## **Cloth Cutlery Holder for Travel**

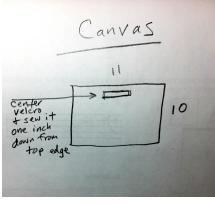
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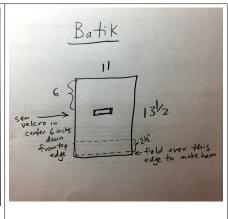
For this cutlery holder, you'll need a rectangle of canvas fabric measuring 11" wide by 10" and a rectangle of batik fabric measuring 11" wide by 13 ½". This size is good for normal sized metal cutlery plus chopsticks. For shorter, plastic cutlery, cut both fabrics only 9 ½ inches wide.

Cut a ¾ wide strip of velcro 4 inches long.

Use an 1/4 inch seam allowance.







## Here's how to make it:

Place both fabrics right sides up and center the velcro horizontally within the 11 inch width. Place one side of the velcro strip one inch down from the top of the canvas and place the other half of the velcro strip 6 inches down from top of the Batik. Sew the velcro in place by stitching very close to all 4 edges.



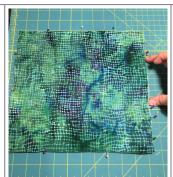
At the bottom edge of the batik, fold over a ¼ inch and fold over again another ¼ inch and press to create a hem. Stitch it.

Fold this end (the side that has the hem) of the batik up 2 ½ inches RST (right sides together!) Now the batik should measure only 10 inches long.



Now place canvas and batik right sides together (the sides with the velcro are the right sides)

Sew along all edges (to encase the 2 ½ inch fold) but leave an opening to turn it right sides out.



Trim the corners and turn right sides out.Gently poke into the corners with a chopstick and press your work into a rectangle. Sew the gap closed by top stitching. I top stitch all around except for the folded area (but you could top stitch that too if you like)



Place your cutlery inside, roll up and keep in your handbag, knapsack or car when traveling.

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