

kraft·tex™
KRAFT PAPER FABRIC

Mini Tablet Case
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FINISHED SIZE: 6½" × 9"
(fits iPad Mini 5¼" × 7½")

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS and Hints

- When sewing with kraft·tex™, use binder clips (from an office supply store) or quilt binding clips to hold the layers together for sewing. Pins are difficult to push through the material and will leave perforations.
- It is easiest to cut the kraft·tex™ with a rotary cutter and cutting mat. A small rotary cutter (I used a 28mm size.) makes it easier to cut smooth curves, but the standard size works fine—just take your time.

- To make a crisp fold, use a bone folder (or similar tool) to create a smooth edge.
- Because the kraft·tex™ perforates (similar to vinyl), it is best not to sew back and forth in one place too many times or the material will tear. To secure the stitching at the beginning of a seam, start sewing ¼" in along the seamline, stitch backward to the edge, and then proceed to sew forward along the seamline.
- If you find the kraft·tex™ is curled from being in a roll, press it to flatten.

Mini Tablet Case

IMPORTANT: Instructions are for the dimensions of an iPad Mini. Resize to fit your tablet as needed.

MATERIALS

- **WHITE KRAFT·TEX™**
19" × 1½ yard roll: ½ yard
There will be leftover material.
- **FELT:**
1 piece, at least 12" × 18"
(or ¼ yard of 36"-wide felt)
- **FABRIC (optional):** ½ yard

CUTTING

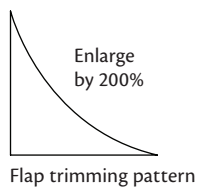
- **KRAFT·TEX™**
1 piece 9" × 12½" for body
1 piece 6" × 7¾" for flap
1 piece 2¼" × 4" for card holder
1 strip 1" × 12" for strap
- **FELT**
1 piece 9" × 12¼" for body
1 piece 6¼" × 8" for flap
1 piece 2½" × 4 ¼" for card holder
1 strip 1¼" × 12" for strap
- **FABRIC (optional)**
1 strip 3" × 12" for strap

You can add a strip of fabric to your strap for extra color and "pop." Feel free to create your own strap variations. Mix up the order of the "sandwich" (such as fabric / felt / kraft·tex™ or kraft·tex™ / fabric / felt). Try different widths and layer them in whichever order works for you. See Make the Strap (*below*) for instructions on adding the optional fabric layer.

Finished width (after double-folding)	Cut fabric width
½"	2"
¾"	3"
1"	4"

Make the Flap

1. Enlarge flap trimming pattern by 200%. On one long edge of the wrong side of the 6" × 8" kraft·tex™ piece, draw rounded corners using the trimming pattern provided. Trim carefully.



2. Place the trimmed kraft·tex™ flap on top of the felt flap piece, aligning the straight edges opposite the rounded corners. Trim the felt to match the rounded corners, leaving an additional ½" border. Topstitch the flaps together close to the edge of the kraft·tex™.

Make the Strap

1. Using binder clips if needed, center the 1"-wide strip of kraft·tex™ on top of the 1¼"-wide felt strip. Topstitch along each long edge of the kraft·tex™.

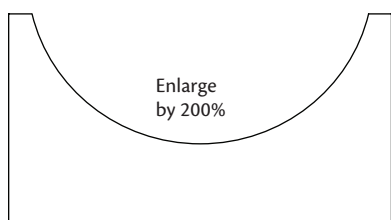
2. **Optional:** To add the extra fabric layer to the strap, fold the fabric strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Unfold, then fold each edge into the center, fold in half, and then press again. Center the folded fabric strip on top of the assembled kraft·tex™ / felt strap. Topstitch the fabric to the strap on both long edges.



Make the Card Holder

1. Enlarge the card holder trimming pattern by 200%. Trim the 2¼" × 4" kraft·tex™ piece using the trimming pattern provided.

2. Center the trimmed kraft·tex™ piece on top of the 2½" × 4¼" felt piece. Topstitch all around the edge of the kraft·tex™ through both layers. Trim the felt, leaving a ½" border all around. Stitching first makes it easier to trim afterward.



Card holder trimming pattern

Assemble

1. Center the square end of the flap, felt side down, on a short edge of the 9" × 12½" kraft·tex™ piece, overlapping the pieces by 1½", and clip together. Topstitch a long rectangle, just inside the flap topstitching, to attach the flap to the case. This end will be the top of the case.



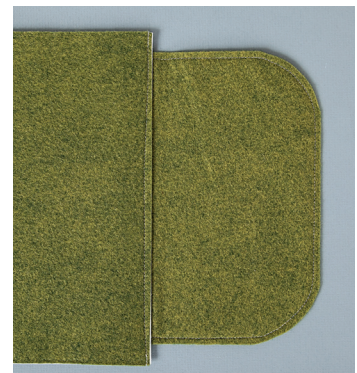
2. Center the card holder on the outside of the case body, 1½" away from the edge of the flap, with the cutout edge closest to the flap. Topstitch the card holder to the back of case, **along the sides and the bottom only**. The trimmed top edge is left open to hold business cards.



3. Fold the case body in half so that both 9" edges meet. Use the bone folder to create a sharp crease. Unfold the case body and place the 9" × 12¼" felt piece on the wrong side of the case body, aligning the pieces at the bottom short edge (opposite the flap at the top) and clip them together along the sides. Topstitch along the bottom edge to sew the 2 layers together. (I prefer to topstitch from the outside of the case here.)

4. Pull the loose end of the felt up to the top edge of the case, aligning the edges. (It is cut shorter than the kraft·tex™ to fit perfectly within the fold when the case is sewn up.) Clip the 2 layers together along the sides, to keep them from shifting, and topstitch along the top edge of the case body as you did in Step 3. You'll be sewing through the flap as well this time.

It may be easier to sew with the felt side up, so that the flap doesn't block your view of the edge of the materials.



5. With an end of the strap, fold under 1" to the wrong side, finger-pressing a crease into it. Unfold the end, place it between the kraft·tex™ case body and the felt lining along the side of the case, 2" down from the top, and fold it over to the right side of the case. Clip the strap in place along the side. Fold the case in half again, and fold the flap over the top edge of the case. Lay the strap over the flap, tuck the loose end of the strap between the kraft·tex™ and the felt on the opposite side, and clip that end in place. Test the fit with your device inside the case and adjust the strap as necessary, tighter or looser, making sure it is straight across the case. (If needed, trim the ends of the strap so that there is about 1" turned under on each side.)



6. Clip the folded case together along the sides, making sure the edges are straight. Sew both sides of the case ¼" from the edge, backstitching at the top edges, to close up the case and secure the strap.