

Camarillo Quilters Association Quilt Show

How to make your entry quilt protective case.

To protect your entries and to ease the receiving and processing and transport of entries each quilt or wearable art piece must be submitted in a non-flannel cloth bag (pillow case), which is not pinned or closed in any way. The cloth bag must have the name of the quilter, the phone number of the quilter and the name of the guild, affixed permanently to the bag, **on the case band (opening hem)**. This is the only type of container for the quilt that is allowed. A clear vinyl sleeve that is 10" X 12" is required to be sewn on the center front of the case, 1/8" from the vinyl edge, with the opening touching the top band of the case. A pillow case may be used or create your own case that will feature a boxed gusset at the bottom to allow for the bulk of a folded quilt. Your case will be pinned to the rod casing of your quilt by the quilt hangers and it will stay with your quilt until returned to you.



Photo 1



Photo 2

This quilt case features a generous boxed gusset at the bottom. Finished size is approximately 21 1/2" Wide by 44" long. It will fit up to king size quilts. The bag may also be adapted for wearable art by creating an opening in the bottom of the bag to accommodate a clothes hanger. You can adjust the size of the bag's body by referring to the cutting sizes in the instructions.

For this project you will need:

1 1/4 yard of 42"-44" wide cotton fabric for the case body (7/8 yard for standard size case)

1/3 yard of solid light contrast fabric for the band

10" X 12" multipurpose or medium weight clear vinyl (**do not use** an 8 1/2 X 11 vinyl paper sheet protector)

Thread, blue painters tape, Rotary cutter and mat, gridded quilting ruler, scissors, Sewing machine, Walking foot or non-stick pressure foot or tissue paper for stitching vinyl; Optional embroidery machine for label.

OR for marking fabric, for label: 4" X 6" piece of freezer paper, Micron#08 (.50mm) Pigma Pen (Hint: Micron Pens can also be used to create your quilt labels. and for signing friendship quilts)

Please note the following terminology used in the instructions:

WOF=width of fabric RST=place right sides of fabric together WST=place wrong sides

CUTTING

From the body fabric, cut one piece **WOF X 42"** long (35" long for Standard case)

From the contrast band fabric, cut one piece **WOF X 10"** long

If the fabrics are not the same width, trim to the width of the narrowest fabric.

ASSEMBLE THE CASE

Place the body fabric face up on your work surface with the **WOF** at the top. **RST**, pin the band fabric to the body fabric. Sew across the pinned edge, using 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam towards the band. Match the long un-sewn edge of band to the sewn edge of the band. Press a crease in the fold edge. Flip the fold edge of the band up, away from the case body.

FIND AND MARK THE CENTER FRONT OF THE CASE Fold the piece length wise and press a crease to mark the center. This center line will aid with centering your label and the vinyl pocket.

MAKE THE LABEL

Embroider the label, on the band, as specified: Line one is the quilters name, line two is the quilters phone number and line three is the name of the quilters guild.

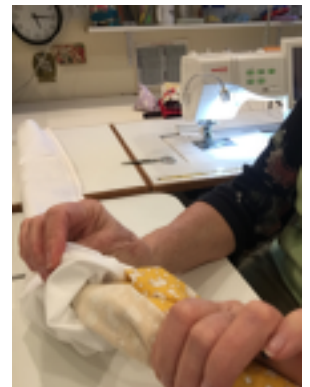
See photo #3 for placement.

OR, Use the Micron pen. If using a light color fabric that has some transparency, it is helpful to draw three dark lines on the width of the dull side of the freezer paper. The freezer paper stabilizes the fabric while lettering. The lines may help you with the spacing of the lettering. With warm iron, temporarily fuse the shiny side of the freezer paper to the center area of wrong side of the band, between the band fold and the band seam. Write the information, as specified, in large letters, on the band. See photo 3 for placement. Remove the freezer paper after lettering.



MAKE THE BURRITO! (Check Youtube for Burrito Pillow Case Method)

1. Place the case on work surface with the right side of the band facing up and the body of the case facing the band.
2. Roll the large rectangle up tightly to the mid point of the band.
3. Fold the long unfinished edge of the band over the rolled rectangle.
4. **RST**, match the *unfinished* band edge to the previously *sewn* band seam, (refer to the first step of **ASSEMBLE THE CASE.**) pin and stitch on the previous stitching line, being careful to keep the roll away from the needle!
5. Now reach into the burrito and grab the rolled rectangle, as if you were pulling a sleeve from a sweater, pull the body fabric from the tube, turning the pillowcase band right side out to expose the pillow case body. When turned right side out the band seam should be completely enclosed. Press the band away from the body fabric.



SEW THE VINYL SLEEVE.

Center the 10 X 12 vinyl piece on the body fabric, below label and band seam. The 10" edge of the vinyl should touch the band seam line. See photos 1 and 2. Use four pieces of painters tape near the corners to hold the vinyl in place. Sew 1/8" from three edges of the vinyl, leaving the top edge open. (Hint: lengthen the stitch to prevent future tears in the vinyl.) Use the machine's walking foot or non-stick foot or lay tissue between vinyl and pressure foot to keep pressure foot from sticking while sewing.

SEW THE SIDE SEAM AND BOTTOM SEAM

For a strong finish seam, the preferred seam is a **french seam**. A serged seam or overcast seam may also be used. If you have never done a french seam it is simple! Place **WST** together, matching the long cut edges, pin. Starting at the top of the band, stitch, using a 1/4 inch seam allowance, ending at the bottom of the case, with needle down, lift pressure foot and pivot fabric. Continue sewing to the fold edge. Do not sew **up** the fold edge. Press the seam to one side. Turn the case **RST**, press the seam flat, encouraging the seam line out to the edge. With **RST**, stitch the seam again with a 3/8" seam allowance, again, pivoting when you reach the bottom of the case and continuing to the fold edge. The raw edge of seam should be encased in the seam allowance. Press.

MAKE THE BOXED GUSSETS

With case *wrong side out*, place case on the cutting mat, smooth, folded edge is to the left, the long seamed edge is to your right, top, bottom seam is facing down. Using a gridded quilting ruler, draw the right bottom seam line and **in 3"** from the side seam line. Draw the ruler and along the left edge of the ruler. Repeat for the opposite side. Measure **up 3"** from the left bottom seam line and **in 3"** from the fold edge, draw a line across the top of the ruler, and along the right edge of the ruler. Cut on the drawn lines, creating square notches on the case's two bottom corners.

With **RST**, tug out on the notched corners, center the side seam with the bottom seam, pin and sew with an overcast or serger seam. Center the side fold line with the bottom seam. Pin and sew with an overcast or serger seam. Turn right side out. Press and you are **DONE!**

