

Dual Purpose Cozy for Oboe and English horn

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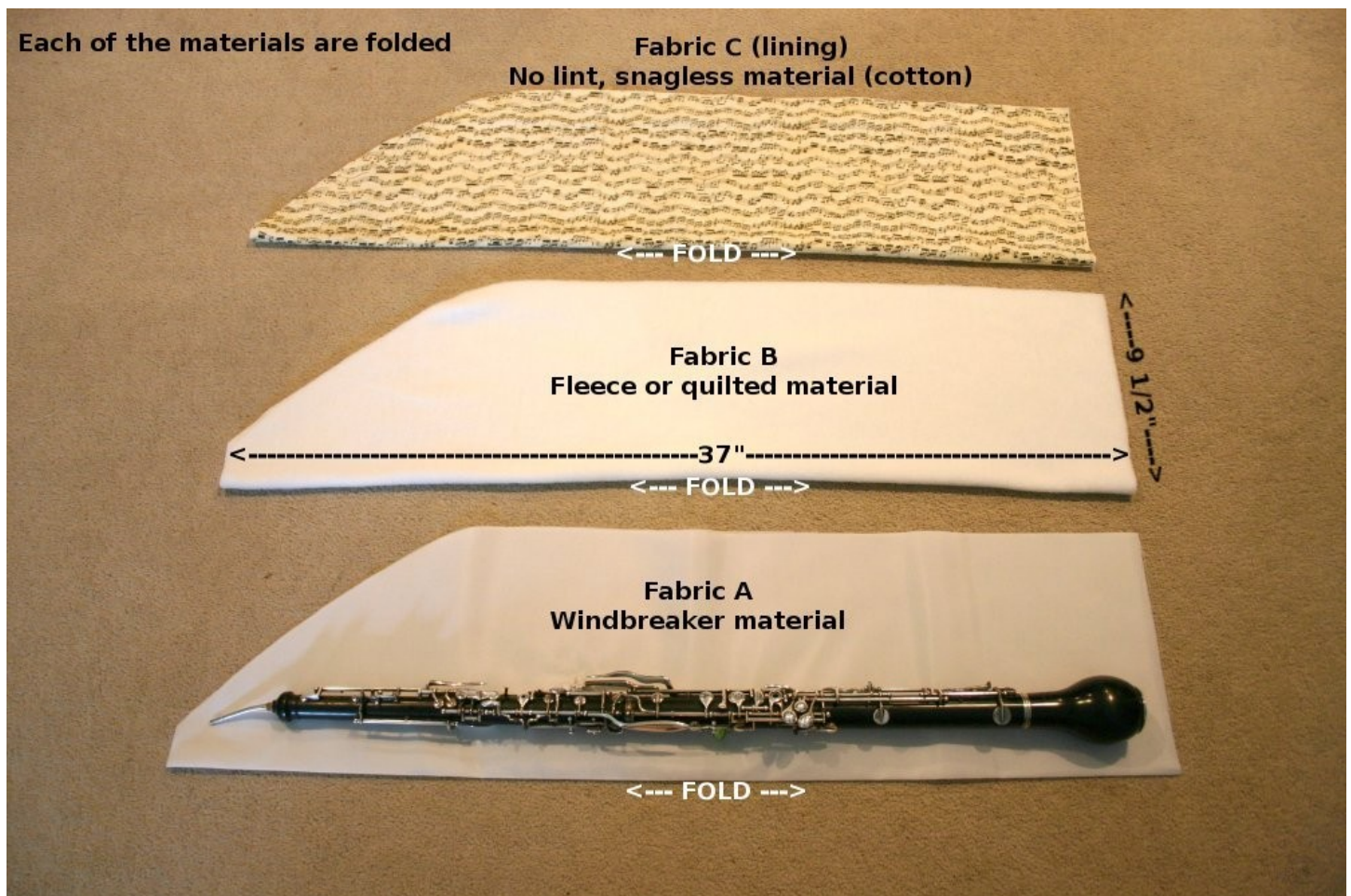
You should have 3 different materials for your cozy:

1. The outer layer (Fabric A) should be a color that won't stand out in your ensemble. These instructions will show a white outer material because I was going to play an outdoor concert in 95 degree heat and I needed a cozy to reflect light. Most people will use a black outer material for concerts. I chose a windbreaker material (also used for making outdoor flags) because it's durable and doesn't soak up the dirt and dust so badly.

2. The inner layer (Fabric B) should help keep the cold out. I've tried quilting material and that works well. In this example, I'm trying fleece. It should not be a problem snagging on the instrument because it will be completely encased between the other two fabrics.

3. The lining (Fabric C) should be a type of material that won't shed lint on your instrument and shouldn't snag easily. I'm using cotton here. This inner lining never shows so you can pick any color or pattern. Let your personality shine when choosing this lining!

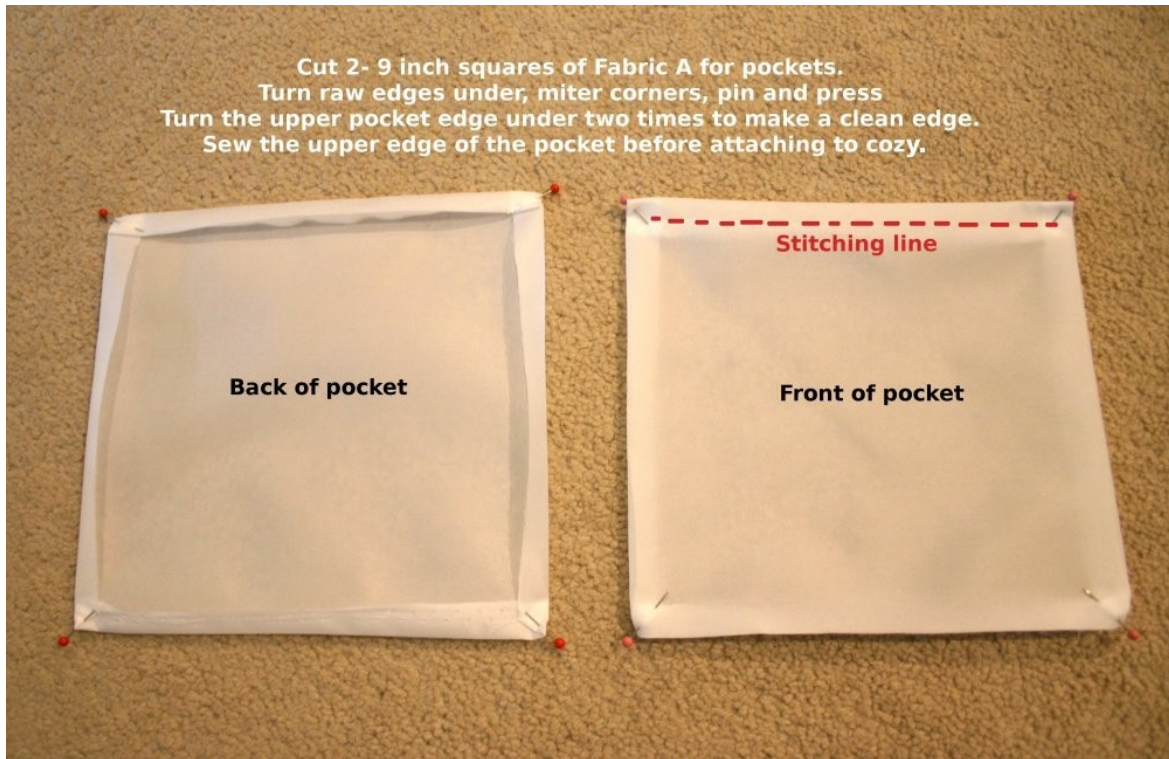
Fold each of the fabrics in half and cut the shapes shown below. Notice the fold lines and the dimensions on the picture (37 inches length and 9 1/2 inches wide)



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Cut two squares for the pockets:



Cut a strip of the bias tape for a carry strap. If you want something even more professional looking, you can purchase a webbing type strip (like what they use for a camera strap).

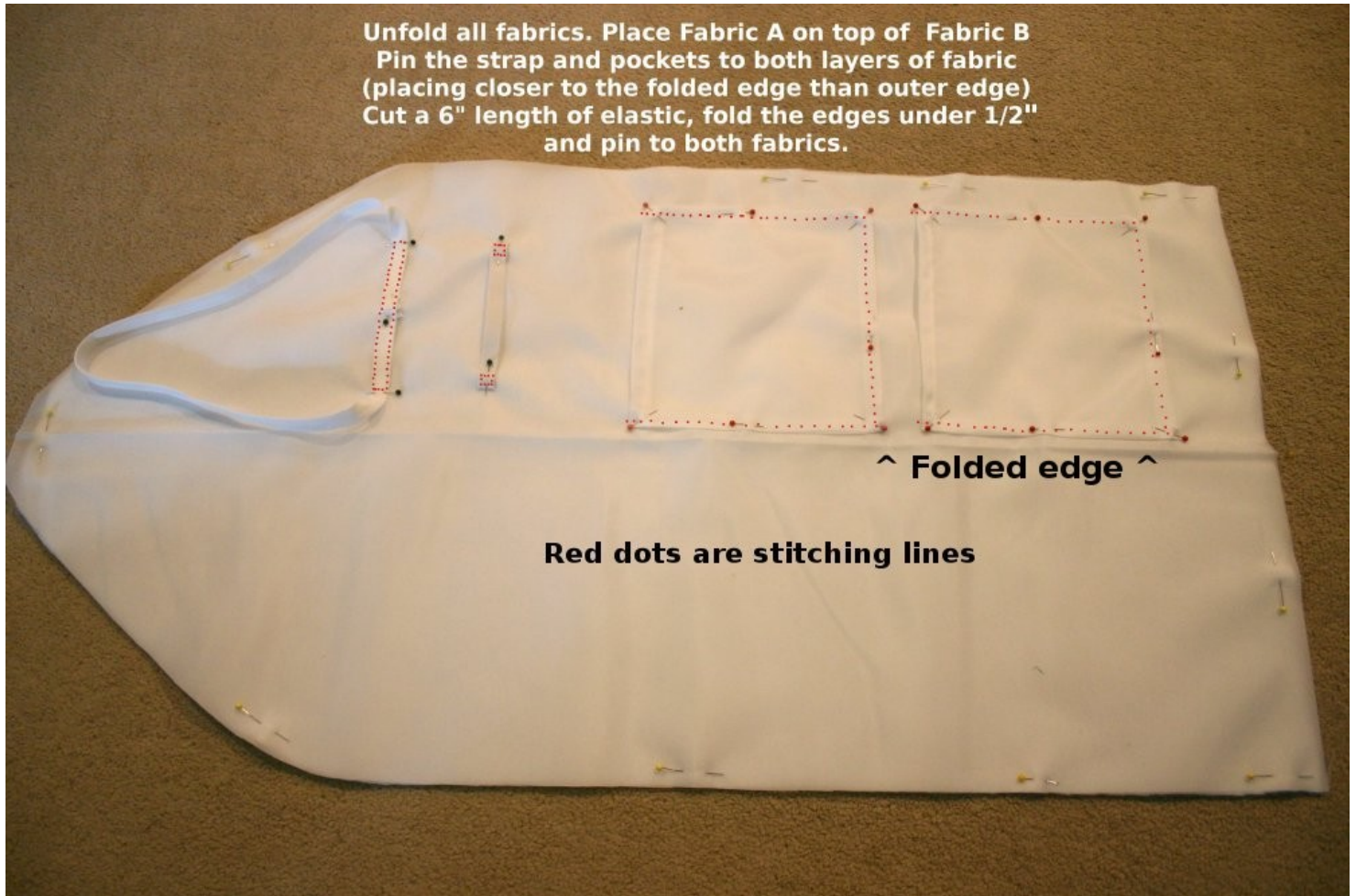


Also cut a 6 inch strip of elastic for the instrument peg holder.

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Place the pockets, etc. on the fabric as shown below. Stitch where the red dots are marked in the picture. The stitching will go through both Fabric A & B.



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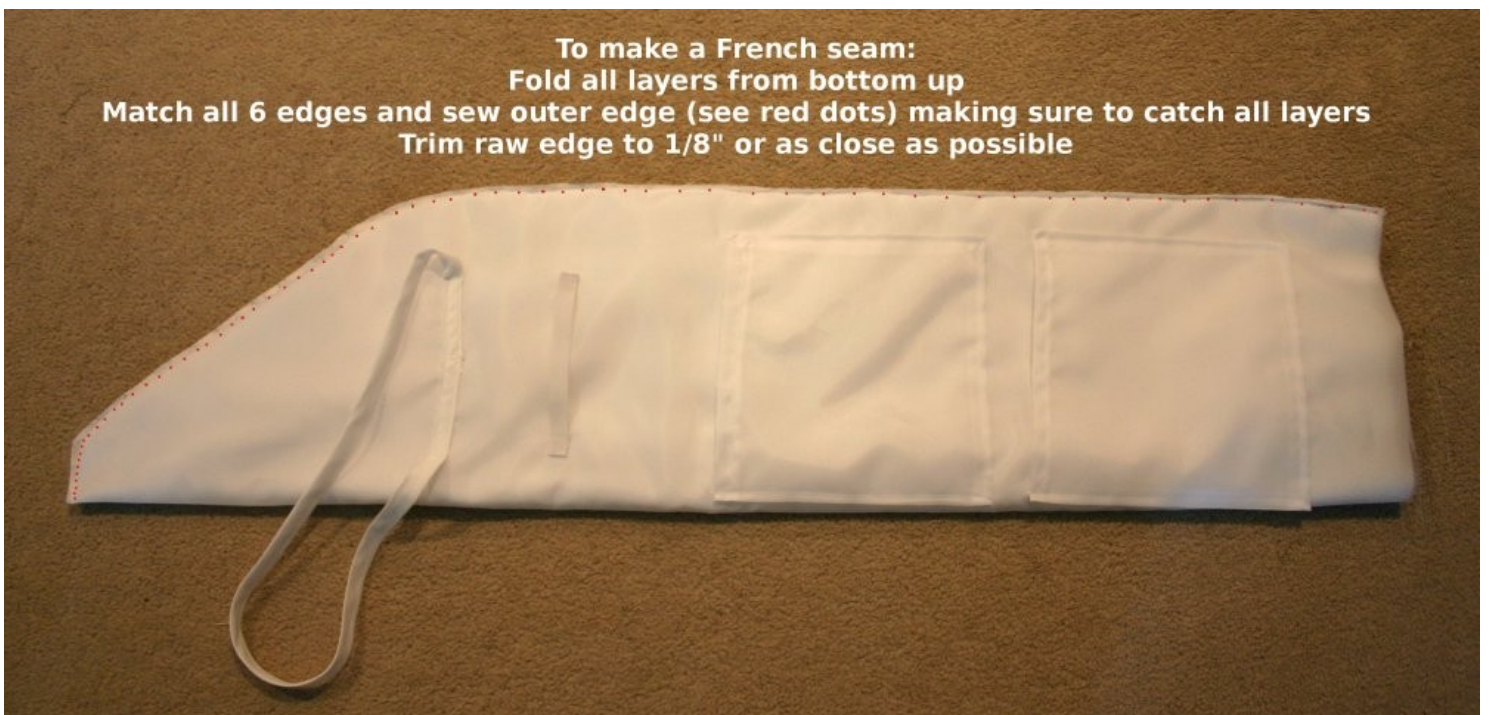
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Place Fabric A with pockets and straps face down and Fabric B on top
Place Fabric C (print side up) on top of Fabric B



I'm using a French seam here so that there won't be any raw edges and fraying threads on the inside of the cozy. A French seam is just a double seam that hides the raw edges. Follow the directions in the picture to make a French seam.

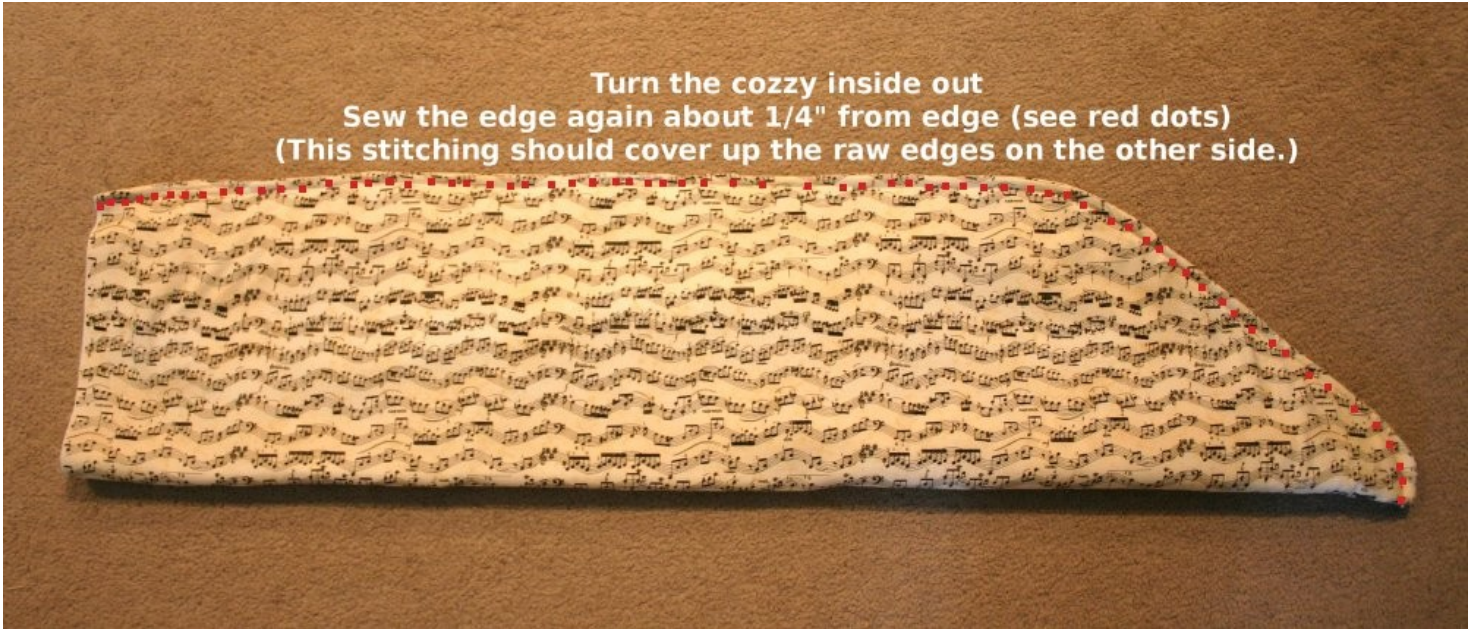
To make a French seam:
Fold all layers from bottom up
Match all 6 edges and sew outer edge (see red dots) making sure to catch all layers
Trim raw edge to 1/8" or as close as possible



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Turn the cozy inside out
Sew the edge again about 1/4" from edge (see red dots)
(This stitching should cover up the raw edges on the other side.)



Turn the cozy right side out.
Try it out on the EH for length.
Trim edges to make even.
Pin and sew the bias tape
to the inside of the cozy.

<--- Fold end of
bias tape before
sewing.



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Fold the bias tape towards the outside of the cozy and stitch.



Finished!!

<---Shoulder strap

When carrying the cozy on your shoulder, the pointed part folds over.

Elastic loops over knob of instrument pegs ----->

Pockets for swabs, reed cases, cigarette paper, earplugs, that paperback book for those tacets, etc.



Cozy on the EH (with the bocai)

