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Laptop Sleeve

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Perfect laptop sleeve for working on the go! It zips all the way open, so that you can work on your laptop without taking it out of the sleeve.

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Watch The Video Tutorial

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7YfYRrnbnY & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2BrqyXOXv0

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/fabric8_sa/channel/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Fabric8.co.za

Printing Instructions

1. Start by only printing the first page of the pattern with the 1 inch by 1 inch & 2cm by 2cm blocks at the bottom.
2. Ensure that your printer is set to print 100%.
   a. Make sure you haven't selected "Print Entire Image" or "Fill Entire Paper" - this will make your sizing incorrect.
   b. You must scale the page to 100%.
3. Measure the 1 inch by 1 inch & 2cm by 2cm blocks with a ruler once it's printed and make sure that the size is correct before printing all of the pages.
4. If everything is correct, print all pages at 100% scale.
5. Stick your pattern together and cut it out.

Supplies & Tools List

These items are hyperlinked to where you can find them if they are available on the Fabric8 website. **Simply click on the item you need, and it will open up in your web browser.**

Fabric:
- 0.5m fabric (colour 1)
- 0.5m fabric (colour 2)

Supplies:
- Batting
- 10cm velcro
- 95cm open-end zip

Tools:
- Sewing machine bobbins
- Fabric scissors
- Fabric pinking shears
- Fabric marker/ tailors chalk
- Pins
- Fabric clips
- Prym mini steam iron
- Mini ironing board
- Rotary cutter
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Paper scissors
- Paper glue
- Tape measure

Pattern-Making Supplies & Tools List

Other:
- The Laptop or Tablet you want to make pattern for

Supplies:
- 2 x dress zips in the colour you need longer, at least 5cm longer than the laptop is wide (long side)
- 1 x open ended zip in the colour you need, at least 10cm longer than the 2 short sides + 1 long side of laptop

Tools:
- [Pattern paper](#)
- 7mm click pencil
- Paper glue
- Paper scissors
- [Seam gauge](#)
- [30cm ruler](#)
- [60x16cm quilting ruler](#) with [handle](#)

Laptop Sleeve Pattern-Making Instructions

- **Step 1:**
  - Decide exactly what pockets you would like in your laptop bag.
  - Decide on what fabric you will be using where.
  - Decide on your lining fabric.
  - Decide exactly how thick you would like the bag to be as this changes your bag measurements, as well as what type of batting you will need.
  - **Just remember that a laptop bag is not to stop the laptop from breaking if it falls because depending on how far and hard it falls a soft laptop bag will not prevent damage.**
    - The laptop bag is there to prevent dirt from getting in and minor damage like scratches etc.

- **Step 2:**
  - Follow my step by step Create with Fabric8 tutorial on how to firstly draw up the pattern and then next week how to sew the laptop bag.

- **Step 1:**
  - Decide on the outside and lining fabric.
  - Outside Fabric:
    - Cut 2 x Bag Body
    - Cut 1 x Gusset
  - Lining Fabric:
    - Cut 4 x Bag Body
    - Cut 1 x Gusset
    - Cut 2 x Bag Tab
  - Batting/ Foam:
    - Cut 4 x Bag Body
    - Cut 2 x Extra Bag Body (if needed)
    - Cut 2 x Bag Tab
    - Cut 2 x Gusset

- **Step 2: Cutting**
  - Cut off the seam allowances on the batting pieces and iron on to and Iron onto all pattern pieces, If you want to double up on batting only do this on the outside fabric.

- **Step 3: Pockets**
  - Fold both pocket pieces in half, folding on long side. Topstitch at edge on fold side. Attach a piece of velcro to one of the pocket pieces in the middle about 2cm in from folded edge.

- **Step 4:**
  - Place your pocket pieces on the right side of your lining pieces & baste around edge at 5mm.

- **Step 5: Tab**
  - Pin the other side of velcro to the right side of one of the tab pieces, about 1.5cm from the rounded edge, in middle.
  - Check your placement by placing the tab piece on the lining piece to make sure the velcro pieces matches up. Make sure not to place it on the seam allowance. Stitch in place.
  - Pin 2 tab pieces right sides together and sew around, leaving the short straight edge unsewn. Trim down seam allowance and turn right side out. Topstitch around edge.
  - Place the tab on right side of lining fabric matching up the two pieces of velcro, baste in place at edge.

- **Step 6: Gusset & Zip**
  - Sandwich the one end of zipper between two pieces of gusset. Make sure that right side of zip is facing outside fabric.
  - Stitch together. Flip back both gusset pieces and topstitch. Repeat on other side of zip forming a circle with zip and gusset.

- **Step 7:**
  - Mark the middle point on all four sides on both outside pieces and lining pieces.
  - Mark the middle on the long sides of the gusset and the middle point of the zipper.
  - Mark the middle points between these points so the gusset/ zipper circle is divided into quarters.

- **Step 8:**
  - Pin these marks on zipper/ gusset to the outside fabric pieces, making sure gusset is pinned to the middle of the long side and bottom of outer piece.
  - Open the zipper and pin the unpinned side of the zipper out of the way. Stitch all the way around with a zipper foot.

- **Step 9: Lining**
  - Place a lining piece right sides together with the outside piece so the zipper is sandwiched in between. Match the middle points and make sure the pocket is towards the gusset.
  - Pin and stitch leaving a 10cm opening along the gusset for turning. Stitch on previous stitching line.
  - Trim down seam allowance and turn right side out.
  - Top stitch all the way around, closing the opening at the same time.

- **Step 10:**
  - Now close the zipper. Place the other outside piece to the other side of the gusset/ zipper piece, right sides together, matching all the middle points.
  - Open the zipper again, pin and stitch all the way around.
  - Pin the second lining piece right sides together with the second outer piece and the zipper sandwiched in between.
  - **Remember: The other half of the laptop case is folded in between these two pieces. Take your time and pin well.**

- **Step 11:**
  - Stitch on previous stitching line, as before, all the way around, leaving a 10cm opening along the gusset for turning.
  - Trim down seam allowance and turn right side out.
  - Fold in and press the seam allowance along the opening. Top stitch all the way around, closing the opening at the same time.

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1"x1"
Test
Block

2x2cm
Test
Block

Fabric8
13" Laptop Bag
Bag Tab

Cut x **2** Lining Fabric
Cut x **2** Batting Fabric
1cm Seam Allowance Incl

FABRIC8
13" LAPTOP BAG
GUSSET

Cut x 1 Outer Fabric
Cut x 1 Lining Fabric
Cut x 2 Batting Fabric
1cm Seam Allowance Incl

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Fabric8
13" Laptop Bag
Bag Body & Pocket

Cut x **2** Outer Fabric
Cut x **4** Lining Fabric
Cut x **4** Batting Fabric
Cut x **2** Extra Batting
1cm Seam Allowance Incl