

## Quilted Travel Valet



Cut two pieces of fabric and one piece of batting 7" x 9".

Put fabric right sides together, then place on top of batting. Stitch 3 sides together in a 1/4" seam. The fourth side, leave an opening in the middle about 4 1/4". Backstitch at beginning and end of seam.

Turn right sides out, then use a "purple thang" or other tool to help push out the corners. Fold in the raw edges of fabric along that side you have left open. Finger press or use an iron to hold them in place on the inside of the quilt sandwich, then clip or pin them. Sew around the whole quilt sandwich about 1/8" from the edge, including catching that formerly open edge you just turned and pinned.

Place the rectangle quilt sandwich on your sewing table, with the side facing up that is going to be the inside of the travel valet.

Cut a cardboard template about 3 1/4" x 5 1/4", place it in the middle of the side that is going to be the inside, and, with a chalk, draw around the template. Draw a line from each corner of the freshly drawn rectangle to the corresponding corner of the quilt sandwich.

Quilt in a straight line around the rectangle you've just drawn. Quilt another rectangle about 1/2" inside the first one. Then quilt as desired in the area that will be the sides. (I just quilt straight lines, about 1/2" apart. This is just eyeballed!)

You are almost done!

To give it the boxy shape, you can put in Kam snaps or stitch the corners to the sides.

If you want to put Kam snaps in, put a ruler along the diagonal line you just drew from the corner of the chalk-drawn rectangle to the corner of the quilt sandwich. Measure up about 1 1/4" from the corner and make a small line perpendicular to the diagonal line. Then place dots on that line about 1/2" from the diagonal line. (A drawing here would help!)

Set a male piece on one dot and a female piece on the other, then repeat on all four corners.

OR

Put your index finger in the corner of the chalk-drawn rectangle on the bottom of your about-to-be box. With your other hand, pull up the two sides adjacent to your finger. It will form the first corner of your box. Fold the resulting "ear" toward the short side of the box. Repeat for all corners.

Stitch about 1/8" from the edge on the short sides of the box, catching those "ears" as you go.

Et voila, you are done!