

Quick Key Fobs

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Skill Level: Beginner



Sewing Time: 1 hour or less



This fast project is a great stash buster! I keep some in my "prize closet" for unexpected occasions! Let's go!

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Supplies Needed:

- Janome sewing machine.
- Basic sewing supplies, ex. thread, scissors, etc.
- Cotton fabric scraps, zippers, faux leather, cork or Kraft-Tex paper.
- Interfacing scraps, I use SF-101 but whatever you have on hand will work.
- Key fob hardware - found online or in your local fabric shop.
- Key Fob Pliers (optional but they are less than \$13. & they have rubber grips to help when applying pressure on the hardware).

Let's get started. There are a few different styles shown here. If you have never sewn with cork or faux leather, this is a great project to start with. BUT do not use pins as the pin/needle holes are permanent so using clips are the best alternative. I'll describe some of the key fobs individually as the techniques vary slightly.

The blue floral with purple Kraft-Tex paper center key fob:

- Cut 1 1/8 wide x 11 1/2 long strip of Kraft-Tex
- Cut 2 1/2 wide x 11 1/2 long strip of quilting fabric.
- Cut 2- 1 1/8 wide strips of Pellon SF 101 interfacing (or whatever you may have on hand.)
- Key fob and key fob pliers (or regular pliers with a soft fabric scrap to prevent scratching the hardware).

Let's sew! Now is the time to use some of those fun decorative stitches built into your machine. On my Skyline S9 I used decorative stitch #30 lengthened to 2.50.

1. Using a contrasting thread, stitch down the center of the Kraft-Tex from one end to the other.
2. Apply the interfacing strips on top of each other to the wrong side of the quilting fabric centered. (It will not cover the entire area.)



3. Place your decoratively stitched Kraft-Tex strip centered on top of the interfaced quilting fabric with the right side of the quilting fabric face down on your work surface.
4. Fold the raw edges over 1/4 inch and 1/4 again on top of the Kraft-Tex strip being sure that the finished width of the entire strip is 1 1/4.
5. Top stitch the quilting fabric along each long edge. Sew both short edges together to hold.

6. Now you are ready to clamp the key fob hardware on. It is easier to handle the application of the hardware with the key fob in place on the pliers first.



Insert the short ends of the wrist strap being sure both sides are enclosed and tucked in.



Give the pliers a gentle squeeze, add the O-ring and you are done!



The cork/faux leather key fobs:

- Cut 1 1/8 wide x 11 1/2 long strip of quilting cotton.
- Cut 1 7/8 wide x 11 1/2 long strip of cork/ faux leather.

We will take advantage of the no ravel benefit of the cork/faux leather. No interfacing is needed as the cork/faux leather has a backing that will be great for support.

1. You could use more decorative stitches and sew them right down the center of the quilting cotton now. If not, center fabric wrong sides together on top of the cork/ faux leather. (You may use glue to hold in place if you prefer.) Fold the long raw edges on top of the quilting fabric and clip in place.



2. Using a long stitch, go slow and topstitch each long side. Sew the short edges together to hold. Be sure the finished width is 1 1/4.

3. Place your key fob hardware in the pliers as before. Be sure you tuck in both sides and edges and give a gentle squeeze, add the O-ring and another one is done!

If you have some great zippers, you could also use them and center a ribbon on the wrong side of the zipper for a fun look.

Let your imagination go wild!

