

# Embroidered Canister Wrap

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## Materials:

1. Quilting fabric: Add 1/2" to each dimension as determined below. Cut rectangle to these dimensions.
2. Medium weight fusible interfacing: Same size as quilting fabric.
3. Embroidery design of your choice, maximum width = circumference – 3"; maximum height = height – 1".
4. Embroidery thread: colors according to design.
5. Medium weight cutaway or tearaway stabilizer: enough for embroidery hoop.
6. Regular sewing thread.
7. Velcro® sew-in hook and loop tape: 3/4" wide by finished height of canister wrap.
8. Cylindrical canister or jar, such as from Parmesan cheese or mayonnaise, washed and completely dry.

## Prepare Fabric:

1. Measure the circumference of your canister. (*My Parmesan cheese canister circumference is 9-1/8".*)
2. Measure width of Velcro®. Multiply by 3 to determine Velcro® allowance. (My Velcro is 3/4" wide.  $3 \times 3/4" = 2-1/4"$ )
3. To determine width of cloth, add circumference + Velcro® allowance + 5/8" for ease and turn of cloth. ( $9-1/8" + 2-1/4" + 5/8" = 12"$ . *My finished fabric width is 12" but I will cut my fabric 12-1/2" wide and trim later.*)
4. To determine the height of your fabric, measure the height of the portion of the canister that you wish to cover with fabric. Double this amount and add 3/4" for seams. (*I will cover 4-5/8" of my canister.  $4-5/8" \times 2 = 9-1/4"$ ;  $9-1/4" + 3/4" = 10"$ . My finished fabric height is 10" but I will cut my fabric 10-1/2" high and trim later.*)
5. Cut a piece of fabric with measurements as determined above. Cut a piece of fusible interfacing to the same measurements. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric, following instructions provided with interfacing. (Fig. 1)
6. Using a removable marker or chalk, mark horizontal and vertical centering lines on the right side of your fabric. I like to position my design slightly higher than center to compensate for the "weight" of a design making the bottom margin look smaller. I mark the design center about 1/8" higher than the horizontal center. (*My centering lines are 6-1/4" from the side and 5-1/4" from the bottom, with a small mark 5-3/8" from the bottom.*)
7. Place pins on the north, east, south, and west line segments of the centering lines. Stick each pin down from the right side, up to the right side, and back down to the wrong side, ending with the points facing away from center. (Fig. 1)



### Embroider and Trim Fabric:

1. Open your chosen embroidery design on your embroidery machine.
2. Hoop stabilizer in hoop large enough for your design. Mark centering lines on stabilizer, using marks on the inner hoop as your guide.
3. Spray the back of your fabric with temporary basting spray.
4. Center the fabric on the stabilizer, lifting the fabric up so you can align the pins with the centering lines on the stabilizer.
5. Position your design so that the center is at the intersection of the vertical line and the mark that is 1/8" above the horizontal line.
6. Fix-baste fabric in place. Stitch design.
7. Trim fabric, making sure the centering lines remain centered on the fabric. (*I left 6" to each side of the vertical centering line and 5" above and below the horizontal centering line.*) (Fig. 2)
8. Remove fix-baste stitching and trim excess stabilizer.
9. Press to remove marked lines.



### Construct your Canister Wrap:

1. Right sides together, pin top and bottom edges of fabric together. Match stripes if necessary. (Fig. 3)
2. Stitch a 3/8" seam, backstitching at start and end to secure the seam. At the fold opposite the seam, cut a small snip at each raw edge. (Fig. 4)
3. Press seam flat and then press seam open. Use a sleeve board or dowel to prevent pressing creases into the fabric. (Fig. 5)
4. Turn wrap right side out. Fold the wrap so that one snip is directly above the seam. Pin in place. Repeat on the opposite side of the wrap. (Fig. 6)
5. Press canister wrap flat. (Fig. 7)
6. Place the canister wrap on a table, embroidered surface facing up, and the bottom of the embroidery toward you. Place the Velcro® hook tape to the right of the wrap and the Velcro® loop tape to the left. (Fig. 8)



7. Place the Velcro® hook tape on the front of the wrap at the right edge. Align the edge of the Velcro® with the edge of the wrap. Make sure the hook surface is facing out. Zigzag the Velcro® in place ONLY along the long edge that faces away from the raw edge of the fabric. (Fig. 9)
8. Turn the wrap upside down. Place the Velcro® loop tape on the back of the wrap at the left edge. Align the edge of the Velcro® with the edge of the wrap. Make sure the loop surface is facing out. Zigzag the Velcro® in place ONLY along the long edge that faces away from the raw edge of the fabric. (Fig.9)
9. Trim the fabric from behind each piece of Velcro® to about 1/2 the width of the Velcro®. Trim the corners diagonally. (Fig. 10)
10. Fold each piece of Velcro® toward the opposite surface of the wrap, encasing the raw edge of the wrap. The edge of the Velcro® should be at the fold. Zigzag the remaining three sides of each piece of Velcro® in place. (Fig. 11)
11. Wrap the fabric around your container. (Fig. 12)
12. Your canister is ready for broken or bent sewing needles and pins. When the canister is full, remove the wrap and place it on a new canister of the same size. The old one can then be recycled without risk of pins getting loose and hurting anyone.

