

# An EZ E-reader Cover

The directions here are for an Amazon Kindle Keyboard with no case. It can be easily adapted to fit a tablet, an iPad and other e-readers.

## **Materials and Notions for this size:**

Use quilter's cotton for interior and exterior.

1 fat quarter of exterior fabric

1 fat quarter of lining fabric

15" X 9" piece of Thermolam fusible fleece

2 pieces of sew-on Velcro  $\frac{3}{4}$ " X  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " each

**Download & reattach the pattern pieces (along bold dashed line):** This template can easily be used for other devices. Simply measure it in the following way and adjust the template accordingly.

**Measuring** (those in parenthesis are for the Kindle Keyboard):

**1)** Measure from top to bottom of device ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ "). Now add 1" for seam allowances to your measurement above ( $8\frac{1}{2}$ "). If you're making this case for something that's substantially thicker, like a Kindle Fire or something that already has a case or cover, measure that depth and add it once to this measurement.

**2)** Measure around the entire width of your device (10"). Add  $\frac{3}{4}$ " for seam allowances ( $10\frac{3}{4}$ ").

There's no need to add the additional depth measurement as was done in step 1.

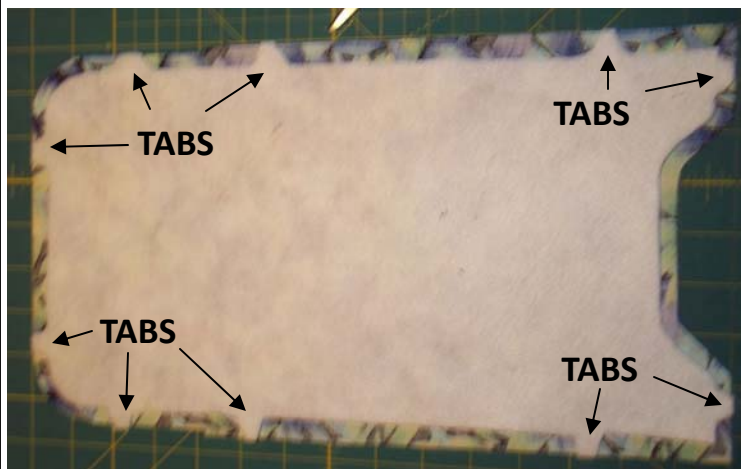
*Note: This case size is a snug, but not tight fit to prevent the Kindle from coming out on its own.*

## **Cutting:**

**3)** Cut one of exterior fabric, top to bottom on the lengthwise grain. (If you're using fat quarters without a selvage edge, try to stretch the edges of the fabric. The one with the least "give" is the lengthwise grain.)

**4)** Cut one of lining, top to bottom on the widthwise grain (the stretchy one).

**5)** Cut one of fusible fleece. Trim this by  $\frac{1}{4}$ " around flap seam area, leaving evenly spaced "tabs" of un-trimmed fleece (where indicated on template), which will be caught in the seam, for stability (see photo). I usually do 1 on each side and 2 on top. Likewise, trim the bottom by  $\frac{1}{4}$ " leave one "tab" on each short edge of the bottom seam. Trim the long side edges of the fleece by  $\frac{3}{8}$ ", leaving two tabs on each side (one for the front and one for the back).



Now fuse the fleece to the **WRONG** side of your exterior piece.

## **Sew on the Velcro.**

**6)** Separate Velcro pieces, placing fuzzy sides WSD on RS of Lining where indicated on template.

**7)** Now place prickly Velcro pieces WSD on RS of your exterior where indicated on template.

## **Time to put it together.**

**8)** Place lining & exterior RST. Beginning at indented area at top of the long side edge, stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from side edge for exactly  $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Stop, lift foot & turn fabric 90 degrees. Now continue stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edges around entire flap edge, ending with another 90 degree turn and then stitch  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to the side edge.

*Note: Be sure to reinforce the turns because they will require a deep clip before turning.*





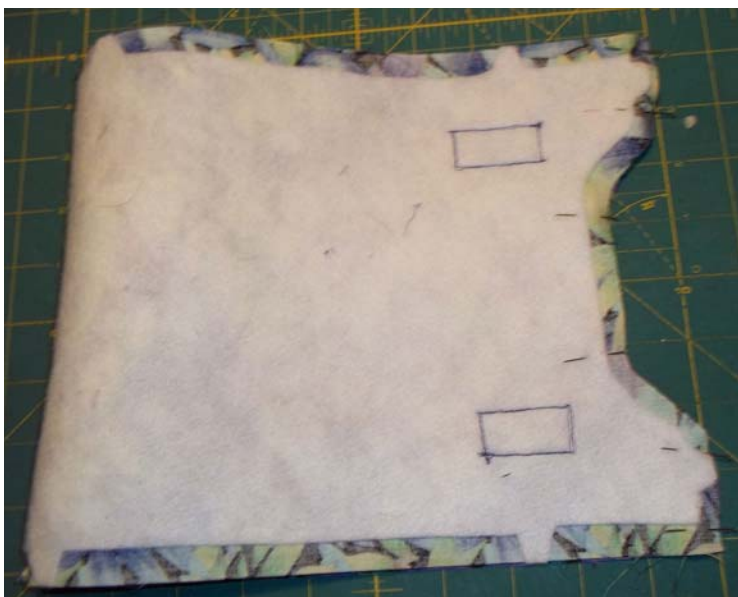
9) Clip diagonally into both corners, up to, but not through stitching. Turn flap RS out, press flat & top stitch close to finished edge. **A note on pressing:** Throughout the remainder of this process, be careful to do ALL of your pressing with the nearest Velcro face-down on the pressing surface. On my first sample, I got almost to the end, then melted my Velcro. Grrrrr.



10) Place case exterior side DOWN on a flat surface with exterior WST w/lining. Smooth layers until they're perfectly flat with raw side edges aligned. Now trim off 1/8" to 3/16" from the bottom indented edge of the lining.



11) Now align bottom raw edges RST, (sandwiching your Flap in between these layers). Stitch 1/4" from indented edges. Restitch for security. Clip curves & seam, then turn case RS out again. Press flat & topstitch close to edge.



**Note:** See how the raw side edges differ in length due to the trimming we did in step 10. (But this is OK, the lining will lay flatter and neater when we're done because of this.)

12) Align your raw side edges WST. Remember the lining is a little shorter so you'll need to s-t-r-e-t-c-h— it a bit to get them to lay flat with each other. Baste 1/8" from raw edges while maintaining steady tension to stretch the lining to fit.



13) Measure the length of the raw exterior side edges (10"). Now add 2" (12"), and cut two 1" X 12" strips on the lengthwise grain of the fabric. You can use either exterior or lining fabric for the strips, **BUT**—there is a chance that this fabric will be visible in the side seams.

14) Press over one long edge of each strip a scant 1/4" (WST),. Now align the un-pressed strip edge RST with the raw edges on one side of your case EXTERIOR, leaving 1" free on each end. Stitch in place a scant 1/4" from edges. Fold the 1" tails over each corner end, then flip your pressed strip over the side raw edges to lining-side of your case. Pin the folded edge of the strip in place so it just covers your original stitching. Now flip your case lining-side down again and stitch in the ditch, making sure to catch the pressed strip in this stitching underneath. Repeat this procedure on the other side of your case.

15) If you're interested in doing some optional machine quilting, or adding an embellishment to your flap exterior, now would be the time.







16) Now fold the bottom edge of your case up, exterior-sides together, matching both sets of bound side edges and the top bound corners. Secure both sides with pins, then stitch them together beginning at each top corner. Once again, you'll be re-stitching over the "stitch in the ditch" stitching from step 14. Reinforce this stitching.

17) Turn the case right side out, push out and square the corners, then steam press the side seams.

You're done!

Slide your Kindle inside  
and enjoy!



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You did a GREAT  
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