

my key fob

Requirements:

- :- 2 x 2¼" x 12" fabrics for key fob
- :- 1¼" x 12" piece of stiff fusible interfacing (I like to use Peltex 71)
- :- 1¼" metal key fob
- :- pliers

Finished Size: 1¼" wide x 6" in length



Key fob hardware

Create:

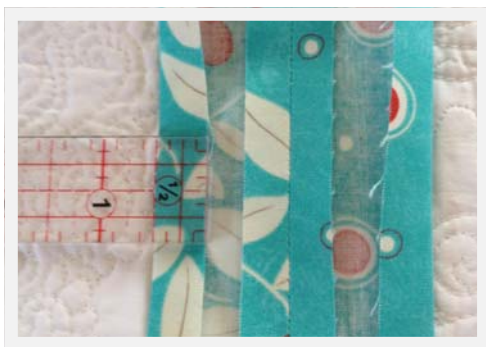
For a 1¼" fob finding

- Fabric - Cut 2 x strips 2¼" x 12" (note: you can make a different fabric for the front of the key fob if you wish)
- Stiff Interfacing - Cut 1 x strip 1¼" x 12"

For a 1" fob finding

- Fabric - Cut 2 x strips 2" x 12"
- Stiff Interfacing - Cut 1 x strip 1" x 12"

Step One: Take your two fabric strips and with right sides together, and using a ½" seam, sew down one long side of your fabric. Iron seam open and flat.



Step Two: Fold over and iron a ½" seam on both of the long sides.



Step Three: Insert the interfacing with the fusible side (rough) face down onto the wrong side of the "front" piece of your fabric. Make sure the seam allowances sit over the interfacing.



Step Four: Fold over the other side and press together making sure the edges match and pin together.

P.S. Tip

I find my topstitch neater if I have the fused fabric side up

Step Five: Top stitch both sides of the long edges of your fabric strip. (I sew the unstitch edge first) Make sure when sewing the unstitch edge you catch both edges on either side of your strip. (see PS techniques)

Assembly:

Step Six: If you need to trim both short ends flush with the interfacing. This makes a neater finish.

Step Seven: Fold your fabric strip in half, wrong sides together, matching the raw edges. Zigzag the raw edges together. Trim your threads and apply fray stop to the raw edge you have just sewn.

P.S. Tip

You can add a fabric strip or piece of ribbon down the centre of your fob. Cut a 1 3/8" strip of fabric and use a 3/4" bias binding maker and make the strip. Place the strip over the centre of your sewn fabric strip and topstitch down either side of your fabric strip. Then go to Step 8 and finish your fob.

Step Eight: Place the metal fob finding over the zigzagged raw edge. Use a leftover piece of interfacing and a pair of flat nose pliers and squeeze the finding together. The piece of interfacing stops the metal fob from being scratched. I find it works better if I start at the middle and then squeeze either edge.

Step Nine: Add your key ring to the finished fob.

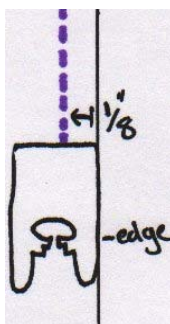
Step Ten: Place your new pin cushion into a reel of thread. You now have a handy and portable pin cushion whilst hand stitching.

 Your key fob has now been **PASSIONATELY SEWN** by you.
Janeene



Key fobs made by a sewers aged 7 to 11 years

PASSIONATELY SEWN: techniques



Edge Stitch or Top Stitch

A row of machine stitching placed very close to a seam or garment edge. Stitching is usually about 1/8" away from the edge. If your sewing machine allows you to, move the needle off centre, towards the edge you will be stitching. This allows greater grab by the presser foot and feed dogs.