

## Sewing: Travel Cup Cozy

**Skill Level: Beginner**

Materials:

- Travel cup cozy pattern
- 5" x 12.5" square of inner fabric
- 5" x 12.5" square of outer fabric
- 5" x 12.5" square of cotton batting
- Chalk or air/water soluble marking pen
- 4" of elastic
- Button
- Coordinating thread and Needle
- Pins
- Pen or chopstick to push out corners
- Iron and ironing surface (optional)
  - *Iron out the fabric before tracing and cutting them (if necessary)*



Instructions

1. Cut and piece together the travel cup cozy pattern, lining up the sides that are marked and adhering with tape.
2. Trace the travel cup cozy pattern onto the inside fabric, outside fabric, and cotton batting with the chalk or air/water soluble marking pen. Carefully cut the pattern out on all three materials.
3. Layer the materials on top of each other in the following order: first, the outer fabric with the "nice" side facing up, then the "nice" side of the inner fabric facing down (facing the "nice" side of the outside fabric), then the cotton batting on top of all three.
4. Line up and pin together all three layers. Mark with pins a 1.5 inch opening on the left side.

5. Make your elastic into a loop and stick it into the side opposite of the side that will be left open. Make sure the loop is inside between the “nice” fabrics, with the elastic ends sticking out just a little bit. Use pins to hold the loop in place.
6. With backstitching at the beginning and end, sew around the cozy with a quarter inch seam allowance, being careful to leave a 1.5 inch opening on the left side of the cozy. When going over the elastic loop, it’s a good idea to go over the elastic twice to ensure that the stitches will hold it secure.
7. Snip the corners and turn inside out so that the “nice” sides of the outer and inner fabric are now facing out with the cotton batting inside between the fabrics. Make sure to push out the corners. A pen or chopstick is handy for this.
8. Tuck in the open edge and topstitch around the edges with an eighth inch seam allowance. This will seal the opening and ensure the elastic loop is attached to the cozy.
9. Thread a needle. Using the pattern marking for reference, place the button on top of the outer fabric, opposite the side with the elastic loop. Sew up through the eyes of the button a couple of times or until the button seems secure, then tie off on the back by looping the thread and needle through the back stitches on the “inside” fabric.
10. Enjoy your reusable travel cup cozy with your pumpkin spice and everything nice.

