

SINGER® PROJECTS

Measuring Tape Pencil Case



Go back-to-school in style with this quick and easy pencil case made almost entirely out of... that's right - measuring tape!

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you when you shop for supplies.

- One 120" measuring tape (or get creative and combine multiple colors!)
- One 12 or 14" all-purpose zipper
- All-purpose thread (for construction)
- SINGER® Non-stick foot
- Pair of small pliers
- All-purpose glue (that dries clear)

Cutting Directions

Note: If desired, you can enlarge the pencil case simply by cutting longer pieces of measuring tape. Also, alternate your cuts on your measuring tape to create more variety in the style.

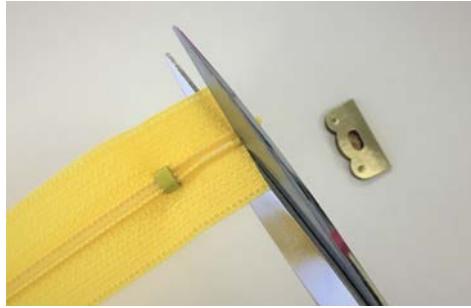
Description	Cutting Instructions
Measuring Tape	Cut 12 pieces 8" long



Sewing Directions

01. Prepare your measuring tape by using your pliers to remove the metal clasp at the ends of the tape. Remove the ends gently and set them aside for later use. Make your cuts specified

above. Then, trim down the end of your zipper tape at the zipper-stop end to make the edge straight.



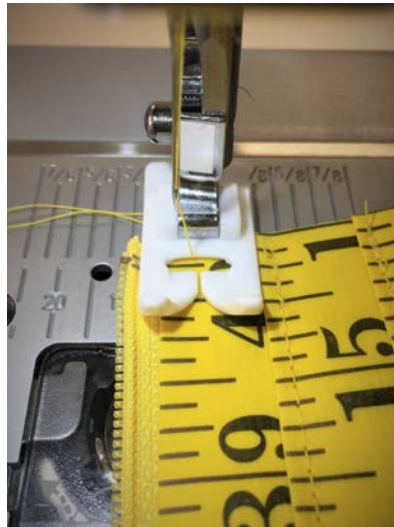
02. Set your needle to the center position and your stitch length to 3. To create the front of your pencil case, start by stitching two measuring tape pieces together, overlapping tape by $\frac{1}{4}$ " directly under your sewing needle and stitching down the length of the tape. Add another piece of measuring tape to this using the same method and continue this process until you have sewn 6 pieces of measuring tape together. Set aside. To create the back to your pencil case, repeat this process with the remaining 6 pieces of measuring tape.



03. Unzip the zipper and lay it down on a flat surface. Align the front/back portion of the pencil case to the zipper teeth, folding back the ends of the zipper tape at the top until the edge is $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the front/back of pencil case.



04. For the front of your pencil case, switch your needle alignment setting on your machine to the left. Stitch the zipper teeth to the pencil case front keeping the zipper tape folded as shown above, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the pencil case. Once finished, switch your needle alignment position to the right and repeat this process for the pencil case back.

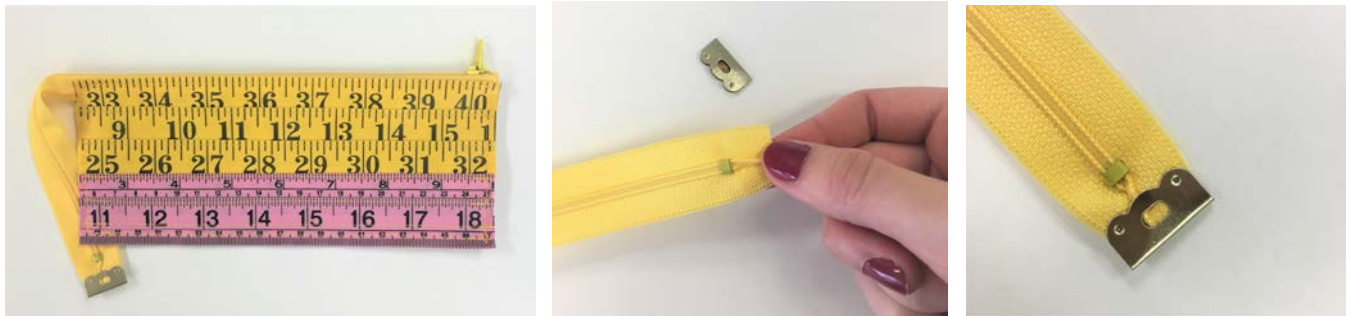


(There will be about $\frac{1}{8}$ " of zipper tape between the teeth and the edge of the pencil case)

05. Zip the zipper closed and align the front/back of pencil case at edges (folding along the zipper so that the zipper-pull is on the outside of the pencil case). Stitch the remaining 3 edges together, pivoting at the corners. (Note: it may help to stitch the bottom first to keep the alignment straight and then to stitch the two remaining sides)

06. Option #1: **No Strap**

Attach the clasp at the end of the measuring tape by overlapping the end until narrow enough to fit into the clasp. Add a drop of glue to the interior of the clasp and attach it to the end of the zipper tape. Secure the clasp by shutting it around the zipper tape with a pair of small pliers.



07. Option #2: **Strap**

To make strap: fold the end of the zipper around to the front and stitch the zipper tape down at sewing machine. Then, attach the clasp at the end of the measuring tape by overlapping the end until narrow enough to fit into the clasp. Add a drop of glue to the interior of the clasp and attach it to the end of the zipper tape. Secure the clasp by shutting it around the zipper tape with a pair of small pliers.

Front:



Back:

