

zippered ipad case



A SEWING PATTERN BY



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I designed this case for those people that prefer to keep their iPad in a hard case and then slip the whole thing into a soft case. So this is a little roomy, has some padding in the sides, and even a pocket on the front for charging cords.

DIFFICULTY: 

Mostly simple lines, but there's a zipper to insert and a couple of curves.

MAKES:

one 9" x 11" case that's about 1½" deep.

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1/3 yd. of medium weight fabric for outer bag (denim, twill, suiting, or canvas is good)
- 1/3 yd. of lightweight fabric for lining (I used quilting cotton here)
- 1/3 yd. of batting (I used cotton batting here. The thinner it is, the easier it will be to sew)
- 20" zipper (at least)
- 2" of ¾" wide Velcro
- 4¼" of 3/8" elastic (optional)
- 2½ yds. of bias binding tape (either store bought or homemade is fine)
- Matching sewing thread
- Sewing needle

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out the project pattern, pages 9-12
2. Assemble the printed pattern pieces
3. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric/batting and cut them out
4. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern



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Sandwich the zipper between one of the outer fabric top pieces and the corresponding lining piece.

Line up the zipper tape with the unnotched edge of the fabric and sew the three layers with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

When finished, press the fabric away from the zipper.



2

Layer the bottom piece for the outer case fabric on top of the end of your zipper and the lining piece beneath. Sew all these layers together very carefully. I would use the flywheel only, personally, to be sure that the needle doesn't break when you try to sew over it. Repeat this with the other ends of your case bottom and the other end of your zipper. You should be left with a ring.

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Sew the flap pieces together, both the outer case and the lining. Leave one long side open for turning it right side out. Clip the corners, turn the flap right side out, and press it flat.

3



Match up the bottom corners of the pocket (for both the outer bag fabric and the lining) by folding the fabric at a 45° angle. Sew along these short edges to create some depth to your pocket.

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5

With right sides together, sew the pocket lining to the outer case fabric. Be sure to leave an opening in the bottom for turning it right side out.



6

If you want, this is where you can take your small piece of elastic and sew each end to one of the top corners of the pocket. It won't reach all the way across, but this is what will make your pocket elasticized and cinch in on the top so items are less likely to fall out.

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Clip the corners of the top of the pocket and turn it right side out. Tuck under the opening that you had and iron it very flat. If you've done the elastic bit, you'll need to sew along the top edge of the pocket. Stretch the elastic and sew through it, about 3/8" from the top edge. This will anchor your elastic in place.

7



Sew the Velcro to the front of the pocket and the underside of the pocket flap according to where the pattern indicates. Be sure the finished edge of the flap has the Velcro.

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Sew the pocket sides and bottom along the pattern guidelines. Sew the flap as well by lining up the seam line on the unfinished edge of the flap with the pattern guideline (right sides together) and the Velcro pointed towards the top of the bag. Sew the flap in place, fold it down, and it should match up with the Velcro on the pocket. Iron the flap down and topstitch about $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the folded edge to hold the flap down.



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Layer the lining, batting, and outer case fabrics for the front together as a sandwich with the right sides facing outward. Baste all the layers together to make the next step easier. Repeat this with the case back pieces.

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Match up the notches on the case front with those on the case top and bottom. You'll see that the ring with your zipper installed should reach all the way around your case. If for some reason it doesn't, you can always go back to step 2 and redo your seam allowances either larger (to make the ring smaller) or smaller (to make the ring bigger). Sew the ring in place, and keep in mind that you might want to clip your seam allowances at the corners to make the curves go easier.

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Wrap your bias binding around the raw edges of your seam to keep them from fraying or looking ugly. Sew the binding in place. You could also leave the edges raw or finish them with other methods such as pinking or sewing a zigzag stitch.

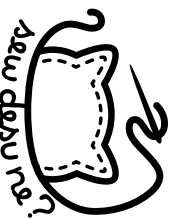
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FRONT & BACK

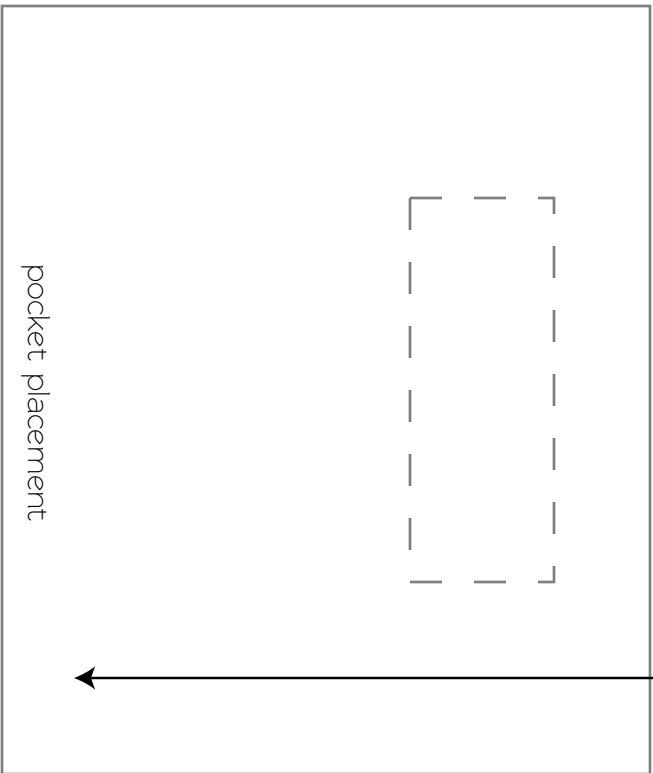
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Cut 2 of lining

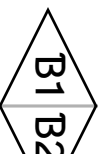
Cut 2 of batting

5/8" seam allowance

flap placement



pocket placement



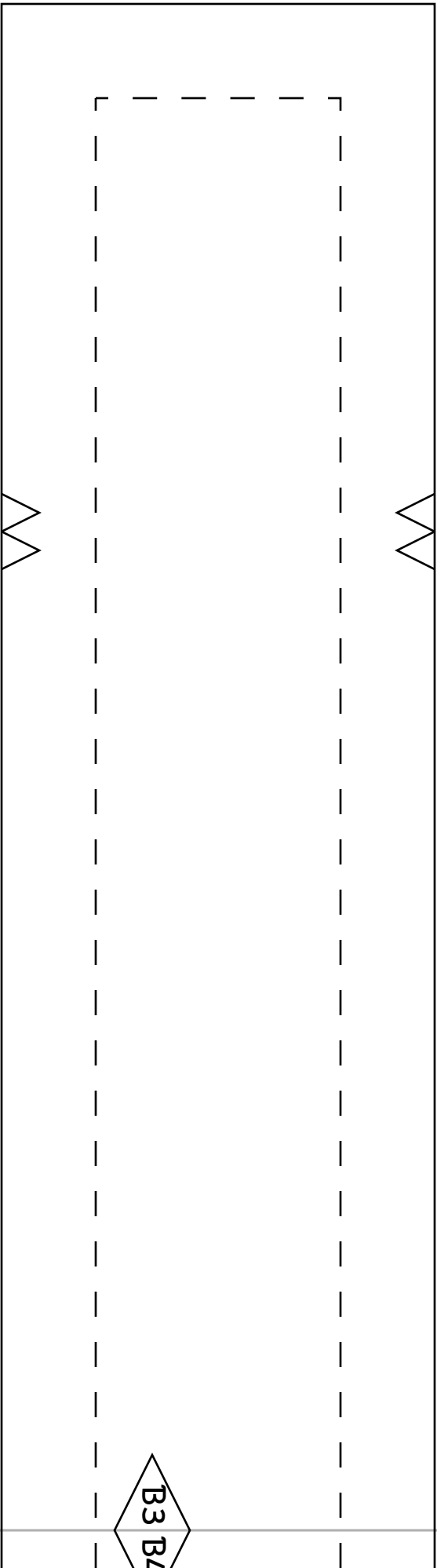
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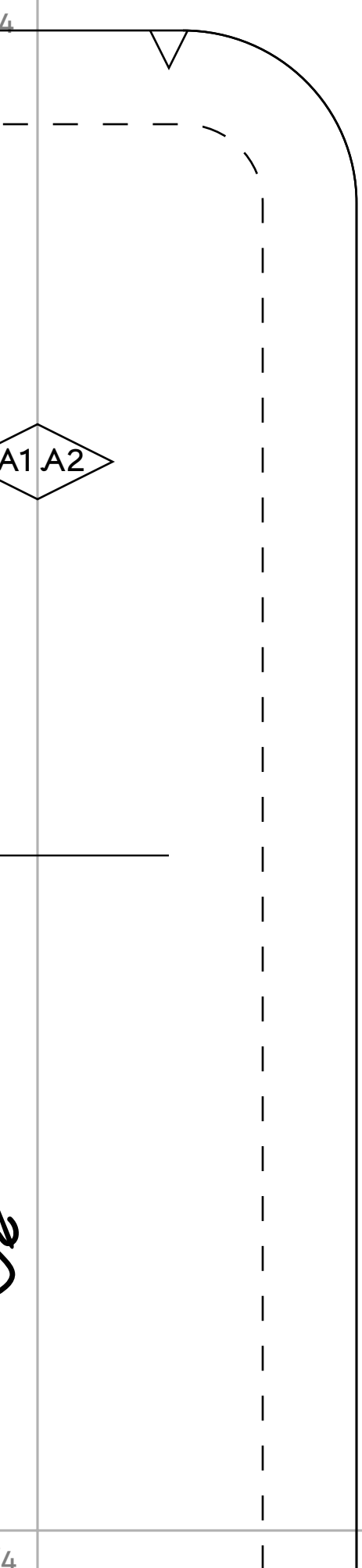
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Cut 2 from outer fabric
Cut 2 from lining

5/8" seam allowance

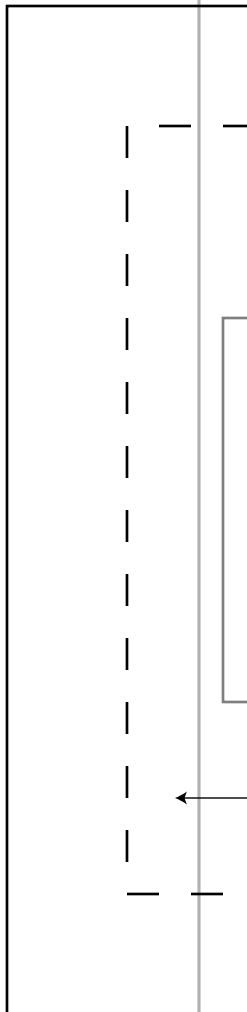


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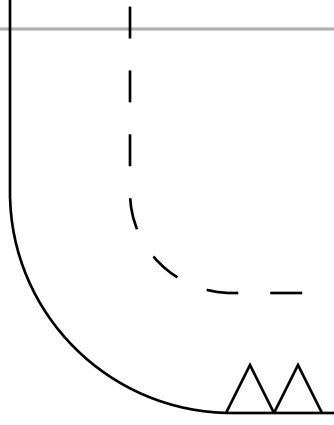
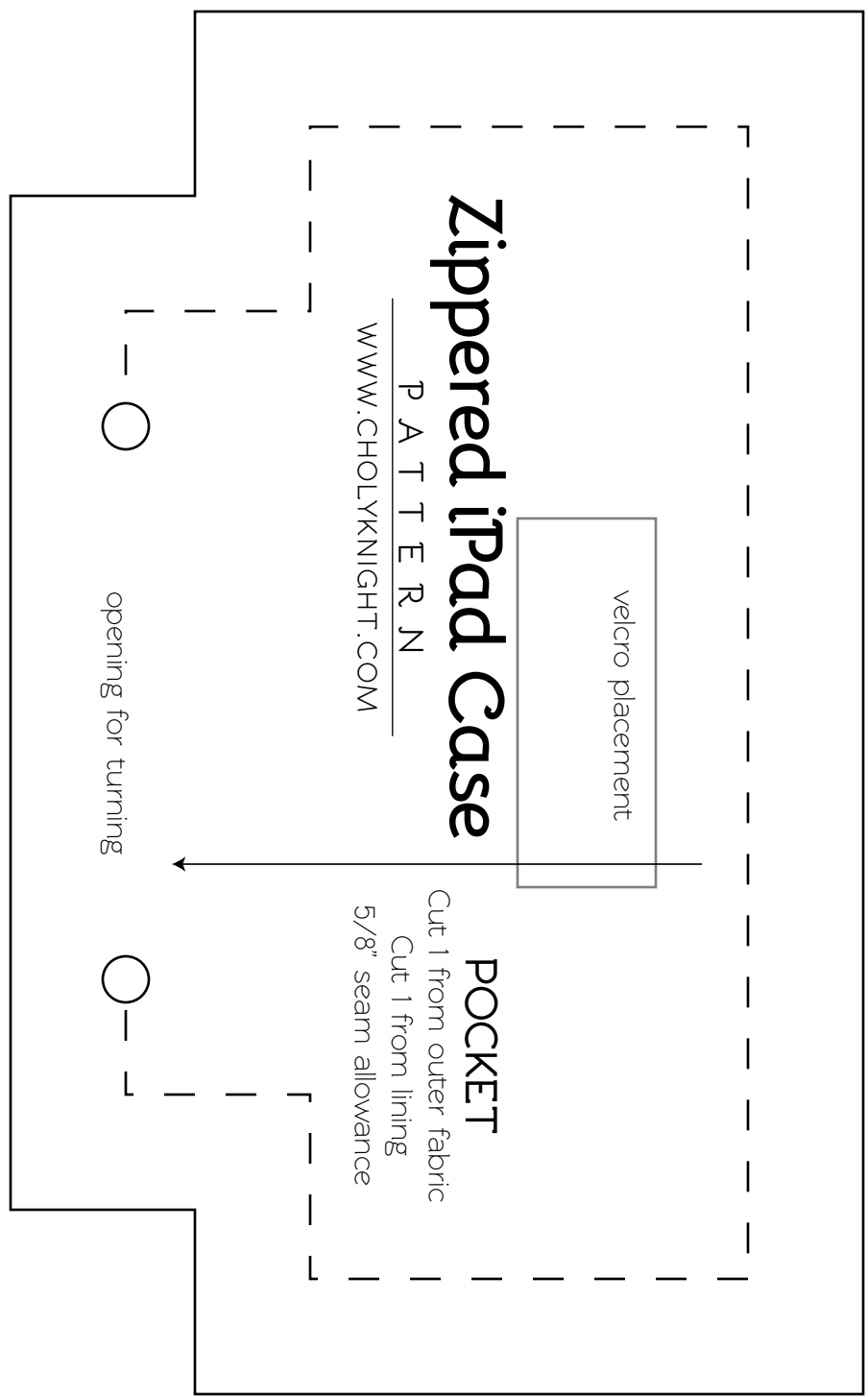


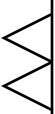
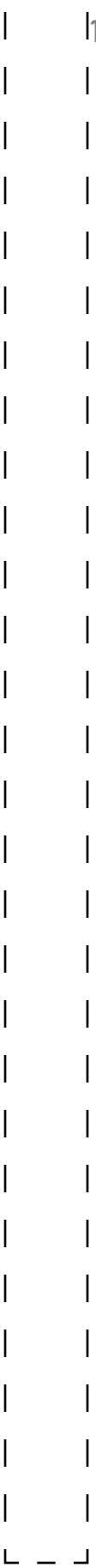
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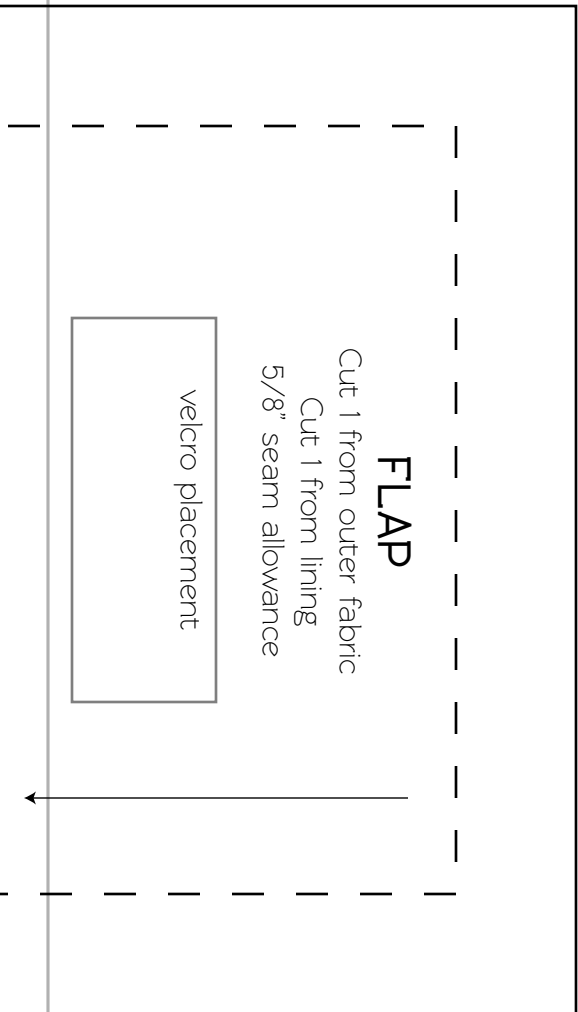
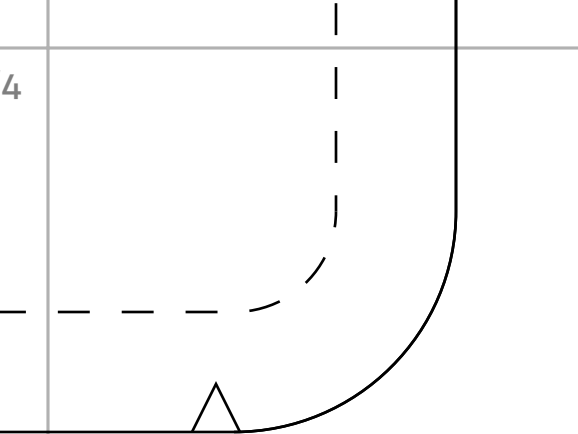
Cut 1 from outer fabric
Cut 1 from lining
5/8" seam allowance



FLAP

Cut 1 from outer fabric
Cut 1 from lining
5/8" seam allowance

velcro placement



C1 C2