

Travel Necklace Directions

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Finished size: 4 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

Supplies:

Cording, approximately 34"
Beads, etc. for embellishing
Small amounts of the following:

- Three fabrics
- Vinyl
- Mid/heavy weight fusible interfacing
- Sew-in hook and loop tape
- Tissue paper, any color

Cutting dimensions:

Large back pocket	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Credit card pocket	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Vinyl	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fusible Interfacing	4 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

NOTE: You can piece the front of your necklace, or you can do your own thing. To piece it, follow steps 1-6, below. Or use your favorite technique to create the front, trim it to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, and add interfacing. Either way, be sure to keep your embellishments well clear of the seam line, so there will be room for the presser foot, during assembly.



If you're piecing the front, you'll also need:

Fabric A: (1) $2\frac{3}{4} \times 2$

Fabric B: (1) 1×12 , cut in half

Fabric C: (1) $1\frac{1}{4} \times 7$, cut in half

(1) $1\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

(1) $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

Assembly:

1. Piece the front. Fabric strip B will form the border for the center rectangle. Stitch the short sides first, and trim. The leftover tails of the strips will then be sewn to the long sides of the rectangle. After joining fabric strip B to the short ends, press the seams to one side. Trim to $3\frac{1}{4} \times 2$.
2. Join the remaining strips of fabric B to the long sides of the center rectangle. Press seams to one side. Trim to $3\frac{1}{4} \times 3$.
3. Add fabric C strips to the short sides of the framed rectangle. Press seams. Trim to $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$.
4. Sew the remaining two pieces of fabric C to either long side of the rectangle. Press seams. Trim to $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$.
5. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of pieced front.
6. Add desired embellishments.
7. Assemble the back. Turn under a small hem, ($< \frac{1}{4}$ ") on one short side of the credit card pocket. Stitch.
8. Aligning the bottom edges, stack the back components, face up, as follows: Large pocket, credit card pocket, vinyl pocket. Turn over and pin, keeping all pins in the seam allowance (so as not to puncture the vinyl.) Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the three sides.

NOTE: Stitching on vinyl is tricky. Stitch with the vinyl side down. Put a piece of tissue paper under it, and stitch with a very short stitch. Crease the paper on the seam line and tear away.
9. Join front and back, right sides together. Stitch. Trim corners diagonally. Turn down and press a narrow hem. Turn right side out.
10. Topstitch the hem. Stitch a small piece of hook and loop tape inside the top center of both the front and the back. (Put the soft loops on the inside of the front, and the hooks on the inside of the back.)

11. Cut the neck cording to the desired length. If needed, use a non-fraying product on the ends. Covering the side seams, stitch the ends of the cord inside the necklace.

For gift giving or sales purposes, make and insert a card explaining the necklace's features.

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