

Quilters Badge Holder

Supplies:

- ½ yard (or 2 fat quarters if you want to use contrasting colors)
- Clear plastic (at least 3 ½" X 5")
- Thin batting
- Small zipper
- Matching or contrasting thread – your choice
- 30 mm swivel clip or a lanyard strap with clip attached
- **Small piece of wax paper **
- Sewing clips

Cutting Instructions:

From fabric

- (2) 6" X 8"
- (2) 5" X 6"
- 1 1/2 " X 12"
- 2" x 24" for binding (piece if necessary)
- 1 1/2 " X 36" (piece if necessary) for lanyard if making your own

From batting:

- 5" X 6"
- 5" X 8"

From plastic:

- 3" X 5"

Sewing Instructions:

Take the clear vinyl and the 1 ½" X 12" strip of fabric and cut enough of the fabric to go across the 5" piece of vinyl. Put the fabric aside for later. Place the fabric strip right side down to one 5" side of the vinyl and stitch. *You can use clips to hold the fabric in place but don't pin into the vinyl.* Flip fabric to opposite side of vinyl and fold raw edge under and top stitch close to folded edge making sure you can't see the seam on the back side. If you wish you can top stitch again close to the top edge giving it a finished edge. Lay aside until later in construction.

Place the (2) 5" X 8" pieces of fabrics wrong sides together with matching batting in between them and do the same with the (2) 5" X 5" pieces of fabric. Quilt them using some decorative stitches on your machine or you can just do some straight stitches or grid stitching.

Trim to 4 ½" X 5" and 8" X 5" .

Fold under one 5" edge of each piece and stitch to the middle of your zipper making sure both fabric pieces line up with each other.

Fold your quilted fabric in half with the 5" raw edges together and the zipper pull on the outside. This is now the back of your badge holder. Pin all layers together. Unzip your zipper until the zipper pull is in the center of your fabric and then baste on all three open sides. Stitch across the zipper slowly making sure that the open side lines up and is close together so that you can zip to the edge of the fabric when you get your binding on.

Turn your Badge holder over so that is on bottom and place your clear vinyl piece on the top with the bound edge about half way up and the unbound edges even with the basted edges of you fabric. Use clips to hold in place. Trim sides to fit if necessary. Baste in place. ** placing a small piece of wax paper over the vinyl will keep it from sticking to you foot as you stitch it in place** . Cut off zipper ends.

Use your 2" X 24" piece of fabric to bind folding under the top edge as you begin to stitch and end. I fold in half, stitch to the back, flip to the front and top stitch. Just as if I was doing a quilt.

Take the rest of your 1 ½" X 12" piece of fabric (you only need about 3") and press both sides towards center then press in half again like bias tape and stitch on both edges. This will be your loop to hold your lanyard. Fold in half making a loop and place on back of your badge holder, just above zipper. Center it with raw edges a little below the top of badge holder. Stitch in place several times. Flip the loop up so that it is no over the top of holder and raw edges are hidden and stitch in back and forth again close to the edge of the badge holder.

To make your lanyard press both long edges of 1 1/2 " X 36" strip to the center then fold them in half like bias tape and press then stitch both edges. You can use a bias tape maker to help you do this if you wish. Pass thru a swivel clip, fold edges together and stitch. Clip onto your badge holder.