

SHOP CLASS OUTLINE

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

ADD ON SALES

Clover Wonder Clips
Freezer Paper
Seam Roll
Seam Guide (magnetic or screw-
on)
Additional buttons (because
they'll be hooked once they see
the buttonhole foot work!)

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.

▶ **If your students would like to show off their finished tech cases, send a photo to**

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