

# Pencil Case

Finished size: 5 ½" high x 7" wide



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This handy little bag can be made any size. Decide on the size of the bag front, and then add 2" in height to this measurement for the back. Read instructions carefully before starting the project.

In this project you will learn how to:

- Insert exposed zip
- Select decorative stitch and alter stitch length and width
- Position and sew buttonholes
- Line bag concealing raw seams simply

### Materials:

- 8" zip
- Thread to complement fabric
- Pellon 1 x 7" x 8"
- Plus 1 x 5" x 8"
- 6" x 1" ribbon
- Remnants of fabric
- Patterned fabric for back (avoid one way prints) 1 x 7" x 8"
- Plain fabric for front 1 x 5" x 8"

- Lining 1 x 7" x 8"
- Plus 1 x 5" x 8"

### Tools required:

- Brother NS35 sewing machine, instruction book and accessories
- Scissors and pins
- Wipe off fabric pen
- 25mm button
- Iron, and ruler or measuring tape

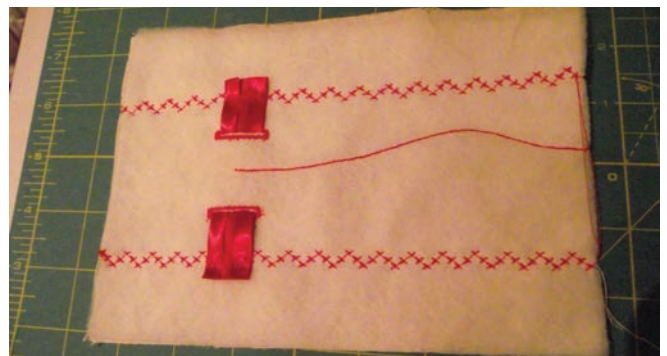
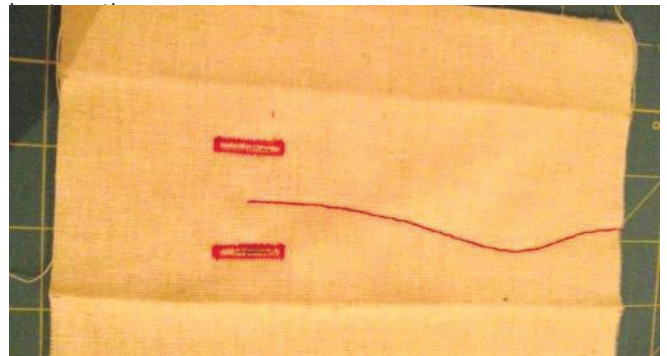
**Optional:** rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat

## Preparation and Cutting:

1. Cut all fabric and Pellon to the measurements given in the requirements list.
2. Iron Pellon pieces to the front and to the back bag panels as per manufacturer's instructions.
3. On the bag front finger press stitching line 1" down from the top, and again 1" up from the bottom.
4. For the decorative buttonholes, mark a dot 1 3/4" down from the top and 2" in from the left hand side. Mark another this time in the bottom left hand corner 1 3/4" up from the bottom and 2" in from the left hand side.

## Decorating the bag front:

1. Thread sewing machine with thread to match ribbon
2. Decorative buttonholes:
  - Always make sample buttonhole first on a scrap of the same fabric used.
  - Using a 1" button to set the length of your buttonhole.
  - Select buttonhole number 38.
  - Your Brother sewing machine sews buttonholes backwards. Position bag front left hand side facing you.
  - Needle down in marker dot, buttonhole foot parallel to top and bottom edges, make buttonhole.
  - Repeat for second button hole.
  - With foot N, stitch number 03, stitch width 3.5 and length 2.5 sew a random line from between the buttonholes to the right side edge.
  - Carefully cut buttonholes and thread with ribbon. Pin ribbon ends to top and bottom edges to hold until secured with decorative stitches.



### 3. Decorative stitching:

- Select stitch number 68
- Change stitch length to 4.0
- Stitch width to 7.0

4. Using the finger pressed lines as a guide, sew across top and bottom of bag front. To keep stitches regular sew at an even speed (speed control at half speed will help).

5. Trim ribbon ends.

## Construction:

1. Place zip face down on bag front and pin to the top edge (zip is longer)



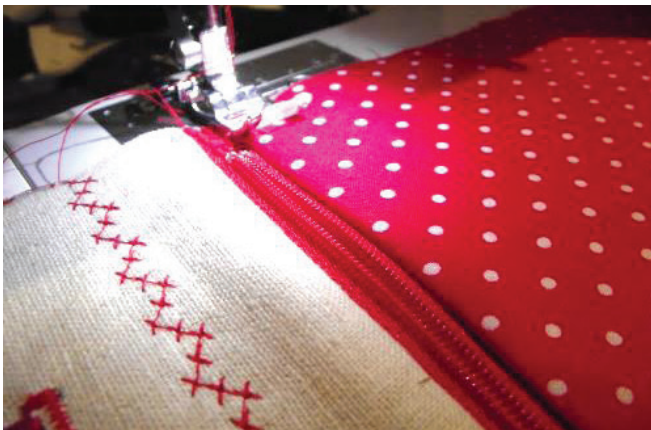
2. Cover zip with front lining and re-pin. Zip will extend past right hand side.

3. Stitch 02 and using your zipper foot sew the seam using edge of foot on the edge of the fabric as guide.

4. With the other side of the zip face down on the top edge of the bag back fabric, pin. Cover with back lining fabric and continue as before.

5. Close zip.

6. Replace zipper foot with multipurpose foot J and stitch 02, topstitch bag back through all back layers.



7. Place right side of bag front to right side of bag back together, aligning bottom edges. Using the side of the foot as a guide and using stitch number 01, sew from half way down one side, across the bottom and up the other side half way.



8. Right sides of front and back lining together sew as outer bag, however leave 3" opening in base of lining to turn bag through.

9. Bag still inside out, zip half open, lining base and bag base together, stitch each side from top to just past half way.

10. Turn right side out through hole in lining. Stitch lining closed.



Congratulations your pencil case is now finished!



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