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It's Back-to-School season, so why not create a unique pencil case for your favorite student or teacher? Or perhaps even one for yourself to hold all of your ScanNCut accessories! Follow along with your ScanNCut and Brother sewing machine to create this easy project. We know you'll love the end result as much as we do!

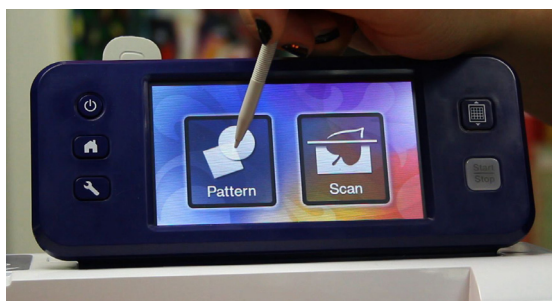
#### MATERIALS:

ScanNCut; Fabric dedicated mat (high tack fabric support sheet on a standard mat); Fabric pieces cut to mat size (some with paper-packed fusible web); Zipper; Iron & Ironing Board; Pins; Scissors & Pinking Shears; Ruler; Marking Pen; Sewing Machine

**step 1.** Place fabric on to fabric dedicated mat, load mat.



**step 2.** Select Pattern > Square shape > Adjust shape to 5.5" Wide and 11.5" Height > Quantity 2 (4 are needed for the pencil case, but only 2 can be cut at the same time on a 12" x 12" mat).



**step 3.** Use the background scan feature to scan in fabric > Adjust rectangles to ensure the fabric aligns with the shapes.



**step 4.** Cut (always perform a test cut to ensure the pressure and speed are appropriate).

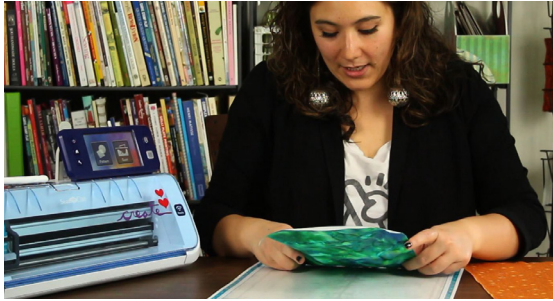


**step 5.** Remove fabric from the mat.

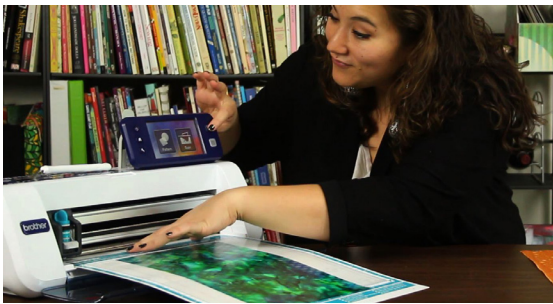


Repeat the process to cut an additional two rectangles.

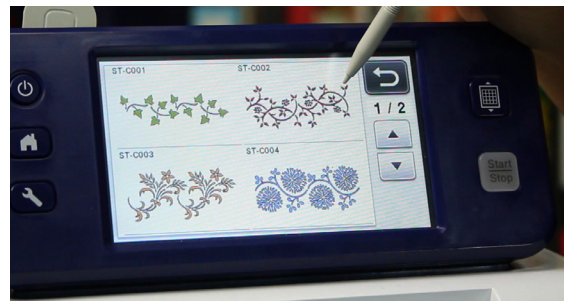
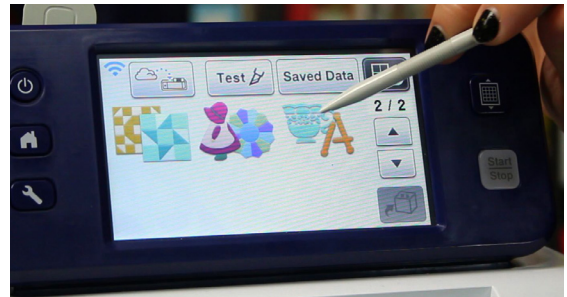
- step 6.** Using fabric that has fusible web (paper-backed) applied to one side, apply to mat with the fusible web side up.



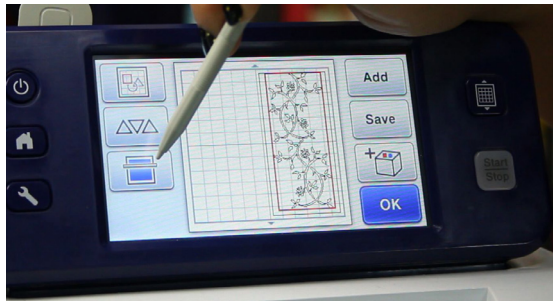
Smooth onto mat, then remove the paper from the fabric.



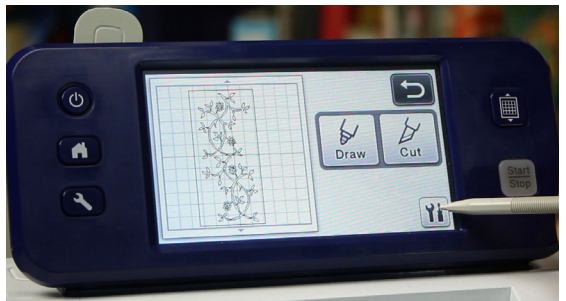
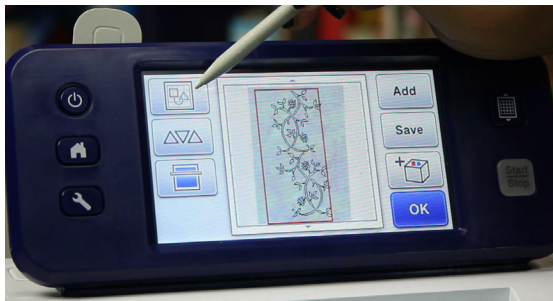
- step 7.** Using the same rectangle shape, add a pattern from the stencil border pre-loaded shapes.



**step 8.** Adjust the border shape to fit within the rectangle.



**step 9.** Scan in the fabric and align the shapes to fit onto the fabric, then cut.



**step 10.** Iron the pattern-cut fabric (fusible side down) on top of the first fabric that was cut (this should leave you with two patterned pieces for the outside, and two plain pieces for the liner).



Repeat with the second piece.




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**step 11.** With the lining fabric face up, place the zipper over the top edge.




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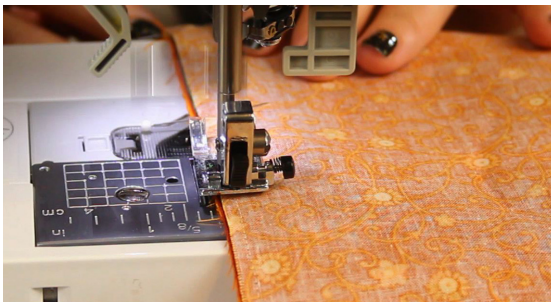
**step 12.** Place the outer fabric, face down, on the zipper aligned with the lining fabric.



**step 12.** Pin together along the zipper.  
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Backstitch at the beginning, and straight stitch along the top seam, backstitch at end (Be sure to remove pins as you stitch to ensure the needle isn't damaged).



**step 13.** Flip the top fabric, and iron the crease along the newly stitched edge.



Turn over the piece, and line up the lining fabric, iron the crease.

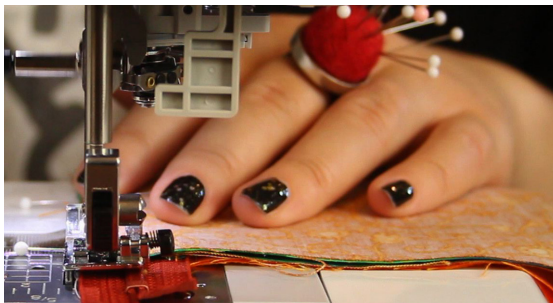
**step 14.** Repeat to finish stitching the zipper to the other side of the case.



**step 15.** Fold along the zipper, with the two liner pieces on the outside, pin across the bottom.

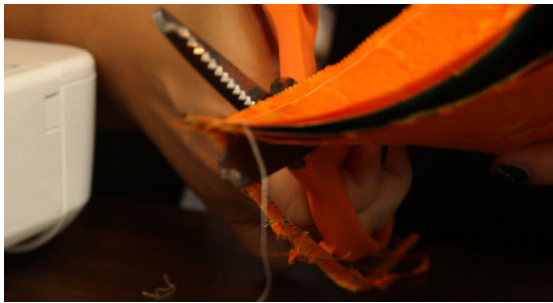


Just as before, use a straight stitch, with a backstitch at the beginning and end.



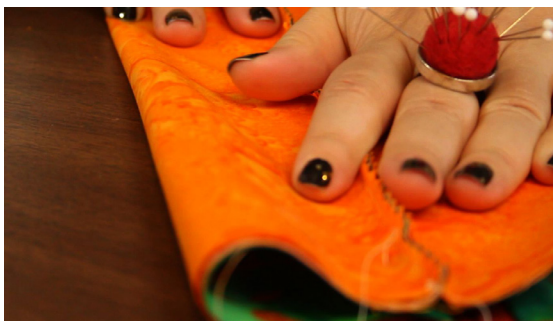
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**step 16.** To remove the fray, and keep it from fraying use pinking shears to trim the seam.



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**step 17.** Press the bottom, folding on the sides.



**step 18.** Bring the end of the zipper inside the case, about half way.



Pin the sides (ensure the sides of the zipper are close together).



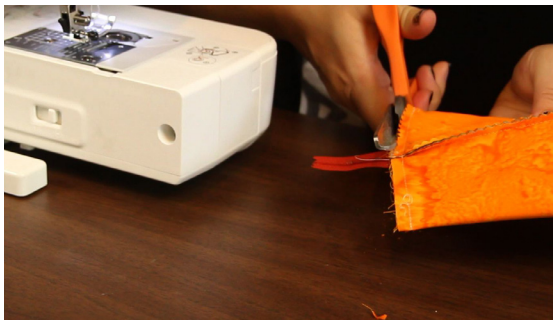
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**step 19.** Start and end with a backstitch, and stitch slowly over the zipper.



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**step 20.** Using the pinking shears, trim the seam (cutting the remaining zipper).



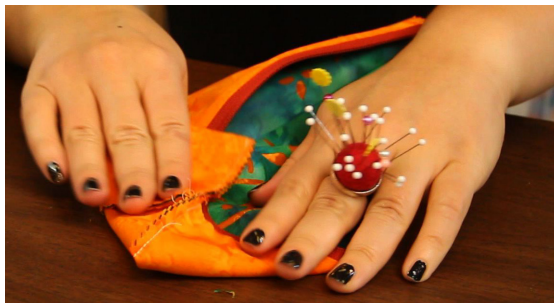
Repeat to sew the other end.



**step 21.** Unzip the zipper all the way.



Flatten the corner.



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**step 22.** Using a ruler mark one corner to make a small triangle.



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**step 23.** Stitch along the lines, backstitch at beginning and end.



Cut off the triangle with your pinking shears.

**step 23.** Do this four times, once at each corner.  
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**step 24.** Flip the case inside out and you're done!

