

Traveling Sewing Kit



We've gotta tell you that putting together a portable sewing kit for your quilting or other stitcy projects is kinda fun. The name of the game here is to keep it simple, splurge on a second set of the most important tools you use and look for the tins.

We raided the craft aisles of our local Michaels craft store. Most other art supply and craft shops should have these as well, or alternative versions. There are tons of tins that can be used for a kit with a little imagination. You can even salvage depleted Altoid's boxes and other candy tins. (Tin1)



This is what we grabbed to make the large pink lunchbox and the smaller pocket sewing kit:



- Hot pink lunch box, 5" X 7" by Duff's (Tin2)
- (1) fat quarter of a fun print to coordinate with box

- Package of Peel N Stick Permanent Double Sided Adhesive Sheets (We used one package with (4) sheets at 5 ½” X 8 ¾”)
- Package of ProMag Magnetic Business Cards (These are card-sized magnet sheets with a covered adhesive backing. When you peel the backing off, you can stick it onto anything.) (Tin3)



- Random Crap tin by Blue Q (This we purchased at a quilt show from a notions vendor because we just couldn't help ourselves. But the website, <http://www.blueq.com/>, has an awesome selection of these little lidded tins and other types of boxes. Just don't blame us if some of the products are definitely risqué!) (Tin4)



- Miscellaneous sewing supplies and tools

Covering the Lunch Box: (Tin5)

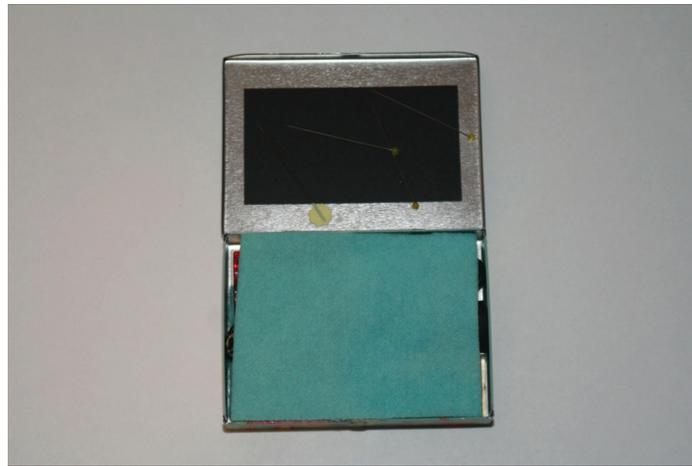


1. Measure inset front and back.
2. Remove one side of paper backing from Peel N Stick. Carefully place sticky side on pressed fat quarter. This stuff is VERY sticky and can't be repositioned, so do this on a solid even surface and go slowly.
3. Cut out inset size from Peel N Stick/fabric with rotary cutter and mat. Carefully peel other paper backing and smooth evenly onto the outside of box. Again, it's permanent. Be careful.
4. Repeat with other side of box.

Inside the Lunch Box:

We cut two pieces of felt for the inside of the box and adhered one to the bottom of the box with the same Peel N Stick. Then, the second piece of felt was left loose. The felt helps to keep the contents of the box from rattling and moving.

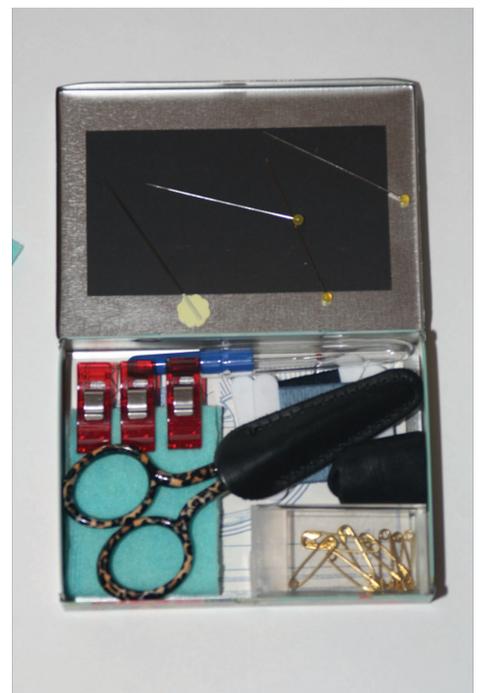
Small Tin: (Tin6)



Use one sheet of the ProMag sheet on the inside cover for the smaller tin. This becomes a pin catcher while you're sewing.

What's in the small tin box: (Tin7 & Tin8)

- Small pair of embroidery scissors
- Small seam ripper
- Safety pins in a pin container
- Needle/pin book from scrap of felt
- Clover binding clips
- Thread wrapped on embroidery floss spools (regular spools didn't fit)
- Needle threader
- Pins & needles



What's in the lunch box: (Tin9 & Tin10)



- Small tin, still stocked
- Mini Ott light
- Stick of fabric glue
- Long, thin tools (pens, rulers, markers) in snack sized Ziploc bag
- Loose small tools (rotary blades, binding clips, thread conditioner, needles) in snack sized Ziploc bag
- Medium rotary cutter
- Small shears
- Thread
- Chocolate (should need no explanation)

Obviously you can add whatever you want or need. A slightly large box can accommodate a small rotary mat and ruler. Keep your projects in large Ziploc bags to protect from dirt. You can even sort precut pieces in smaller bags.

