

Travel Fashion Belt Cover

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Change your wardrobe with accessories! One belt can have many different looks with just by switching the fabric with a fabulous cover!

SUPPLY LIST:

Belt: An elasticized belt with a snap and grab or magnetic closure works well

Fabric: Select a complimentary color that will be used for all the accessories- I chose several prints, some with embellishment and plain fabrics to embroider and add crystals, the only limits are you imagination! Measure the belt you will cover- try on the belt and measure your waist. For a shirred look, double the measurement. ½ yd should be enough for most- depends on width of the belt

Threads: Be creative, [the threads](#) can act as an accent or be the total focus. Construction thread to match.

Stabilizers: A firm but [pliable stabilizer](#) will work best- a mid to heavy weight tear-away is ideal. Only needed if you decide to embroider the fabric.

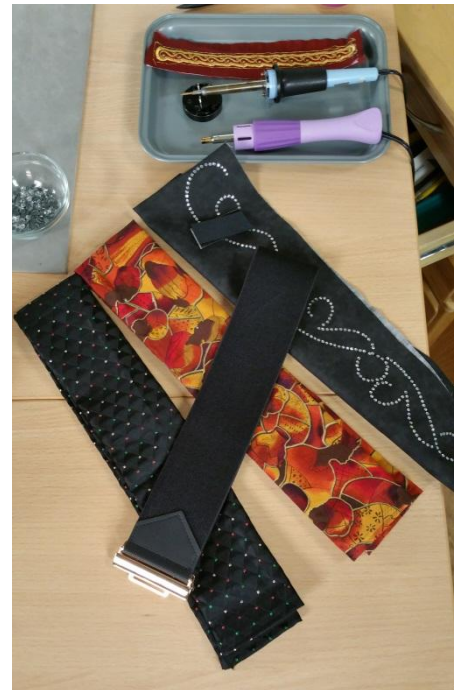
Needles: needle size/type is based on the weight of fabric and use- select a needle appropriate to the selected fabric. I prefer a 80-90 topstitch- for medium to heavier weight fabrics so that I can use a variety of threads successfully.

Notions: Velcro- ½ yd of half-n-half (1 side sew in, 1 side stickyback) should be enough for 4-6 belt covers- depends on the width of belt. Crystals/hot fix wand-if desired, basic sewing supplies.

[Sewing machine or sewing/embroidery machine.](#)

SEWING AND EMBROIDERY:

- 1) Measure width of belt. Cut fabric twice the width of the belt and add a ½" seam allowance. The length should be the measurement taken above plus 1" hem allowance at each end.
- 2) Embroidery or embellish fabric first if so desired.
- 3) If necessary, sew strips together to obtain the proper length.
- 4) Stitch a hem at each end of the belt cover.
- 5) Cut Velcro in 1" pieces.
- 6) Sew Velcro to hemmed edges in the center of the hemmed edge.
- 7) Fold belt cover in half lengthwise and Stitch ½" seam allowance down the long edge, creating a tube.



- 8) Turn inside out and attach sticky Velcro to sewn on piece.
- 9) Cover the belt with the new belt cover and attach sticky back Velcro to belt clasp.