

HOW TO MAKE AN EARRING HOLDER

Sewing can be a creative and fun activity for people of all ages. In learning to sew, you not only gain a valuable skill, but you can make something useful at the same time. This earring holder is easy to make and small enough to fit in your pocket or purse, so you can take it wherever you go! This activity involves basic sewing skills as well as the use of a sewing machine. Those who have little sewing experience should have a supervisor present as well as a copy of "Let's Sew!"

Materials Needed

Double Sided Quilted Fabric (at least 5" x 10")

Wide Bias Tape (at least 13")

Round Plastic Canvas—3" diameter

Needle

Thread

Sewing Machine

1 1/4" hook side of 3/4" Velcro

1 1/4" loop side of 3/4" Velcro

Scissors

10 Pins

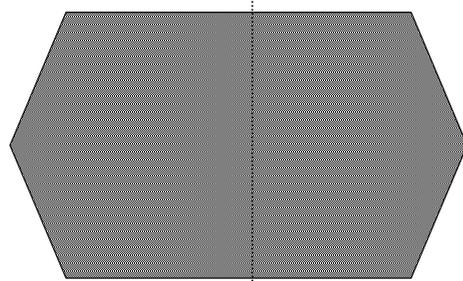
Pencil and Paper

Ruler (or Tape Measure)



Cutting the Fabric

1. Fold the quilted fabric (placemat) in half.



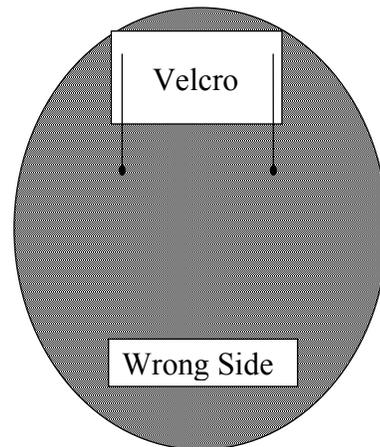
Full Size Placemat

2. On a scrap piece of paper, trace the oval shown on the last page (page 6). It is approximately 5" x 4¹/₄".
 3. Pin the paper with the oval pattern onto the folded placemat, and cut around it to yield 2 oval pieces of fabric. Be sure to pin and cut through both layers of fabric.
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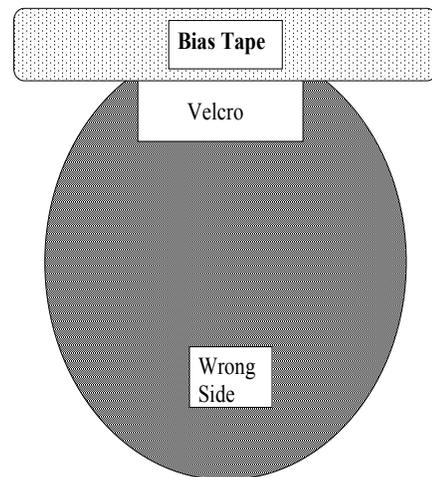
Sewing on the Bias Tape

4. Using the wide bias tape, cut 2 strips 6¹/₂" long.
 5. Cut one strip of both loop and hook Velcro 1¹/₄" long.
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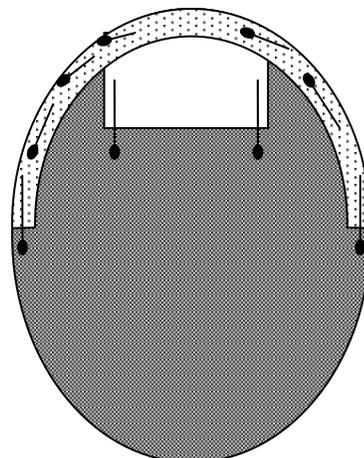
6. Place one of the ovals (made in step 3) lengthwise with the wrong side facing up, and pin the loop piece of Velcro at the top center of the fabric.



7. Align the center of one of the strips of bias tape with the top center of the Velcro pinned on the fabric.

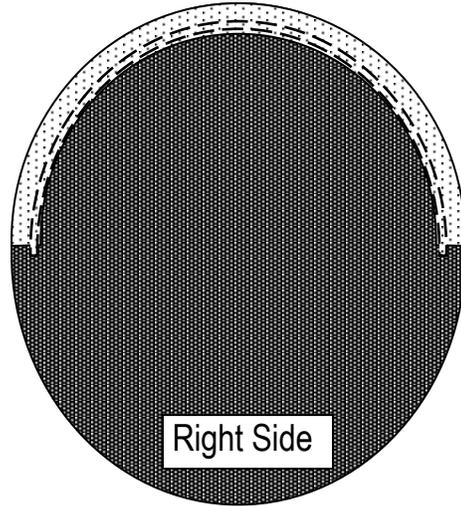


8. Fold the bias tape along the top edge of the fabric, leaving it slightly longer on the wrong side, and pin it in place. Make sure you stretch the bias tape so it lays flat against the oval.



9. With the right side facing up hand stitch along the bottom edge of the bias tape to hold it in place.
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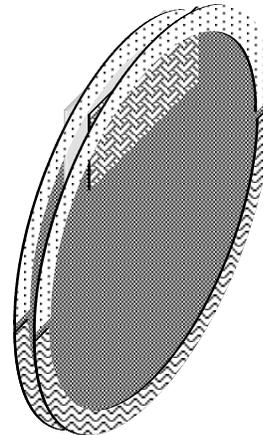
10. Remove pins. With the right side facing up, use the sewing machine to straight stitch along the bottom edge of the bias tape.



11. Repeat steps 6–10 using the hook Velcro on the other oval pattern.
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Sewing the Ovals Together

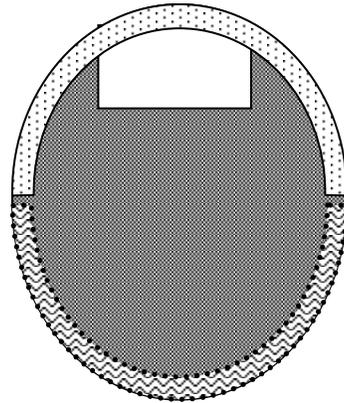
12. Place the 2 ovals together, with the right sides against each other (Velcro out). Be sure the bias tape lines up.



13. Pin the halves together around the raw edge.
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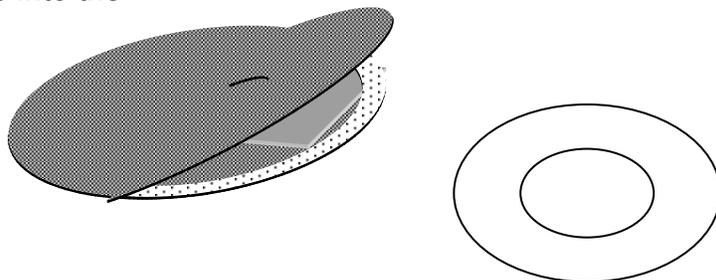
14. About $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the raw edge, sew the pieces together around the edge not covered by the bias tape.
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15. In the space between the stitching and the edge, sew again using the zigzag stitch (see page 37 of Let's Sew!) on a sewing machine.



16. Turn the earring holder right side out.
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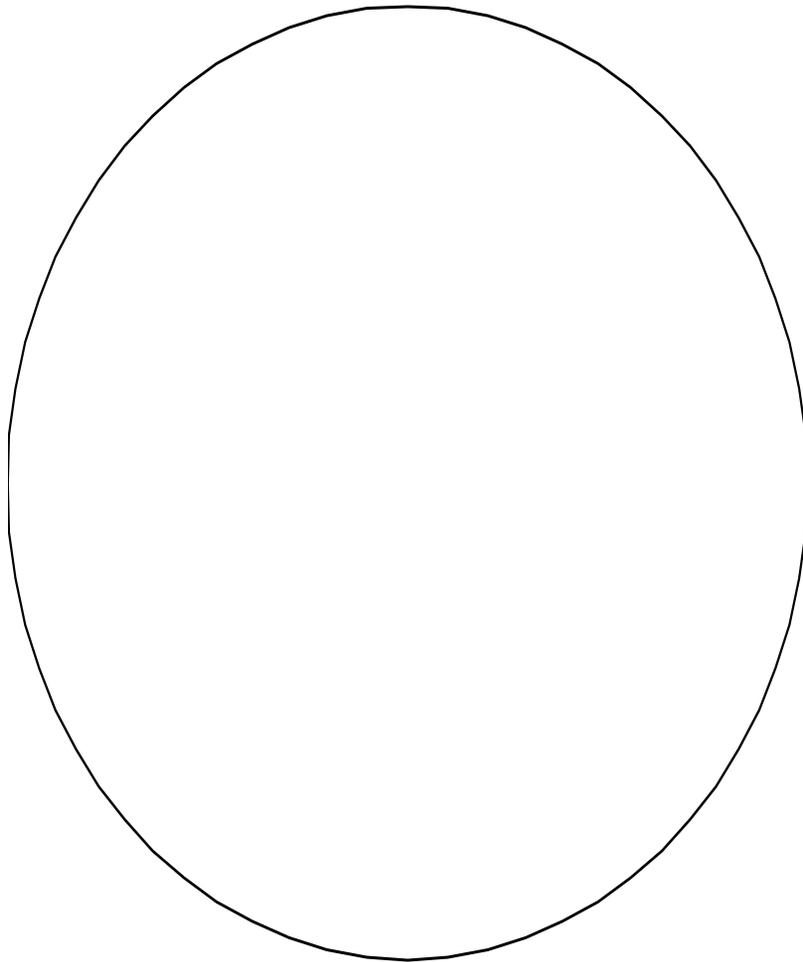
17. Place the plastic circle into the earring holder.



18. Enjoy!!!



**Oval Pattern to be used in
Step 2**



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