

The small swatches of fabric needed to make the Double Diamond Eyeglasses Case can come right from your stash. If you decide to purchase fabric, fat 1/8's of four different fabrics would be more than plenty. Always use a 1/4" seam allowance and backstitch at the beginning and end of all seams.

### Fabric Requirements:

- ◆ **Main fabric** – the pink strip down the center
- ◆ **Contrast fabric** – the burgundy sections of the diamonds
- ◆ **Background fabric** – the teal fabric behind the diamonds and the Outer Panel
- ◆ **Lining fabric** – any of the above fabrics or a coordinating fabric

### Other Requirements:

- ◆ **Fusible Webbing** (Heat'n Bond Lite preferred)
- ◆ **Fusible fleece** (or thin batting with a little adhesive spray)
- ◆ **Matching thread**
- ◆ **Fabric Glue**
- ◆ **Double Diamond Ruler™ 1.5**

### Cutting Directions:

- ◆ **Main fabric:** (1) 3" x 8"
- ◆ **Contrast fabric:** (1) 3" x 8"
- ◆ **Fusible Webbing:** (1) 3" x 8"
- ◆ **Background fabric:** (1) 2½" x 8"  
(1) 1½" x 8"  
(1) 5½" x 8"
- ◆ **Fusible Fleece:** (1) 8½" x 7½"
- ◆ **Lining Fabric:** (1) 8½" x 7½"

### Make the Double Diamonds:

- ◆ Center fusible webbing to the wrong side of the Main fabric. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions. Peel off the paper.
- ◆ Fuse this piece to the wrong side of the Contrast fabric in the same manner. You now have a rectangle that will hereinafter be referred to as the "fused piece".
- ◆ Fold the fused piece lengthwise with the Main fabric on the outside. Press well.
- ◆ Place the Double Diamond Ruler™ 1.5 along the fold. Position the ruler so that your first cut is ½" down from the top. (See Diagram A).
- ◆ Cut 8 sets of slits according to the ruler directions. You will cut 7 sets of slots, then move the ruler down and cut 1 more set.
- ◆ Unfold. Press flat from the backside. Be careful not to catch the tips of the flaps with the tip of your iron.
- ◆ Place right side up. Starting at the bottom, fold each flap back. Press as you go. Tuck each flap under the diamond below it.

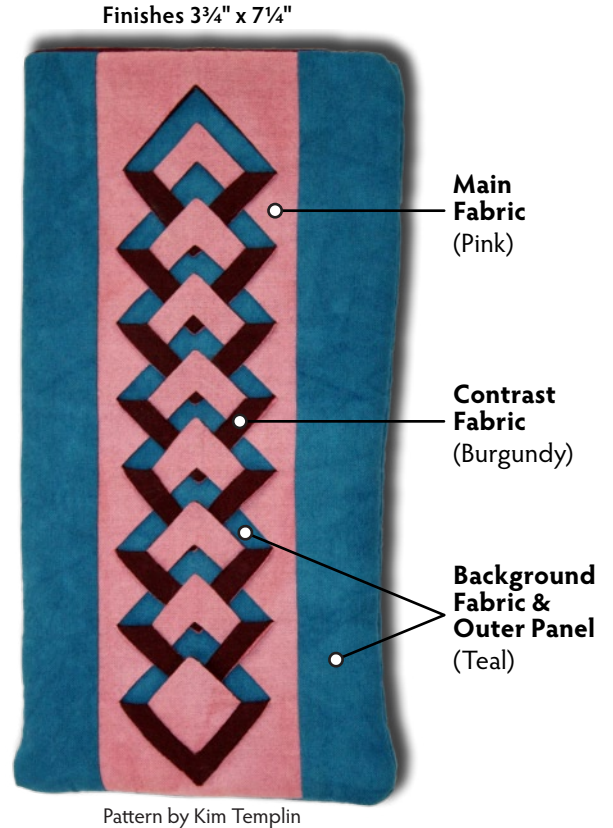


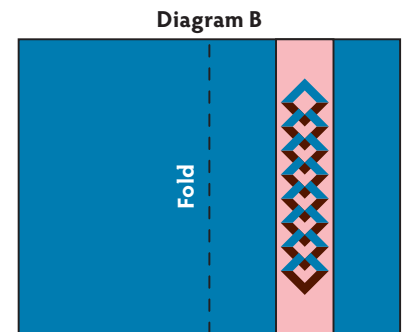
Diagram A



- ◆ Using a rotary cutter, trim the Double Diamond strip to 2½" wide. The best way to do this is to measure 1¼" from the center of the diamonds and trim along each long side.
- ◆ Apply temporary or permanent fabric glue all around the wrong side of the diamond piece. Place on top of the 2½" x 8" Background fabric.
- ◆ Check that each flap is tucked under the diamond above it. Use a dab of glue to hold them also.
- ◆ Using matching or invisible thread, stitch down the center of the diamonds to secure all three layers. Another option is to couch decorative thread on top of the diamonds.

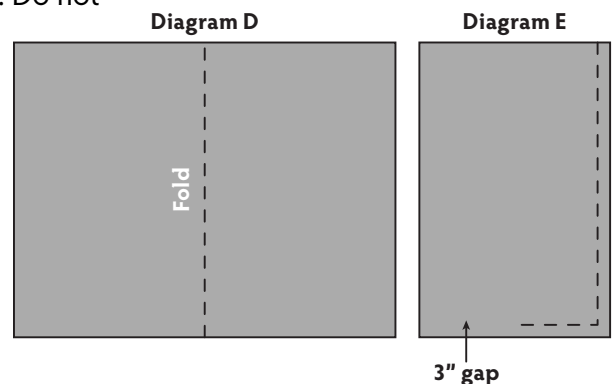
## Make the Outer Panel

- ◆ Sew the 1½" x 8" Background fabric to the right side of the Double Diamond piece. Press away from the Double Diamond piece.
- ◆ Sew the 5½" x 8" Background fabric to the left side of the double diamond. Again, press away from the Double Diamond piece. **(See Diagram B.)**
- ◆ The outer panel should now measure 8½" wide x 8" tall. Trim the height to 7½" leaving a ½" gap above the top diamond. (The gap below the bottom diamond may be slightly more or less than ½".) The piece should now measure 8½" wide x 7½" tall.
- ◆ Iron the fusible fleece onto the wrong side of the main case piece following manufacturer's directions; or secure thin batting to the main case piece using spray adhesive.
- ◆ Fold the Outer Panel in half with right side together. Sew down the side and across the bottom, backstitching at the beginning and end. Do not turn right side out yet. **(See Diagram C.)**



## Make the Lining

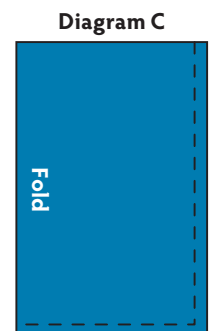
- ◆ Fold the Lining rectangle in half with right sides together. **(See Diagram D.)**
- ◆ Stitch down the long side, pivot, and stitch about one more inch along the bottom edge. Backstitch.
- ◆ Leave a 3" gap along the bottom edge between the end of the seam and the fold. Turn right side out. **(See Diagram E.)**



## Put it all Together

- ◆ Put the Lining piece inside the Outer Panel, matching seams. (The right sides of the two pieces are touching inside, but you can only view the wrong sides.)
- ◆ Stitch along the top of the eyeglasses case, moving the fabric carefully under your sewing machine.
- ◆ Pull the Lining back out and reach inside the gap. Turn the eyeglasses case right side out.
- ◆ Stitch the bottom of the lining closed. It will not be visible.
- ◆ Push the lining back into the eyeglasses case and press flat. Enjoy!

**Note: The eyeglasses case can be made longer to hold your Double Diamond Rulers™. Just increase the length of all your cut rectangular pieces from 8" to 13½" tall.**



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