



Fabric Gift Envelope

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A durable little envelope that can be used and reused. This project is inspired by the oilcloth items made popular in the early part of last century. Now that same look is affordable and durable. Use these little envelopes for photos, gift cards, coupon keeps, and more! Of course, you can create in any size you want!

Supplies:

Purple Cows Hot Laminator Kit

Purple Cows Digital Photo Trimmer

Fabric: We used pre sized fabric paper, if you prefer to use your own fabric, pre-iron it with a stiff spray starch to give the fabric some body.

Snaps or eyelets

Envelope template

1. Using the envelope template, cut out your fabric. You can also use a regular envelope as a template if you wish. Just open the paper envelope at the seams, and trace onto your fabric. Cut out the pocket from a coordination piece of fabric.
2. Center the pocket onto the bottom panel of the envelope as noted on the pattern.
3. Place the entire piece onto your laminating sheet, and run through the Purple Cows Hot Purple Laminator. Trim around the fabric with your Digital Photo Trimmer, leaving about 1/8" all around. This will ensure that dirt and water stay out.
4. Now using our craft knife, lightly score all the fold lines. Be sure to score the outside of the envelope. Note: To make folding a laminated piece easier, use the tip of your craft knife to create a score line in the plastic. Take care not to go all the way through. You just want to create a light scratch on the surface.
5. To create the pocket, simply cut through the first layer of plastic at the top of the pocket. Take care not to cut all the way through.
6. Fold along the scored lines. You can seal the edges of the envelope with snaps or eyelets. You can also run the edges through your sewing machine.