



“Cord Keepers”

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Description: This pattern was designed for individual circles with snaps to help keep cords untangled. Embroidery software can be used to customize each circle.



Finished Cord Keepers

Materials needed:

Fabric remnants for inner and outer pieces— Examples are 4” inch finished circles. Be sure to figure seam allowance when cutting

Stabilizer if embroidering

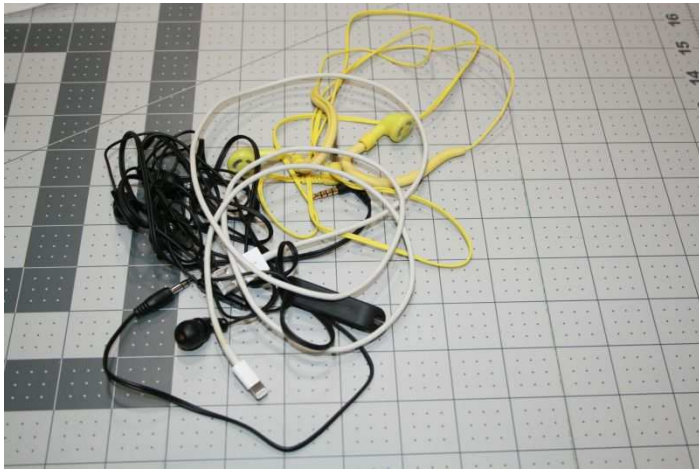
Iron on interfacing—light to medium weight

Matching Threads

Snaps and snap setting equipment

Cutting implements, Measuring implements, A circular object to trace, Wash away marker, iron and ironing board



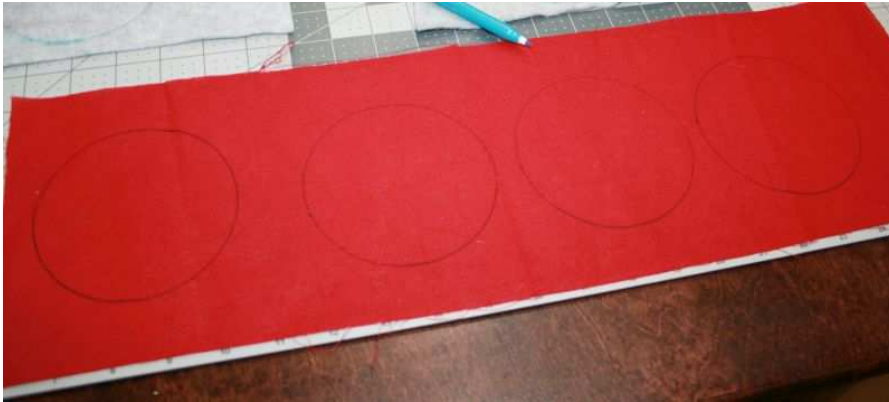


If you have many cords to keep up with they might look like this. A cord keeper will help with tangling problems and also cushion the cords so they do not bend and break if you are carrying them with you in bags, backpacks or luggage



Gather your remnant piece of fabric that will be the outer side and your iron on interfacing. We chose a canister that would be the finished desired size of our cord keepers. It is approximately 4 inches in diameter. Using the wash away marker, we first traced our circles on the fabric.





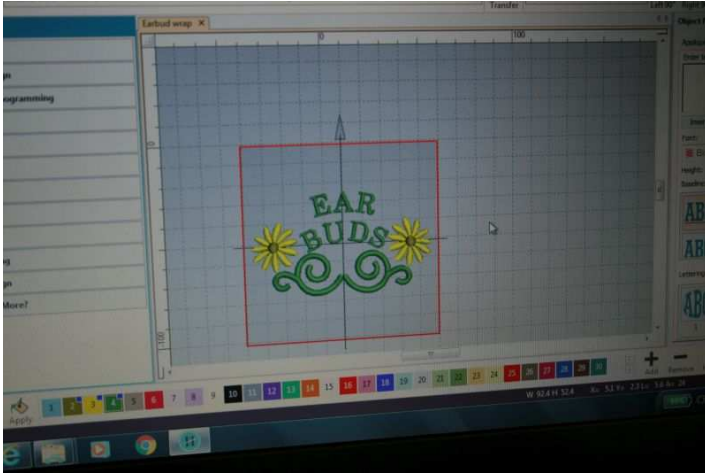
This shows the four circles traced on what will be the outer fabric. Our example is canvas.

Next we cut four pieces of iron on stabilizer. These are just a little larger than our circles.



Using a pressing cloth and following manufacturer's instructions, we attached the interfacing to the fabric on the reverse side of the fabric. Make sure you are directly underneath each circle.





If you will be using an embroidery design, load it on your machine. We used our software and combined a purchased design from "Designs by Sick (Daisy)" and text in our software.

Hoop the fabric and choose the colors of thread you will need. Make sure the design will fit within the space of the drawn circle before you start stitching



Stitch out the chosen design and re hoop the fabric as needed for multiple cord keepers.





Once all of your designs are stitched, you will need to cut out your circles. Note we cut our circles a little larger than the drawn size to make sure we had a seam allowance. You will also need to cut your inner fabric at this time. We used a very soft flannel. This is very good to help cushion the cords.

See drawn line and seam allowance Approx 1/4 inch

Place your fabrics right sides together in preparation to sew.



Stitch all the way around leaving a 1 1/2 —2 inch opening to turn project. We used a 1/4 inch seam allowance so our seam landed on the drawn line.





Trim with pinking shears around the circle. Notice we did not trim closely where the opening is. This will help when turning under to close. The pinking shears will release the fabric weave and help the curves lay flat once turned.

Turn the circles and press seams well. See the untrimmed portion that was not pinked. Turn it under and press also.



Stitch a topstitch around the circle. This will close the opening as well as be decorative and keep the fabrics from shifting when in use.





Gather your snaps and setting tools.

Install the snaps on opposing ends of the circle.



Here are our earbuds before.





Here are our earbuds after.



We made a very nice selection of cord keepers for all of our electronic devices.



ENJOY!

