

Key Fob Wristlet

These instructions are for a 6” overall length key fob wristlet with a squared off metal clasp hardware attachment. You can adjust the length to be shorter or longer. I chose a 6” length to fit over my wrist. I have also made it as long as a lanyard.

Supply list:

- Fabric – Cotton, canvass, denim – this is a great scrap buster so dig into those piles!
- Fusible interfacing – Single sided fusible interfacing will help stiffen cotton fabric. You can choose how stiff you want it by adjusting the weight of the interfacing. This is not needed with canvas or denim since they are thicker fabrics.
- Hardware – I am using a 1” metal clasp that is squeezed together with pliers. Spikes within the clasp hold the fabric in place. You can find these on Amazon or in craft stores in various finishes and widths.
- Thread – You can choose matching or contrasting thread.
- Optional – Thread Check or glue (I use E600) to reduce fraying threads from use and to help keep fabric in hardware.

Steps to complete a 6” key fob wristlet with a 1” clasp:

1. Cut a piece of fabric and interfacing four times the width of the clasp and two times the desired overall length. For this demo I am using a 1” clasp so the width is 4” and the overall length of the wristlet will be 6” so the length of the cut fabric and interfacing is 12”.
2. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric. Interfacing is not necessary for canvas or denim.
3. Fold and press the fabric in half, wrong sides together, to make a 2” X 12” strip. Open the pressed fabric piece and fold each outer 12” edge to the center crease, wrong sides together, and press. Fold the strip on the first center seam with the two raw edges meeting in the center. Give this another press. Your 4” X 12” piece should now be pressed and folded with the raw edges on the inside into a 1” X 12” strip. Use clips or pins to hold the open sides together.

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4. Sew the open 12" edge using an 1/8" to 1/4" topstitch seam. Repeat on the other 12" side using the same seam allowance. You can add additional topstitching between the seams as you like.
5. Fold the strip in half to make a 1" X 6" length and trim any loose threads and the raw ends to even. You can use fray check now. Insert the folded strap into the hardware. I add a dab of glue inside the hardware and then insert the folded strip. Use pliers to squeeze the hardware sides together. The spikes inside the hardware will penetrate the fabric. Give your strip a quick tug to ensure the fabric is secure.

Yahoo! You have made a key fob wristlet!

Here are some variations:

- You can use two different fabrics for the strip. If you decide to do this, you will need one strip of each fabric that is two times the width of the clasp by the desired length. Repeat the process of folding and pressing each strip in half, wrong sides together. Fold and press each outer long edge to center. You will now have two 1" strips with clean edges on both sides. Place the two strips back to back so that the folded edges are on the inside and the right side is on the outside. Continue with steps 4 and 5 above to complete the wristlet.
- You can use batting instead of interfacing. The batting needs to be cut to the width of the clasp by the length of the fabric strip. You will encase the batting on one side of the folded strip when you are folding the strip into the width of the clasp (1" in the my example). Sew as directed.
- Some people like to sew the two ends of the strap together prior to putting it in the hardware.
- There are other hardware types available to make these wristlets. Most of those have you sewing a fabric tube through the hardware. There are plenty of You Tube videos on this method.