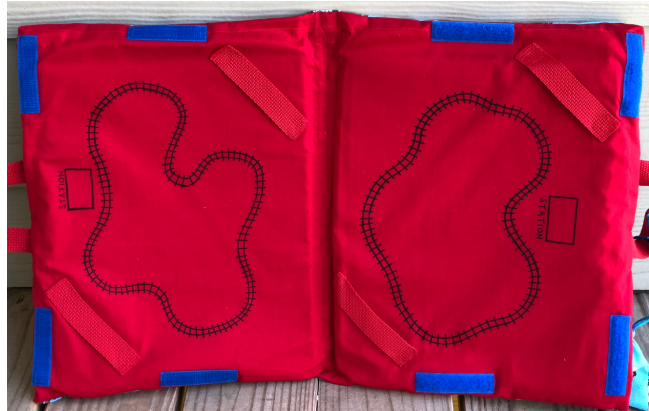


Personalized & Portable OT Activity Case

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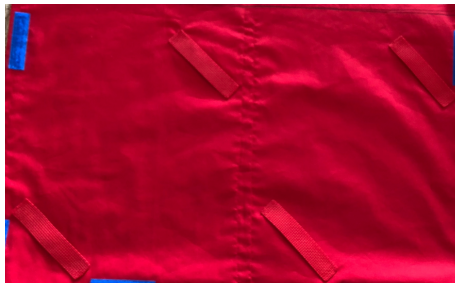


Steps to Making the Case

1. Purchase or obtain:
 - a. 1-2 yards of two different colors or patterns of fabric
 - i. One color/pattern for the inside layer and one for the outside layer, unless you want it all to match
 - b. 1-2 yards of cotton belting
 - c. 1-2 packets of Sew-On Hook and Loop Fastener Velcro
 - d. 16 oz. bag of Poly-fil
 - e. Thread of choice
 - f. And needles and pins (if you don't already have some)

You will also need a sewing machine

2. Cut fabric for the inside and the outside of the case in 18" by 28" size pieces.
3. Sew on straps to hold activity sheets in using 3-4" pieces of cotton belting, making sure to have room for an 8x11 size piece of laminated paper to fit in between.



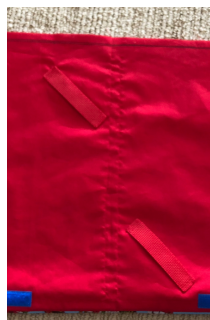
4. Sew on handles to each side using 6" (or longer) pieces of cotton belting. Only sew to one half of the fabric (preferably the fabric you are using for the inner layer, rather than the outer layer).



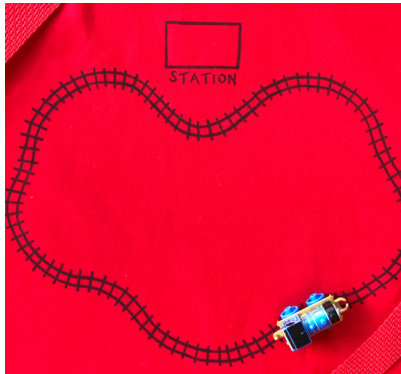
5. Sew on 2-3" pieces of Sew-On Hook and Fastener Velcro strips in locations of your choice to the inner portion of fabric.



6. Pin the outside and inside layers of fabric together and sew three sides of the activity case inside out, trim off excess fabric around edges as needed and then turn it outside in to hide the stitching.
7. Sew a line (or multiple lines, depending upon preference) down the middle of the activity case to hold the fabric together and provide some stability.



8. Insert Poly-fil on each side until it is padded to your liking.
9. Hand sew the final side of the case using an invisible stitch.
10. **Optional:** If you are making a train or car themed activity case, you can use a black fabric marker to draw a train track or a road on the inner layer of the case.



Steps to Making the Activity Sheets

1. Purchase as many Velcro dots as you will need for your activity sheets
 - a. The smaller the Velcro dots the better for small manipulatives
 - b. 3/4" Velcro dots can be found on Amazon.com and 5/8" Velcro dots can be found at WalMart
2. Download any pictures you want to use for the activities or take pictures of specific items you want to involve in the activity sheets.
3. Use Microsoft Word to design the activity sheets.
 - a. Be sure to change the orientation of the document / page to landscape by clicking: File → Page Setup → and then the image of the horizontal / landscape format next to the heading Orientation
4. Print out all activity sheets on cardstock.
 - a. Print two copies of each page if you are using those pieces as the manipulatives
 - b. If you are using the pieces as manipulatives you will also want to laminate blank sheets of cardstock to put the manipulatives on if there is no room on the main activity sheet

5. Laminate activity sheets.
6. Cut out any manipulatives.
7. Adhere Velcro dots to the back of each manipulative and to the corresponding spots on the activity page, using the soft side of the Velcro on the manipulative and the firm / scratchy side of the Velcro on the activity sheet so that the pieces are soft in the child's hands.