

HOW TO MAKE A FABRIC KEY FOB

A Sewing Saturday Program

Supplies Needed:

- Cotton fabric
- Matching thread
- Heavy weight iron-on Pellon interfacing or Fleece Pellon interfacing
- Key fob hardware (available at Walmart in the Sewing section).
- Tape measure, scissors, ruler, pins, iron, ruler.



1. How Long? If you want to slide the key fob off and on your wrist, you need to determine the length by using a tape measure. Then add about an inch. The key fob hardware will take some of the fabric at the ends. For this example it was about **11 ½ inches**.
2. How Wide? The band will end up just a little over 1 inch wide to match the width of the key fob hardware. The instructor used **3 inches**.
3. Take your fabric, fold it in half length wise, leaving the nice side of the fabric on the outside. Iron a nice crease down the middle. This will be one edge of your loop. It is also a guide for placement of your interfacing.
4. Cut a strip of interfacing **1 inch wide** and the same length as your fabric. Using the middle fold you just ironed as your guide to position the interfacing. Once positioned, iron the interfacing to the fabric.





5. Using the interfacing as your guide, fold over the outer edge so it wraps over the interfacing and iron that fold. (see left)

6. Fold down your other side and make sure that your folded edges line up. (see below)



7. Double check your width against the key fob hardware. You want to have the width just right—not so wide that the fabric will stick out, but not too skinny either. (see right) You can play with the width a bit—take or give space where needed.



8. Sewing the band together. Pin together the edge that's open. Make two straight seams on either side of the band. Use your sewing foot or the width measurements on your sewing machine. (see left) Add a couple more lines of stitching on the bands.



9. Your band should look something like this. (see left) If you have a machine with a decorative stitch, it might be wonderful on the band.

10. Take a moment and neaten up the ends of your band: clip any loose threads and trim up the ends so they are both even.

11. Fold over your band and put the ends into the open end of the fob hardware. Note the two pointy teeth—that's how everything will stay tight.

12. Take a pair of plyers and find a heavy cloth or towel. You don't want your plyers scratching up the hardware. Position the wrapped plyers and squeeze the end of the fob together tightly. This might take a couple of tries.



THAT'S IT! You're done. Add a keyring and transfer some keys over to your nice new key fob. Go out and make more for family and friends.