

Nice and Easy Armchair Caddy

If you have an arm chair you have in mind that you would like to use with your sewing caddy, you can customize your caddy. After cutting the base fabric, lay it across the arm and see if the length is good (keep in mind the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances). You can trim an inch or so off without changing the pattern much. If you trim off length, it would just bring the pincushion/scissor holder closer to the pockets, which is no problem.

Seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " throughout the project.



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

1/3 yd + 2" paisley base fabric
cut two $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20" base rectangles
cut one 8" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pincushion rectangle
cut one $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 22" scissors leash strip

ft 8th - flower fabric for diagonal pockets
cut two 7" squares 
cut squares diagonally

ft 8th - grey fabric for diagonal pockets lining
cut two 8" squares 
cut squares diagonally

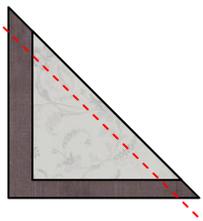
ft 8th - leaf fabric for center pockets
cut two $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" rectangles

ft 8th - grey fabric for center pockets lining
cut two $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" squares

$\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1" fusible Velcro

$\frac{1}{4}$ yd fusible interfacing

Diagonal Pockets:



With right sides together, center a diagonal pocket triangle on top of a lining triangle.

Stitch. Repeat with remaining diagonal pockets and linings.

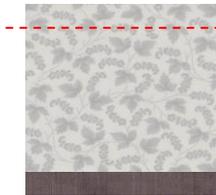


Open triangles and press seam toward lining fabric. With triangles right side out, match bottom edges, forming a cuff from the lining fabric. Trim edges flush. Baste outer edges.

Repeat with remaining triangles.

Set aside.

Center Pockets:



With right sides together, match top edges of a center pocket and center lining (lining will be longer). Stitch across top.

Repeat with remaining pocket.



Open pocket and press seam toward lining. With pocket right sides out, match bottom edges forming a cuff at top from the lining fabric. Press.

Repeat with remaining pocket.

Set aside.

Pin Cushion:

Press long sides under $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press one short end under $\frac{1}{4}$ " twice to form a hem. Stitch hem.

Set aside.

Scissor Leash:

Fold a short end of strip under to wrong side $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Fold strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Open. With wrong sides together, press one long outer edge to center fold. Repeat on other side. Fold strip in half lengthwise encasing the raw edges. The strip will now measure approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 21". Stitch long edges together using a scant $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam.

Cut fusible Velcro into two pieces – each $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1". With Velcro underneath fabric and an iron with steam on high, fuse one soft part of Velcro piece to finished edge of leash for about 60 seconds. (Fabric will be next to the iron.) Fuse the other half of Velcro 1" away from the first piece in the same manner. Allow to completely cool and then test by trying to lift the edge. If necessary, apply heat again.

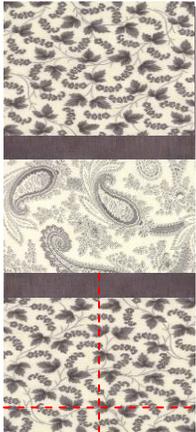


Set aside.

Press fusible interfacing to wrong side of one base fabric.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:

Center Pockets:

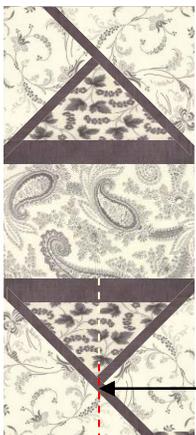


With right sides up, pin center pockets to opposite sides of the base fabric that has the interfacing. Baste outer edges using a 1/8" seam.

Draw a chalk line down middle of one center pocket (red vertical dashes). From bottom, stitch until you reach the cuff; turn needle and make one horizontal stitch; turn needle again and stitch a second time down the center. NOTE: Choose if you want to divide the other center pocket also or leave as is to hold a pattern or instructions.

Draw another chalk line approx 1 1/2" or more from bottom (red horizontal dashes). Stitch. This will shorten pocket so that pens and such won't go too deep. Move the stitching line up higher if you want a shallower depth. Again, choose whether you want to do this on the other pocket or not.

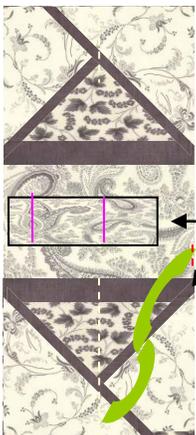
Triangle Pockets:



Pin triangle pockets to opposite ends as shown

Draw chalk line down center of triangle pocket (shown as red vertical dashes). Stitch down chalk line as directed above. Do not stitch the opposite triangle pockets if you are going to use the center pocket for patterns or instructions.

Pin Cushion/Scissor Leash:



Using the pin cushion fabric that was set aside, draw a light chalk line (shown in pink) 2" from short raw edge. Draw a light chalk line 2 3/4" from first chalk line.

Pin strip down the center of the caddy, having raw edge of short end line up with the left raw edge of caddy.

(Cuff edge will be about 1" from right side of caddy.)

Baste short edge on left. Stitch strip to caddy along long horizontal edges. (Use a decorative stitch if you want.)

Stitch on top of left chalk line. Using polyfil or batting, fill center of pincushion strip from stitched line to the other chalk line. Stitch on second chalk line enclosing the polyfil and forming a pincushion.

Baste scissors leash (shown in green) to side edge.

With right sides together, place the back base rectangle on top of the caddy. Match all edges and corners. Pin. Starting in center opposite the scissors leash, stitch around until you come almost to the starting point, leaving a 3 ½” opening for turning. Trim corners. Turn caddy right side out. Gently poke out corners. Whipstitch opening closed. Press edges. Stitch ¼” from outer edges. This gives your project a nice finished look.

Hand stitch the piece of non slip plastic mesh to back of caddy underneath the pincushion. This will help caddy to not slip off the arm of the chair.

Pull the Velcro end of the leash through the handle of a small pair of scissors and attach it to the other Velcro piece. Slip scissors into scissor pocket.

Enjoy having everything you need at hand when stitching or mending!

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