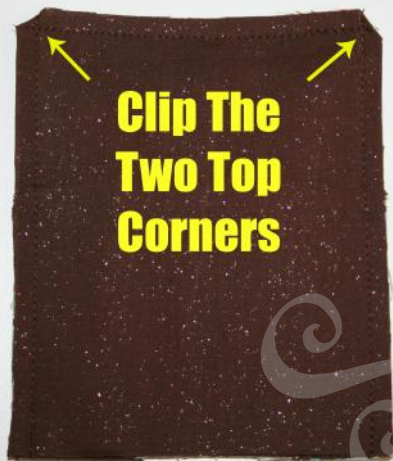




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Stitch around three sides, leaving the bottom open for turning.



Clip the two top corners. Trim the three sewn edges to about an  $\frac{1}{8}$ " taking care not to cut into the stitching.



Turn the side piece right side facing out. Press. Repeat all of **Step Three** to produce two side pieces with pleated pockets. Set pieces aside for now.

## **STEP FOUR:** **JOINING THE PIECES** **OF TEMPLATE A**

Place the final two pieces of **Template A** right sides together. Exterior piece will have the Velcro attached. Pin. Sew around perimeter leaving an opening for turning. Clip the curves. Trim seam allowance to about  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Turn right side facing out.



Trim excess fabric to even the bottom. Place right side facing up on a flat surface.





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## **STEP FIVE:** **PUTTING IT ALL** **TOGETHER**



Place the joined pieces of **Template A** right sides together with one side piece. Pin. Sew pinned sides together.



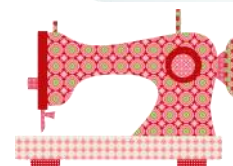
Place **Template A** piece at a slight angle on **Template B**. **Template B** (the side piece) will be slightly longer than the front piece.



opposite side of the two joined pieces. Pin. Sew sides together. Your pieces should resemble this picture.



Place the joined piece that was assembled in **Step Two** right sides together with these pieces. Pin. Sew sides together where fabric meets. Please note that the top of the side seam is designed to be open and not sewn completely together.



*HINT: Rather than waiting until the box is complete, it might be a little easier to edge stitch each piece as they are sewn to each other.*





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Complete the box by placing the end pieces right sides together. Pin. Sew.



**Edge Stitch the Joined Seams**

To give the box a crisp shape, turn it right side facing out and edge stitch all of the joined seams.

Now you can see it's starting to come together. Hang in there, we are almost finished.

## **STEP SIX: BINDING THE BOTTOM RAW EDGE**

There are several different ways to attach binding. Use your favorite method or try mine. Place the raw edge of the binding on the front edge of the box. Fold the tip of the binding down a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Leave the first 3" of the binding unattached. Sew using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance around the box to attach the binding.



Leave a 3" tail at the end to close and hide the raw edges of the binding.

Cut the tail of the binding at an angle. Place inside the folded side of the binding; pin.



**Finish Sewing the Joined Binding Together**





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Once the binding is attached to the front, fold the binding over to the interior side to cover the raw edges. Use Wonder Clips or pins to hold in place.



Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to attach the binding to the inside of the box.

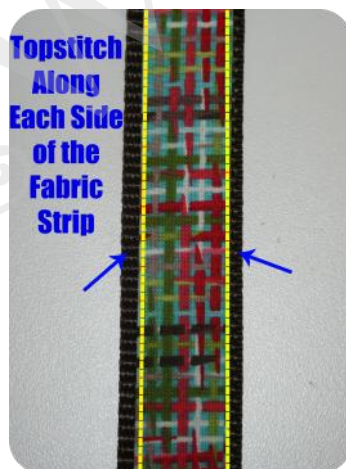


## STEP SEVEN: THE HANDLE



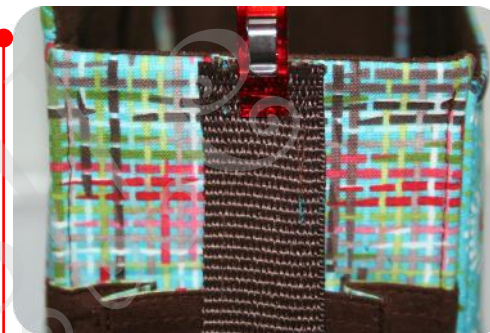
Fold the 3" x 14" strip of **Fabric B** in half lengthwise. Press. Fold each raw edge to the middle pressed seam. Press again.

Fold the fabric once more; press. This will render about a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " strip of fabric.

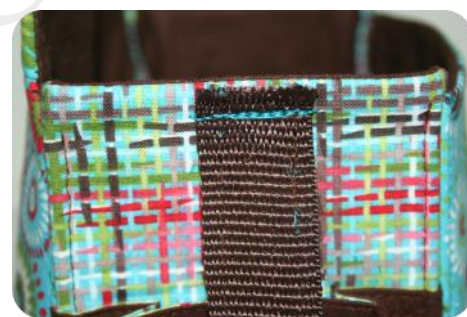


**Topstitch Along Each Side of the Fabric Strip**

Center the folded strip on top of the webbing. Topstitch along each side of the strip to attach it to the webbing.



Center the right side of the handle on one of the side seams. Pin.



Sew with a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



**Fold the Handle Back Over Itself to Conceal the Raw Edge**

Fold the handle back over itself to conceal the raw edge.

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**Sew A Square  
Around the Bottom  
of the Handle to  
Secure it to the  
Side Seam**



Sew a square around the bottom of the handle to secure it to the side seam of the box.

Repeat this process to attach the other end of the handle to the opposite side of the box.



Look at your adorable tissue box cover!



## **STEP EIGHT:** **INSTALLING** **THE GROMMET** **FOR THE OPENING**



Place a box of tissue inside the cover.



Close the flap aligning the Velcro closure. Center the template that came with the grommet on the right side of the flap.

**Trace Around the  
Template Using a  
Frixion Marker**



Trace around the template using a Frixion marker.



Cut inside the marked line to make an opening for the grommet.





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Right Side of  
Grommet

Wrong Side of  
Grommet

Once they  
snap  
together,  
pull the  
tissue  
through  
the  
opening.

**YOU ARE  
DONE!!**

Back Side of  
Tissue Box  
Cover

Just look how  
adorable your  
tissue cover is!!  
Adorn the flap by  
hot gluing  
flowers, buttons,  
ornaments,  
rhinestones,  
bows (oh the  
possibilities are  
endless) to make  
it uniquely yours!

Attach the grommet by placing one right side of the grommet on the outside of the tissue cover and one right side on the inside of the tissue cover. Press together on a flat surface. If you feel resistance, trim your fabric a little more.



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1"  
Square

# TEMPLATE A (FRONT & BACK)

CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM FABRIC A  
CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM FABRIC C  
CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM PELTEX STABILIZER

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1"  
Square

# TEMPLATE B (SIDE)

CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM FABRIC B  
CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM FABRIC C  
CUT TWO TEMPLATES FROM PELTEX

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1"  
Square

# TEMPLATE C (FLAP)

CUT ONE TEMPLATE FROM FABRIC A  
CUT ONE TEMPLATE FROM FABRIC C  
CUT ONE TEMPLATE FROM PELTEX

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