

## The Handy Dandy Portable Tool Carrier

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING.

**1/4" Seam Allowance - Use a walking foot when sewing multiple layers together**

#### Requirements

fat quarter main fabric  
fat quarter lining  
fat quarter of *four* fabrics  
for pockets  
fat quarter fusible fleece  
1/2 yd stiff Pellon like Décor-Bond  
3/4" swivel clip and D ring (or two D rings)

*Fabrics from Moda's Salt Air collection*

#### **Cutting Directions – all widths are 14"**

Cut ONE each of the following and set aside:

14" x 20 1/2" main fabric (large print fabric)  
14" x 20 1/2" lining (striped fabric)  
14" x 20 1/2" fusible fleece – *fuse to main fabric*  
14" x 20 1/2" Décor Bond - *fuse to lining fabric*

Pockets - Cut ONE each of the following:

7" x 14" pocket 1 (yellow shell)  
11" x 14" pocket 2 (bubbles)  
15" x 14" pocket 3 (orange waves)  
18" x 14" pocket 4 (flowers)

Ties/Straps - Cut TWO each from extra fabric for pocket 1 (yellow shell)

3 1/2" x 2 1/2" D ring straps  
1 1/2" x 13 1/2" tie straps

**Please note:** In the instructions, pockets are listed as #1 through #4. It's easy to keep them straight as #1 is the smallest and goes up to #4 as the largest.



### Preparing the pockets:

With wrong sides together, fold each pocket in half, keeping the 14" width. (All pockets will be 14" wide.) Press. Topstitch along the folded edge of each pocket  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from fold.

### D ring and tie straps:

To make D ring straps, fold the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric in half *widthwise*, wrong sides together. Piece will now measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press.

Open and bring short edges to center fold mark, wrong sides together. Press.

Fold in half. Press. Strap will measure  $\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Insert strap into D ring and pin short, raw ends together. Repeat for second D ring/hook. Set aside

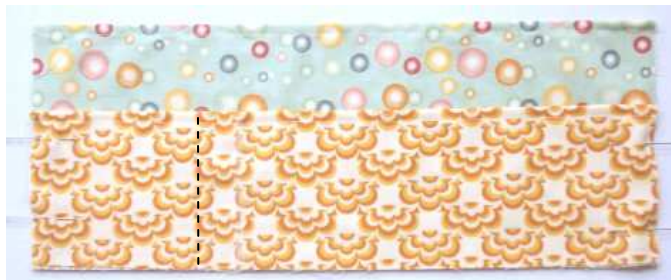
To make tie straps, fold fabric in half *lengthwise*, wrong sides together. Press.

Open and bring long edges to center fold mark. Press

Fold in half lengthwise again. Stitch close to folded edges. Ties finish  $\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ".

At each end, tie strap into a knot. Fold tie strap in half and mark center with a pin. Set aside.

### Arranging the pockets:

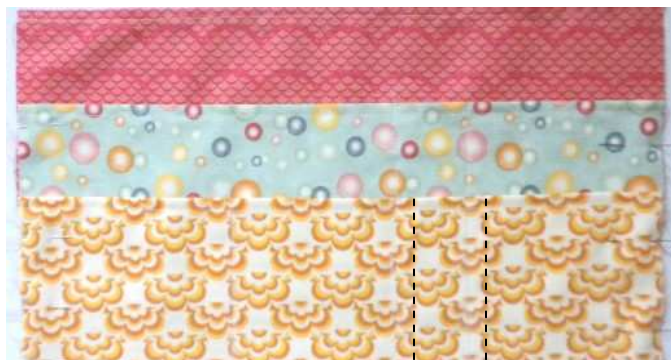


Place Pocket 1 on top of Pocket 2.

Pin sides together.

Draw a chalk line  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from left side.

Stitch through both layers starting at top of Pocket 1 (shown with black dashes), making sure to back stitch at beginning and end to reinforce. (Do this for all pockets.)



Place Pocket 1 and 2 on top of Pocket 3.

Re-pin to hold all pockets in place.

Draw a chalk line 4" from right side and stitch through Pocket 1, 2 and 3 starting at top edge of Pocket 1 (shown with black dashes).

Draw a chalk line  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " from right side and stitch through all layers starting at top edge of Pocket 1.





Place Pocket 1, 2, and 3 on top of Pocket 4. Re-pin to hold all pockets in place.

Pin raw edges of D ring/swivel tabs to bottom of Pocket 1 - 2 1/2" from each side. Rings will be facing towards fabric.

Baste sides and bottom of stacked pockets.

Draw a chalk line down center from Pocket 3 to Pocket 1 and stitch through all three layers starting at top of Pocket 3 (shown with center black dashes). Set aside.

### Putting it all together:



With main fabric facing up, pin fold of ties to top edge 3" from each side (knotted edges of ties will be facing towards center of fabric).

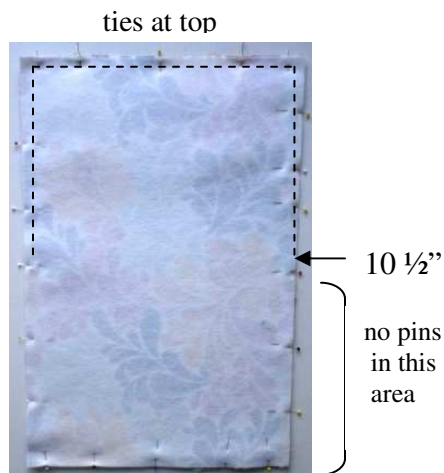
(Notice how ties will line up with the D rings in the top picture.)

The tie edge will be considered the TOP of the fabric in the directions below.

With right sides together, align and pin main fabric to lining fabric.







Place main fabric, fleece side up, on a flat surface. On each side, measure down 10 1/2" from top and mark with a dash (-) in the seam allowance. Remove pins below dashes.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew from dash on one side, across top (that has the sandwiched ties), and down the other side to the dash. Stitch back and forth over ties.

Snip through seam allowance at both dashes just to the stitching. This will allow cover to lay flat after it is turned right side out.

Snip corners. Turn right side out. Carefully poke out corners. Press.



Place main fabric face up, ties at top. Add pockets with *back* of Pocket 4 face up and all other pockets sandwiched between.

Stitch from one top edge of pocket to other top edge through all layers (shown with the dashes), stitching back and forth along D tabs along bottom. Clip corners. To secure raw edges along the pockets, zigzag the seam allowance.

Reach in between main fabric and Pocket 1 and turn carrier right side out. Press.

Stitch 1/4" around outer edge of carrier top, not around the bottom/pocket area. If needed, zigzag along outer edge just where pockets meet carrier.

Load up your carrier with a small cutting mat, rotary cutter, scissors, marking pens, patterns and other quilting stuff. Close and tie your carrier with the tie straps. At class, slip the top half of the carrier under your sewing machine and let the pockets dangle down so that all your supplies are handy. You can even clip your car keys onto the swivel hook.



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