

Walker Caddy Tutorial

- 1 yard quilted fabric (I found mine at Joann's Fabric. 1 yard will make 3 caddies.)
- 1 package extra wide double fold bias tape to match (for each caddy)
- 1/2 yard medium weight clear vinyl (I got mine at Walmart. Don't get heavy weight; it's hard to sew.)
- 48 in matching ribbon for the ties
- matching thread
- 6" sew-on velcro, cut in two 3" pieces

Note: If you don't want the clear pocket, but another quilted pocket, just get 1 1/2 yards of quilted fabric and fold up the other end to form another cloth pocket.



Cut the quilted fabric into 3 equal pieces: about 15"x36" each. Decide which side you want to be on the outside and fold up one side 8". That will form the back pocket. Cut 3 pieces of vinyl 10"x15" each.



Before you sew the pockets down, bind the top edge of the cloth pocket end and the top of the vinyl pocket. You also need to sew the velcro strips on before sewing the pockets down. Fold the caddy in half with the cloth pocket already folded up. Then pin or tape the velcro strips to each side and sew them down.

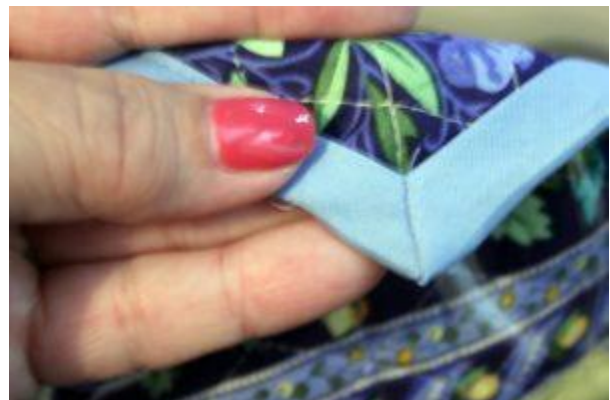


Now you can sew the pockets down. Baste the cloth pocket in place. Tape the vinyl pocket in place and baste. You'll have to sew carefully to keep the plastic from buckling up. You'll see what I mean once you start. This is the part that I get frustrated and decide I want to make the rest with just cloth pockets. But you have to do the clear vinyl if you want the literature to show. So, just be patient.



Then you'll want to sew down the center of each pocket to create two pockets. Actually, I measured with a magazine and tract, so one side is about $\frac{2}{3}$ and the other is $\frac{1}{3}$.

Now it's time to bind the edges. Start at one side on the cloth pocket end, folding the ends under. Sew the binding over the edge, down one side up to about an inch from the end on the plastic side. I stopped there and folded my fabric back, sewed an angle, turned right side out, to have a nice mitered corner.



I don't know how else to explain how I did it – maybe the photo will help. You'll have to fool around to get it right. Or you might have another way to make a nice corner.

Then sew the binding across the bottom, stopping again before the other corner and do the same miter thing if you can. Then sew the binding up the other side, trimming and folding under the edge at the end.



All that's left is adding the ribbon ties. I cut 4 ties, 12" each. Fold the caddy in half, measure down about 1 1/2 inches on the sides and sew the ties on each side, turning under the edges. I burned the ends of my ribbon with a lighter to keep it from fraying.



That's it! Just tie it on the bar of the walker and match the velcro pieces at the bottom to hold the caddy together.



These pouches are handy for meetings too. The large pockets will hold a Bible or large song book. There's room for pens, notepads, glasses.