

# TECH CASE

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing  
fabrics/supplies on materials list  
rotary set: mat, cutter, ruler  
buttonhole presser foot  
coordinating thread  
iron  
scissors  
pins  
fabric marking pen  
hand sewing needle  
seam ripper  
measuring tape or ruler to  
measure device  
Flap template on page 155



## SKILLS TAUGHT

Sewing curves, sewing a buttonhole, sewing a button, installing hook and loop tape (for Extra Credit option), using layered fusible interfacing, tracing pattern templates to freezer paper

## Class Prep

Swatches with interfacings fused can help students feel what the thickness/texture of the fabrics will be, which is especially useful for this project which features layered interfacing. Have a copy of the template on hand (on paper) to demo the freezer paper template technique from page 61. Help students measure device dimensions accurately, always rounding up. Having a small swatch prepared just like the layers for the flap is especially helpful for students to test out their buttonhole feet.

## Teaching the Class

**Step 1.** If students have trouble fusing interfacing, refer them to the interfacing troubleshooting tip on page 69. Step 5. Help students adjust machines to a zigzag stitch.

**Buttonhole 101.** Have each student examine their buttonhole foot while you point out the features and parts. Since each machine is different, encourage students to follow along in their own manual while you demo the buttonhole foot on a machine for the class. Forgetting to lower the buttonhole lever is the most common trouble spot.

**Step 8.** Demo using a seam roll for pressing seams open here. Students will love how handy these are!

**Step 9.** Don't forget to leave that opening unsewn.

**Step 10.** Be sure flap is sandwiched as described in the instructions.

**Step 11.** Remind students to use the free arm feature of their machines here.

**Step 13.** A quarter inch foot with a guide can help students keep a consistent 1/4" topstitch here.

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