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Artist's Roll

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Materials

- * For crayon roll, you will need 3 strips of fabric 21-1/2" x 5"
For color pencil roll, you will need 3 strips of fabric 21-1/2" x 8-1/2"
- * One 1-1/4" x 14" piece of fabric
(Fabrics can be all one color or assorted colors)
- * One 7" piece of 1/4" elastic
- * One strip of Decor Bond, 21-1/2" x 5" for crayon roll and 21-1/2" x 8-1/2" for color pencil roll



Construction

Note: Construction is the same for both sizes

Iron the Decor Bond onto one of the cut strips.

Fold one of the cut strips in half lengthwise. (This creates the pocket for the pencils or crayons.) If desired, apply a strip of bias tape to the folded edge. Instructions for making and applying bias binding can be found in my free tutorials at dianacouture.com.

Using a chalk marker, draw a line from top to bottom 1/4" from one short end and then draw lines every 1", continuing across the strip. After the last mark, you should have 1/4" of fabric remaining.

Place this piece on top of the strip that you have backed with the Decor Bond backing. Place raw edges matching on 3 sides, both short edges and one long edge.



Stitch along the marked lines.

Take the 1-1/4" x 14" piece of fabric, fold in half lengthwise, with right sides together and stitch 1/4" from raw edges. Turn right side out and thread elastic through. Stitch elastic to casing at both ends

Fold covered elastic in half lengthwise and place on the right side of remaining strip, centering it along one short edge. Stitch across ends within the seam allowance.



Now place the 2 strips right sides together and sew along the edges using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave a 5" opening along the bottom edge for turning. Turn right sides out, turn corners to a nice point and iron. Fold in the raw edges at opening and edge stitch around the entire piece. Your roll is now complete!

To use, place 1 crayon in each pocket, or 2 colored pencils in each pocket. Roll the unit beginning at the side that does not have the elastic loop. Then place the elastic loop around the case. No tying necessary!



This roll can be made longer for paintbrushes. I have also written instructions for making the roll for markers. This is an amazing organization tool for artists and designers! If you would like those instructions, they are available for \$1.20 at www.dianacouture.etsy.com, or for \$1.00 from my website, www.dianacoutre.com.

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