

Ring-binder pen case Pattern and instructions

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This pattern was specifically designed to fit my Filofax 'personal' sized Finsbury organizer. Measurements apply to that organizer and may not fit yours. Please double-check the dimensions of yours before commencing!

I have no association with Filofax - I just love my organizer and wanted to share a way I've improved it for my personal use.

This pattern was created for personal use only. Please don't create pen cases from this pattern to sell.

You will need:

20x35cm fabric

Small eyelets/grommets & eyelet pliers

Two pieces of 8x16cm cardboard from a cereal box or similar

Scissors

Needle & thread

Ruler & tailor's chalk/pencil/fading pen

Optional: a small notepad to fit into the back pocket

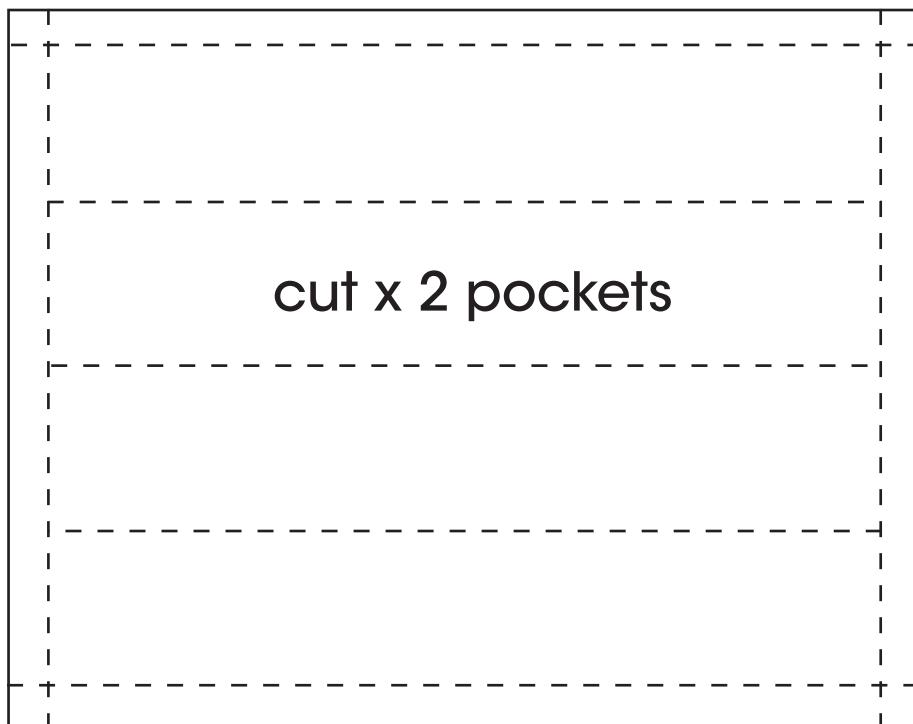
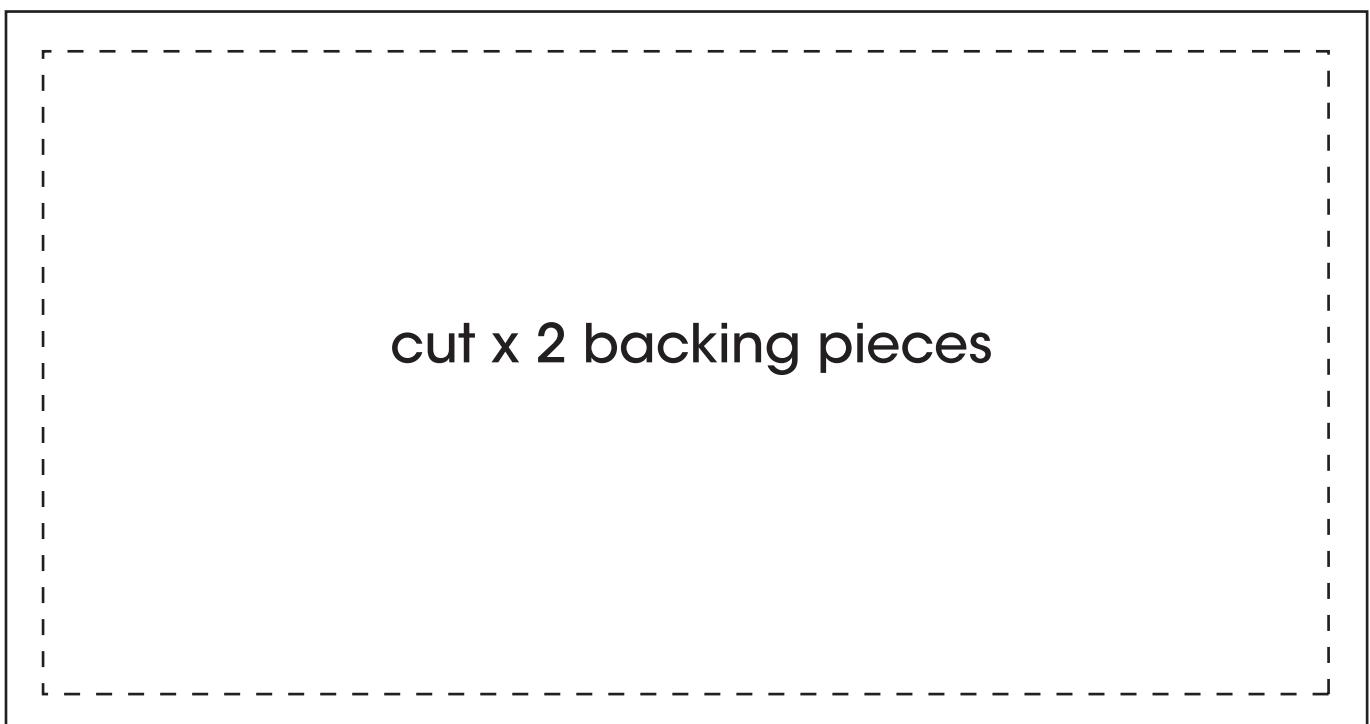
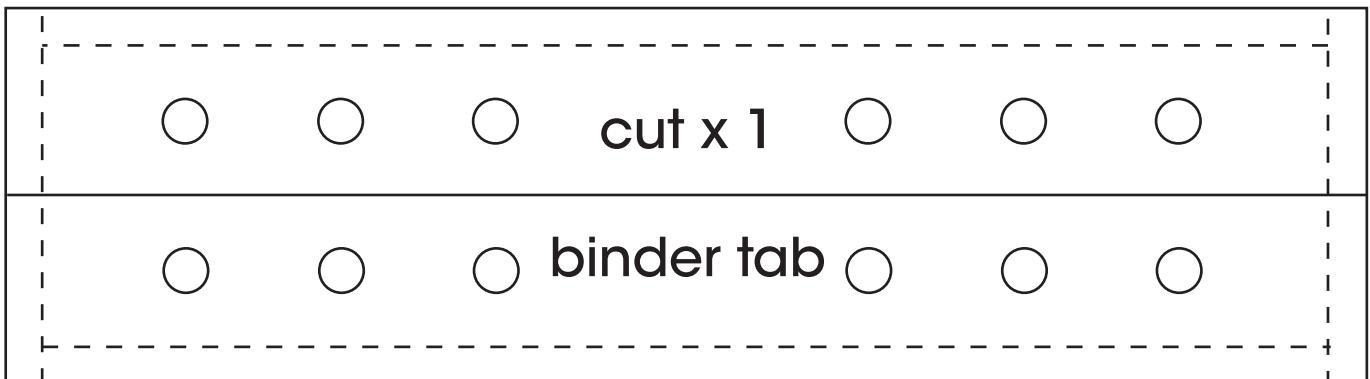
1. Cut the pieces of fabric in quantities according to the instructions on the pattern page.
2. Practice attaching eyelets on a scrap of fabric if you've never used them before.
3. Take both pocket pieces, fold over a 5mm strip along one of the shorter ends and sew.
4. Taking one pocket piece, mark the sections that will be sewn to create pen pockets. Allow for 5mm seams at either side. Pin along the lines and check your pens will fit. If they fit, remove the pins and proceed to step 5.
5. Pin the pocket to one backing piece, pinning between the lines. Sew along the ruled lines, excluding the edge seam allowances.
6. Taking your remaining pocket and backing piece, baste along the pocket's seam allowances so it doesn't shift around when you join everything together.
7. Take your binder tab piece and fold it in half with the wrong side of the fabric facing out. Sew top and bottom of the strip 5mm in, then turn right side out.
8. Measure your organizer to work out the eyelet placement. If you have a Filofax personal sized organizer mark your binder at 2cm in from the end, 4cm, 6 cm, 11cm, 13cm and 15cm.
9. Create a small hole at each marking using scissors or a small hole punch. Using the pliers or eyelet tool, attach your eyelets. Check that it fits the organizer!
10. Layer & pin the sewn pen pocket & backing piece, the binder tab & the flat pocket & backing piece together with all right sides facing each other.
11. Sew the 3 pieces together, starting along the side with the binder tab, then

the bottom, and lastly the side opposite the binder tab. Be sure to leave the top unsewn so that you can insert the cardboard pieces.

12. Cut the bottom 3 corners off to ensure neat finished corners, then turn it out the right way. Poke those corners gently into shape with a skewer or similar. Iron into shape.
13. Cut two pieces of cereal box cardboard and slide them into the open top of the case. If you're using thin fabric you might need to paint the cardboard, or use white cardboard.
14. Fold the top seam allowance in and using needle and thread ladder stitch the opening neatly shut. You're all done! Enjoy your pencase.

personal organizer pen case

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* cut 2 pockets,
sew along the lines of one
(as per the dotted lines on
the template) and leave
one un-sewn to be used
for small papers or a mini
note pad.