

Simple Laptop Sleeve



Protect your laptop in style with this simple envelope-style sleeve!

The size of your fabric will depend on the size of your laptop, so begin by measuring its length (L), width (W) and height (H). *The width will be the widest dimension. The length will be the distance from front to back.*

Because laptops vary in size, you may want to do a quick mock-up with some scrap fabric to verify the appropriate fabric dimensions. You can then add or subtract width/height to ensure that your finished project will fit perfectly!

You will need the following materials:

Fabric of your choice for the exterior
Fusible fleece for the interlining
Flannel for the lining

Each material will be cut into two Main Panels and one Flap Panel. Use the formula below to determine the size of your panels.

Main Panels (Cut 2) = $L + H + 1" \times W + H + 1"$

Flap Panels (Cut 1) = $L + 1" \times H + 4.5"$

As an example, my laptop is 10" x 14" x 1.75". That means my main panels are 12.75" x 16.75" and my flap panels are 11" x 6.25".



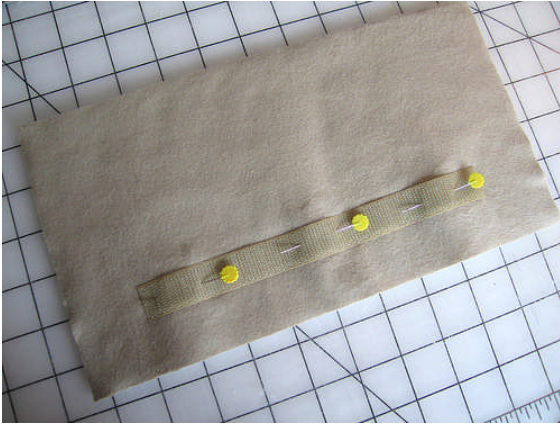
You will also need:

Coordinating Thread
One package sew-on* hook and loop tape,
such as Velcro®
Heavyweight/Denim Needle

**This product is usually available in both stick-on and sew-on versions. You want the sew-on kind that doesn't have a sticky back.*

I recommend using a walking/even-feed foot for this project. It will make sewing through layers of fabric and fleece much easier!

Let's get started!



Iron the fusible fleece you cut for your flap panel to the wrong side of the flap panel lining.

Cut a piece of your hook and loop tape to approximately 2" shorter than the width of your flap panel. (This need not be exact, as long as both pieces/sides of the tape are the same length.)

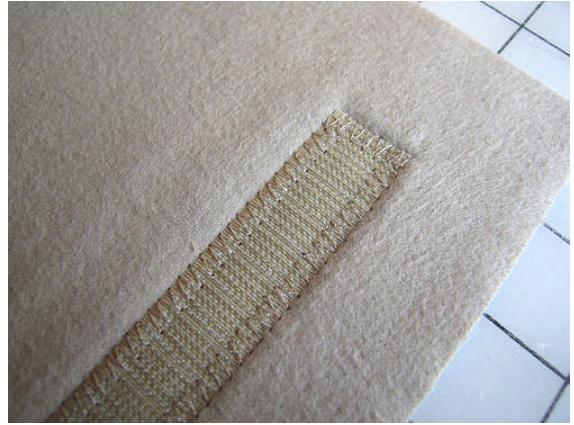
Center the prickly/hook side of the tape about one inch from the bottom of the flap panel lining and pin in place.



Place together the right sides of the flap panel lining (the piece you were just working with) and the flap panel exterior, keeping in mind that the "top" is the end furthest from the hook and loop tape.

Pin panels together and, using a half-inch seam allowance, sew around both sides and the bottom, leaving the top open.

Trim corners, being careful not to clip and stitches.



Sew around all four sides of the tape.

I like to use a zig-zag stitch, as I find it more effective in preventing the edges of the tape from fraying.

If your machine doesn't like sewing through the tape, try placing a drop of Sewer's Aid (silicone drops) on your needle.



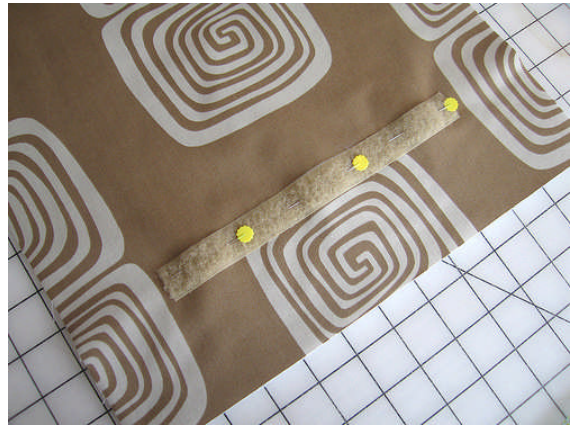
Turn the flap panel right-side-out and press.

Topstitch around the sides and bottom of the panel, being careful to avoid the hook and loop tape.



Iron the two pieces of fusible fleece you cut for your main panels to the wrong side of each panel. Decide which panel will be the front and which will be the back.

Center the flap panel along the top of the back panel, as shown above, and sew in place, keeping your stitches close to the edge.



Center the fuzzy/loop piece of your hook and loop tape about 2.5" from the top of the front panel and sew in place.



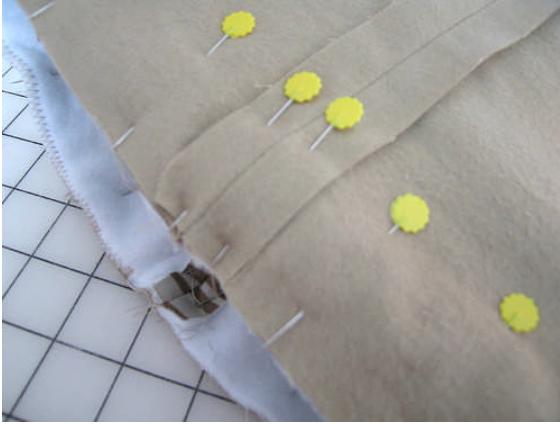
Place front and back panels together, as shown above, making sure that the top ends (the ones with the flap panel and hook and loop tape) are together.

Pin and sew the sides only using a half-inch seam allowance. Do not sew the bottom!



Press seams open and turn right-side out.

Match lining panels and sew them together in the same way, using a 5/8" seam allowance. Press those seams open too.



Carefully place the exterior inside the lining, keeping right sides together. Starting with the seam allowances on either side, match the tops of the exterior and lining and pin securely.



Double-check to make sure you've pinned the *top* (the end with the flap).

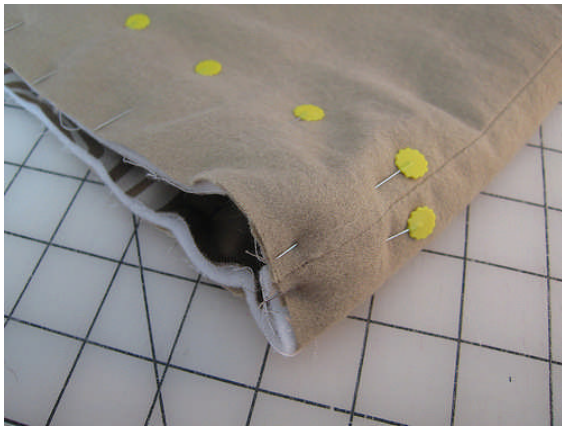
Using a half-inch seam allowance, sew around the top, through all layers.



Turn your project right-side out and press. Carefully pin around the top opening, as shown, making sure lining is not loose and wrinkly.



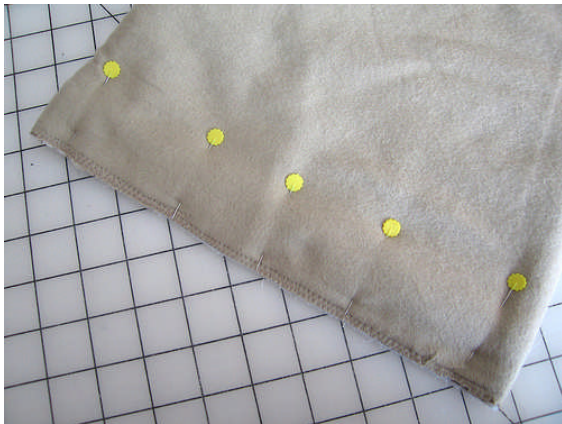
Topstitch around the top/opening, as shown.



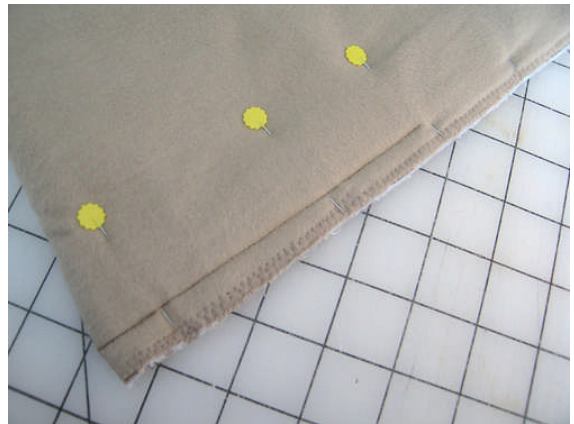
Turn your project inside-out and carefully smooth lining. Starting with side seam allowances, pin the lining to the exterior all the way around the bottom.



Finish the bottom edge with a zig-zag stitch, repeating if necessary and trimming any loose threads.



Pin the front and back together, as shown above, and sew the bottom closed, using a half-inch seam allowance.



Because of the thick seam allowances at each corner, you may find it easier to start in the middle and sew to one side before turning your project over and repeating with the other side.



Turn your project right-side-out. I do not recommend trimming seam allowances before turning. The excess seam allowance will give your corners a nice, rounded shape as shown.



Press your finished project and enjoy!