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The Magic in the Middle

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The cammy pack is the new must have acessory for all crafty photographers. Think of it as 'fanny pack meets camera strap'. The 3-1/2" wide, fully functional camera strap features both a lens cap pocket and a cell phone pocket within easy reach, and keeps your valuables safe within one of two zippered pockets. The tutorial includes instructions for sewing a full camera strap with all attachments as well as a variation for a camera strap cover. Stitch one up and head out for your next sightseeing trip in style and comfort.

Fabrics Needed

Outer strap fabric	One 31" x 4-1/4" rectangle
Inner strap fabric	One 31" x 4-1/4" rectangle
Lens cap pocket	One 4-1/4" x 7" rectangle
Phone pocket	One 5-1/2" x 13" rectangle
Inner strap lining	One 31" x 4-1/4" rectangle
Canvas	One 31" x 3" rectangle

Materials Needed

Pellon® TP971F Fusible Thermolam® Plus	One 29-1/2" x 3" rectangle
Pellon® SF101 Shape-Flex®	One 31" x 3" rectangle
Pellon® EZ-Steam™ II Tape, 1/4" and 1/2" widths	One package of each
7" or longer zippers	Two
Velcro®	One 1-1/2" piece
Dog collars (optional for strap version)	Two
Vinyl scraps (optional for strap version)	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies
Leather needles (optional for strap version)
Heavy duty thread (optional for strap version)

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Instructions
All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise indicated.

Step 1. Cut out all pieces as indicated on the Fabrics Needed list.
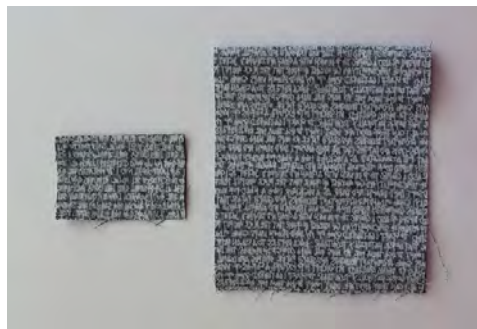
Step 2. Fold the 4-1/4" X 7" lens cap pocket rectangle in half wrong sides together so it measures 4-1/4" x 3-1/2".

Step 3. Press and topstitch the folded edge.

Step 4. Fold the 5-1/2" x 13" phone pocket rectangle in half right sides together so pocket measures 5-1/2" x 6-1/2". Stitch along the raw edge. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch top edge of pocket.

Step 5. Fold the 3-1/2"x 4-1/2" phone pocket flap rectangle in half right sides together so that flap measures 3-1/4" x 2-1/4". Stitch around the raw edges leaving a space to turn. Trim corners, turn right side out and press. Topstitch around the three non-folded sides of the flap.

Step 6. Cut two 1" pieces of 1/2" EZ-Steam™ II Tape and press one onto the back of each piece of Velcro®. Remove the paper backing and center the 'loop' side of the Velcro® on the right side of the phone pocket at the top edge. Finger press to hold in place. Stitch around the Velcro® to secure.

Remove the paper backing and center the 'hook' side of the Velcro® on the wrong side of the topstitched edge of the flap. Finger press in place. Stitch around the Velcro® to secure.

Step 7. Center the fusible side of the 29-1/2" x 3" rectangle of Fusible Thermolam® Plus one one side of the 31" x 3" rectangle of canvas. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions. There should be 3/4" on each end uncovered.

Center the 31" x 3" rectangle of Shape-Flex® on the other side of the canvas rectangle. Fuse following manfacturer's instructions.

Step 8. Cut two 31" pieces of 1/2" EZ-Steam™ II Tape. Adhere strips to the Thermolam® Plus side of the lining piece. Remove the paper backing.

Step 9. Place the 31" x 4-1/4" outer strap rectangle wrong side up. Center the lining piece on top of the outer fabric. Finger press in place. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 10. To stabilize the strap, stitch a straight line down the center of the strap. Stitch one line 1/2" away on each side of that line. Use a walking foot to stitch the straight lines.

Step 11. Place the lens cap pocket on one end of the outside strap, aligning the raw edges. Pin in place.

Step 12. To position the phone pocket, measure 1" from the lens cap pocket. Cut one 4-1/4" piece of 1/4" EZ-Steam™ II Tape and adhere to the strap 1" from the lens pocket. Remove paper backing.

Step 13. Mark the center of the phone pocket bottom edge with a pin.

Step 14. Place the pocket right side down, aligning the bottom edge of pocket with the top edge of EZ-Steam™ II Tape at the right and left edges.

Step 15. Finger press pocket down at sides and center, leaving excess fabric lining up with the outer stitched lines on the strap.

Step 16. Fold excess fabric to center and pin.

Step 17. Stitch 3/8" from edge.

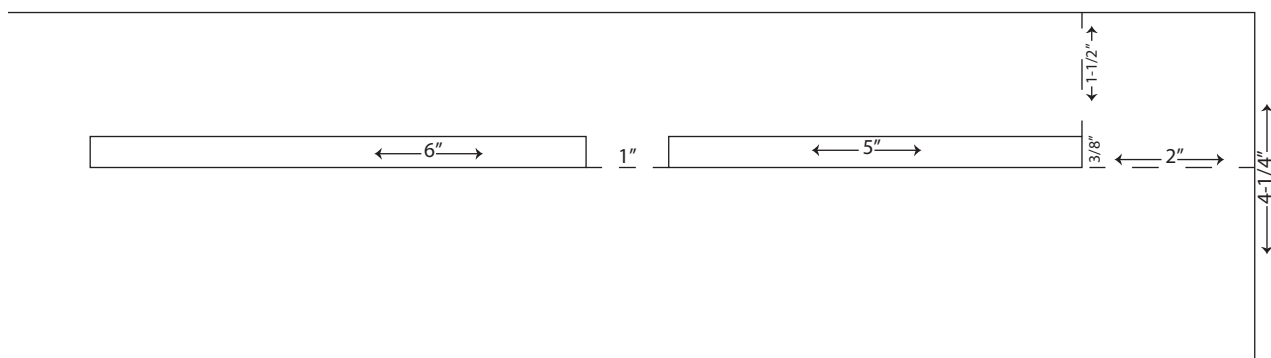Step 18. Fold pocket up, matching raw edges and pin.

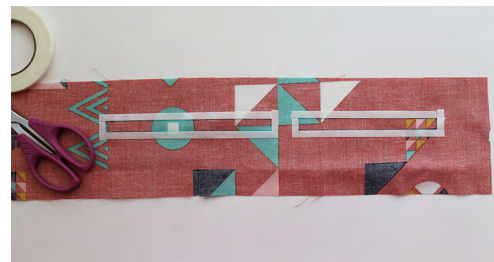Step 19. Measure 1/4" from the phone pocket.

Step 20. Center the flap with the Velcro® side (wrong side) up, 1/4"
from the top of the phone pocket. Pin. Stitch across the top of the
flap 3/8" from the edge.

Step 21. On the wrong side of the 31" x 4-1/4" inside strap rect-
angle, draw two rectangles with a water soluble marker as shown
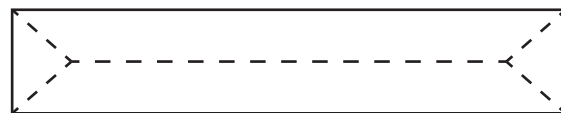in the diagram.

Step 22. Cut pieces of 1/4" EZ-Steam™ Tape and adhere around
each rectangle. Press to adhere well.

Step 23. Cut fabric in each rectangle as shown by the dashed line in the diagram.
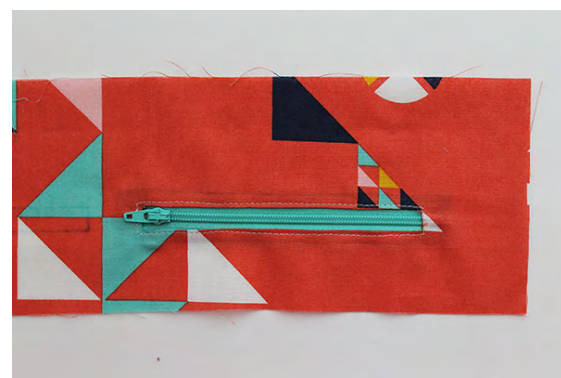
Step 24. Remove the paper from the EZ-Steam™ II Tape one piece at a time and fold fabric along the drawn line. Adhere to the EZ-Steam™ II Tape.

Step 25. Place zipper right side up and position strap over zipper. Finger press to fix zipper position.

Step 26. Using zipper foot, stitch around opening. Trim ends of zipper if necessary.

Step 27. Repeat with second zipper opening.

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Step 28. Place inner strap lining right side up. Place inner strap right side up on top of lining. Pin as needed. Stitch lines 1/2" outside of each zipper and one line in the center of the two zippers.

Step 29. IF ATTACHING VINYL, SKIP THIS STEP. On both short ends of the inner and outer strap, fold up the raw edge 1/2" with wrong sides together. Press. Fold in an additional 1/2" and press. Stitch along the folded edge to create hem.

Step 30. Place outer strap and inner strap right sides together, making sure that outer pockets are on opposite side from inner pockets. Pin along the long edges. Stitch along both long edges. Turn right side out and press.

Cover is finished. If attaching vinyl and strap, follow the additional steps.

Step 31. Cut four 1-3/4" x 4" rectangles of vinyl. Cut eight 3" pieces of 1/2" EZ-Steam™ II Tape. Cut triangles out of canvas scraps to even out thickness.

Place two pieces of EZ-Steam™ II Tape on each piece of vinyl. Remove paper backings on the first piece of vinyl. Overlap one end of strap 3/4" and position on vinyl. Cut the dog collar so that there is one long piece of nylon with two fastenings. Center the nylon strap on opposite side of vinyl from the camera strap. Place canvas triangles next to the nylon strap. Make sure everything is positioned properly and adhered.

Step 32. Remove the paper from the EZ-Steam™ II Tape on the second piece of vinyl. Align edges and adhere vinyl to the other side of the strap sandwiching fabric and nylon in between.
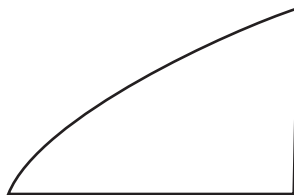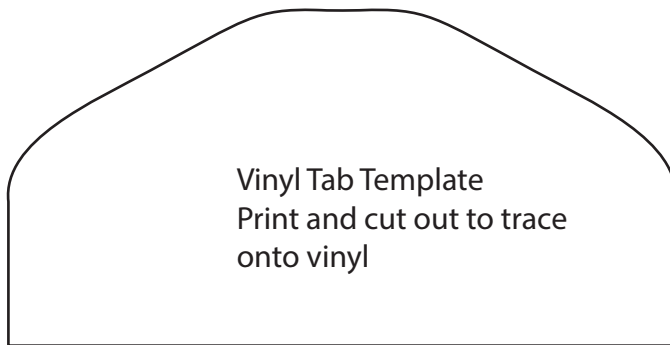

Step 33. Use a pen/marker to trace the vinyl tab template on the right side of the vinyl. Draw slightly larger so it can be cut off and marks will not show. Topstitch along all edges and finish with an X stitch in the center.

Repeat for the other end.

The Cammy Pack Vinyl Template

Set printer to 100%. Check gauge.

Vinyl Tab Template
Print and cut out to trace
onto vinyl

1"
Gauge

Canvas Tab Template
Cut eight from canvas scraps