

Cyanotype Fabric, Exposed Seams Laptop Sleeve

Dimensions: 14.5" x 9.5" (37 x 23 cm), closed

Materials:

- 6 sheets 8" x 8" (20.3 cm x 20.3 cm) cyanotype fabric exposed, rinsed, dried and ironed
- 6 8" x 8" squares of thin cotton batting
- 6 8" x 8" squares of fabric backing (I used medium-weight canvas)
- 3 Size 4 (5/12", 1.5 cm diameter) sew-on snaps

Tools:

straight pins, shears, sewing machine, iron, thread, needle, optional embroidery needle and thread/floss

Directions:

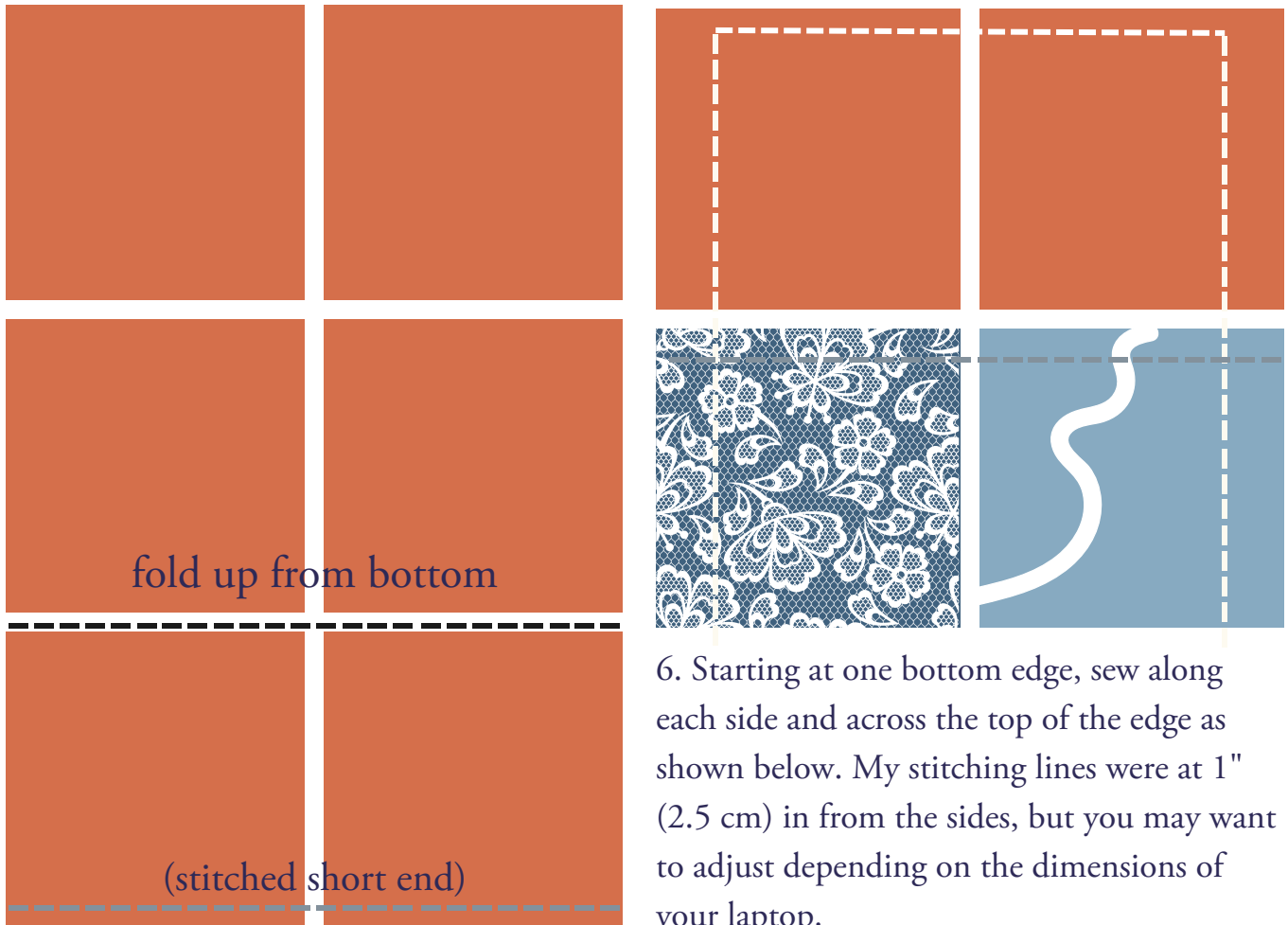
1. Pin each square of cyanotype fabric to a backing fabric square with a square of batting sandwiched between. Decoratively quilt each square by hand or machine. Remove pins. Press.
2. Lay out the quilted squares, cyanotype faces up, in a 2 x 3 rectangle, arranging and rearranging your design until you like what you see. Keep in mind you'll be trimming the long edges.



*One end will form the top flap,
and the other end will form the edge
of the sleeve opening.*

3. Sew PAIRS of squares together, wrong sides facing, 1/2" (13 mm) from edge. Press seams open.

4. With wrong sides facing, 1/2" (13 mm) from edge, sew each pair to the other pairs to form the 2 x 3 rectangle pictured above and below. Press seams open. Run a line of stitches by hand or by machine along the short side of the rectangle, 1/2" (13 mm) from the edge, that you choose to be the edge of the sleeve opening.
5. Lay the rectangle on a table wrong side up and fold the rectangle upward from the seamline at the bottom third of the rectangle. Pin edges that overlap.



6. Starting at one bottom edge, sew along each side and across the top of the edge as shown below. My stitching lines were at 1" (2.5 cm) in from the sides, but you may want to adjust depending on the dimensions of your laptop.

7. Trim the side edges of the laptop sleeve so that they are about equal Mine are 1/2" (13 mm).
8. Sew 2 of the top (concave) parts of the snaps 2" (5 cm) in from the sides of the flap and about 3/4" (19 mm) from the bottom edge. Sew one to the middle of the flap 3/4" (19 mm) from the bottom edge. Tuck your laptop into the sleeve and mark the places to sew on the bottom (convex) parts of the snaps so that they pull the flap snugly over the laptop. Remove the laptop. Sew the bottom snaps, iron the sleeve, and you're done!

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