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## COUPON ORGANIZER

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*Keep your coupons, bills, or lists in their place with a handmade organizer.  
Wide enough to fit the longest of coupons, yet slim enough to tuck in your handbag.*

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## MATERIALS

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- (2) 11" wide x 13-1/2" tall pieces of 100% cotton fabric
  - (1) 11" wide x 13-1/2" tall piece of Pellon® Pelltex® 70 stabilizer
  - (1) 9.5" wide x 1/2" tall piece of velcro
- Coordinating thread, scissors, turning tool, pins, ruler and iron

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## DIRECTIONS

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### STEP ONE

Prepare your fabric for sewing. Wash, dry and press fabric.

### STEP TWO

Cut your fabric. You'll need to cut two 11" wide x 13-1/2" tall pieces of cotton fabric. I chose an orange paisley for the outside of my organizer and a coordinating stripe for the lining. You'll also need to cut one 11" wide x 13-1/2" tall piece of stabilizer.



### STEP THREE

Stack the three pieces in the following order: stabilizer, outside fabric (right side up), and then lining fabric (right side down).



### STEP FOUR

Pin the three pieces together and sew a 1/2" seam around the outside, leaving a 4" opening in the middle one of the short edges as shown below. Remember to backstitch at each end.



#### STEP FIVE

Trim the four corners at a diagonal, this makes it easier to turn and have nice points at the edges.



#### STEP SIX

Turn the organizer right-side-out by pulling the fabrics through the 4" opening at the top. To close the opening, fold the lining fabric and outside fabrics in 1/4" (FIG 1 AND FIG 2) and pin closed (FIG 3).



FIG 1



FIG 2



FIG 3

#### STEP SEVEN

Stitch a 1/4" seam across the entire top of the organizer. Remember to backstitch at each end.



#### STEP EIGHT

Lay the rough side of the velcro 1/2" down from the top of the organizer. Sew along the edge of the velcro, all the way around, backstitching at each end.



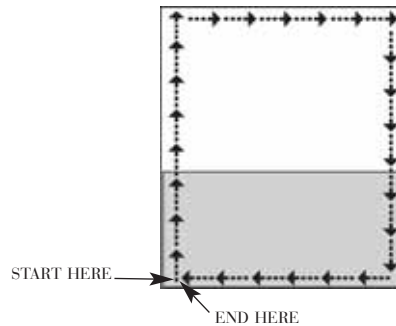
### STEP NINE

Lay the organizer outside fabric down, with the velcro at the bottom.  
As shown below, fold the bottom up 4-1/4", pin in place.



### STEP TEN

Starting at the lower left hand corner, (as shown below) sew a 1/4" seam up along left side, turning at top, across top, turning at top right corner, down right side, ending at lower left corner.



### STEP ELEVEN

As shown in step eight, Lay the soft side of the velcro 1/2" down from the top of the organizer.  
Sew along the edge of the velcro, all the way around, backstitching at each end.



### STEP TWELVE

Make your dividers. Print ten copies of page 5 on cardstock.  
(I used green that I had on-hand, but any color will work.)



### STEP THIRTEEN

Cut the dividers out on the trim lines. For the top portion, on each divider, cut out all but one of the rectangles, leaving them staggered (like file folders).



### STEP FOURTEEN

Label your dividers. I chose Cereal & Snacks, Dairy, Dressings & Condiments, Sauces & Sides, Meats & Breads, Coffee & Beverages, Misc. Kitchen & Household, Cleaning & Laundry, Personal Care & Baby, and Store Coupons as my headers.

*(TIP: Write on the side that is blank. That way, when you look in your organizer, you won't see a bunch of trim lines.)*



### STEP FIFTEEN

Start cutting coupons! Fill your new Coupon Organizers and go shopping. Enjoy!