



DIY Camera Case

This camera case is the perfect DIY project for photographers, and it makes a great gift. Put it together with heavyweight fabrics for a bag that's sure to last!



Materials



- 1/2 yd. exterior medium-to-heavyweight fabric (canvas, for example)
- 1/2 yd. liner (medium to heavyweight fabric)
- 1/2 yd. 1/2" thick padding (Available at any local fabric store in the "stuffing" section)
- Hook and loop fastener attachment
- Rectangle rings
- Straps
- 2 Swivel hooks
- Brother ST4031HD Strong and Tough Serger

Cutting Directions

- 1 • 1 exterior piece, 11" x 27"
 - 1 liner piece, 11" x 27"
 - 1 padded piece, 10.5" x 26" (Should be slightly smaller to fit inside the case, once sewn)
- 2 **Tip:** I made enough room so that the camera and lens attached would fit perfectly. You will want to measure your specific camera and adjust accordingly.
- 3 **Note:** For the hem allowance, I made the hem 1/4" because I used a serger. If you plan to use your sewing machine use a 5/8" hem allowance.

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Sewing Directions



- 1 Fold over each flap so that there is a 1" gap on the top raw edge. Press and cut. Then use this as your template for the liner and padding.



- 2 Add your (soft side) hook and loop fastener attachment at midpoint and 2.5" down from the raw edge.

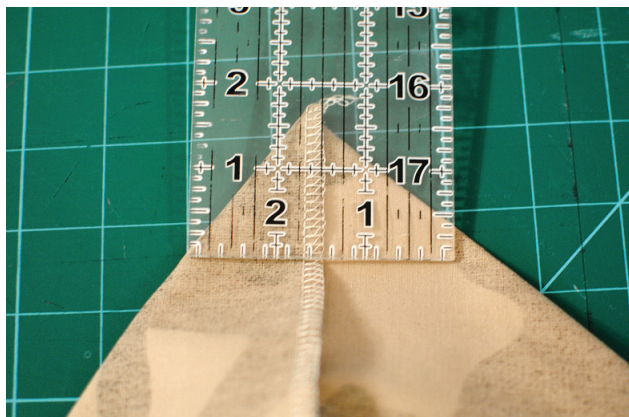


- 3 Fold your exterior and liner pieces 1.5" from where the slant starts. Sew right sides together for the exterior piece (where the pins are). For the liner, you will need to leave a 3.5" opening on the side. Make sure it's 2" up from the bottom since we will be sewing a fold right there.



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Sewing Directions (cont'd.)



- 4 Fold each corner, so the seams are flat in the middle. Press the seam allowance over to one side and mark about 1 1/4" up a straight line across. Pin into place.



- 5 Sew along the line. Cut the remaining edge off and serge. Repeat for liner.



- 6 Cut 2" x 2" of the belting and fold over the square rings. Baste along the raw edge to keep them from moving.

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Sewing Directions (cont'd.)

- 7 Place the exterior piece right side out into the liner so the right sides are together. Pin the rings in between the exterior and liner along the sides (where the pins are) so that the ring part is facing down and the raw edges are aligned. You can baste stitch them into place before serging.



- 8 Pin everything into place. You will sew or serge starting at the side seam, going across to the other side seam, up the flap, and all the way back down to the seam you started at. There should be no opening.

- 9 Now take everything out from the opening in the liner. You can then top stitch the flap and front.



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Sewing Directions (cont'd.)

- 10 Create a padded liner by repeating steps 3 through 5. (I suggest using a sewing machine and not the serger for the padding.)



- 11 Take your padded piece and place it in the liner opening. It works! Take your time tucking it in and make sure it's positioned right. Adjust so it fits perfectly in between the liner and the outside.



- 12 Sew the (hard part) hook and loop fastener attachment to the tip of the flap edge. I just sewed a square and then placed an 'x' in the middle.



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Sewing Directions (cont'd.)

- 13 Sew up the liner opening.

- 14 Add the strap by either sewing it around the rings or add a swivel hook.



Now you have a camera case that is not only convenient for travel but effective at protecting your camera!



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