

Quilted Plate Carrier Step-by-Step

Tutorial

Learn how to sew a beautiful quilted plate carrier using cotton fabric, batting, and simple quilting techniques. This project is beginner-friendly and perfect for transporting dinner plates safely to picnics, potlucks, camping trips, holiday dinners, or family gatherings.

This tutorial follows the exact structure and measurements shown in the graphic tutorial and explains every step carefully so anyone in the USA can recreate the project from start to finish. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

The finished carrier size is approximately:

- 20 cm diameter
- 24 cm height

This size comfortably fits a stack of small to medium plates.

Materials and Tools You Will Need

Before starting, prepare all sewing supplies and fabrics.

Fabrics and Main Materials harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

- Outer fabric (quilting cotton): 40 cm x 110 cm
- Lining fabric: 40 cm x 110 cm
- Batting (quilt wadding): 40 cm x 110 cm
- Fusible fleece (optional): 40 cm x 110 cm
- Zipper: 60 cm
- Bias binding: 230 cm total length (4 cm wide double-fold)
- Handle webbing or fabric strip: 25 cm

Sewing Tools

- Sewing machine
- Polyester thread
- Quilting clips or pins
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Iron and ironing board
- Zipper foot
- Fabric scissors



QUILTED PLATE CARRIER

♥ Step-by-Step Tutorial ♥

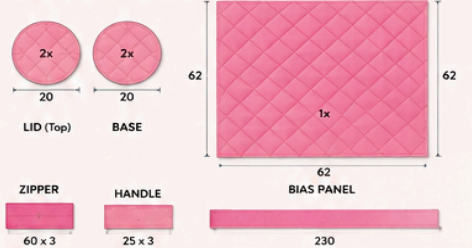
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MATERIALS

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- Lining Fabric: 40 cm x 110 cm
- Batting (quilt wadding): 40 cm x 110 cm
- Fusible Fleece (optional): 40 cm x 110 cm
- Zipper: 60 cm (full zipper)
- Bias Binding: 230 cm (4 cm wide double fold)
- Handle Webbing: 25 cm
- Thread (polyester all purpose)
- Quilting Clips / Pins
- Fabric Marker / Chalk
- Rotary Cutter, Mat, Ruler
- Sewing Machine

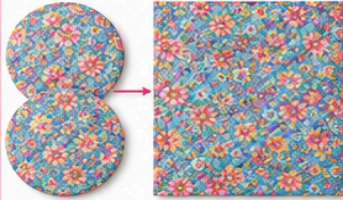
1. CUTTING PLAN (ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM)

OUTER FABRIC + BATTING + LINING



2. PREPARE THE FABRICS

Fuse batting (and fusible fleece, if using) to wrong side of outer fabric.



3. MAKE THE LID

Layer: outer fabric + batting + lining. Quilt as desired. Bind the edge.



4. MAKE THE BASE

Layer: outer fabric + batting + lining. Quilt as desired. Bind the edge.



5. PREPARE THE SIDE PANEL

Layer: outer fabric + batting + lining. Quilt as desired.



6. ATTACH THE SIDE PANEL

Sew short ends together (right sides). Press seam open.



7. ATTACH THE BASE

Pin base to one end of the side panel (right sides together). Sew around.



8. INSERT THE ZIPPER

Open the zipper and pin it to the top edge of the side panel (right sides together), zipper pull at one side. Sew using zipper foot.



9. ATTACH THE LID

Pin the lid to the other side of the zipper (right sides together). Sew around.



10. BIND ALL EDGES

Use bias binding to cover all raw edges (top, bottom, lid edge, and side panel bottom).



11. MAKE THE HANDLE

Fold the handle strip in half lengthwise, sew along long edge, turn right side out. Topstitch both edges.



12. ATTACH THE HANDLE

Center the handle on the lid top. Pin and stitch securely.



13. FINISHING TOUCHES

Check all seams, trim threads, and press the project.



14. DONE!

Your quilted plate carrier is ready to use!



SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (US TERMS)

Straight Stitch



Basic stitch for seams, topstitching, and securing.

Zipper Application



Use zipper foot. Sew close to the zipper teeth.

Quilting



Stitch through all layers to secure batting and add design.

Bias Binding



Wrap raw edges with bias tape for a clean finish.

Topstitching



Stitch on the right side for a professional look and to secure edges.

Clip & Notch



Clip curves and notch thick seams so fabric turns smoothly.

Pressing



Press seams flat as you go for best results.

TIPS


- Use high quality cotton fabric for durability.
- Quilting adds structure and protects the plates.
- Always measure your plates; adjust the diameter if needed.



Cutting the Fabric Pieces harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Careful cutting is extremely important for a professional-looking result.

Cut the following pieces from the quilt sandwich layers (outer fabric + batting + lining):



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- Zipper: 60 cm (#5 zipper)
- Bias Binding: 230 cm (4 cm wide double fold)
- Handle Webbing: 25 cm
- Thread (polyester all purpose)
- Quilting Clips / Pins
- Rotary Cutter, Mat, Ruler
- Sewing Machine
- Chalk / Fabric Marker

NOTES

- Measurements are in centimeters.
- Seam allowance 1 cm is included.
- Use a 0.5 cm seam when attaching bias binding.
- Press all seams flat.
- Read the full tutorial before sewing.

LEGEND – MAIN METHODS (US TERMS)


- Straight Stitch – Basic seams and construction
- Topstitching – Stitch on the right side for a clean finish
- Quilting – Stitch through all layers for structure
- Zipper Application – Using zipper foot, close to zipper teeth
- Bias Binding – Wrap raw edges with bias tape
- Clip & Notch – Clip curves, notch thick seams
- Pressing – Press seams flat for best results

QUILTED PLATE CARRIER – CUTTING TEMPLATE

♥ CUTTING GUIDE (ALL PIECES INCLUDE 1 CM SEAM ALLOWANCE) ♥

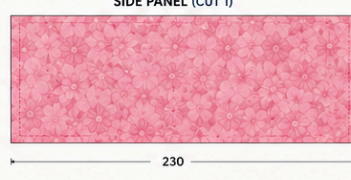
CUTTING TEMPLATE (ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM)

BAS PANEL (CUT 1)



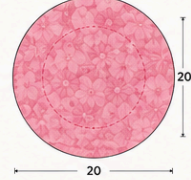
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SIDE PANEL (CUT 1)



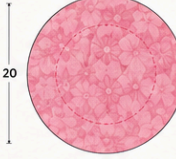
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LID (CUT 2)



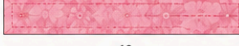
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BASE (CUT 2)




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ZIPPER STRIP (CUT 2)



60 x 6

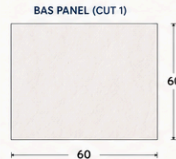
HANDLE (CUT 1)



25 x 3


INTERFACING / FUSIBLE FLEECE (optional)

BAS PANEL (CUT 1)




60 x 60

SIDE PANEL (CUT 1)




228 x 60

LID (CUT 2)



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BASE (CUT 2)



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ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW

- Attach side panel
- Attach base
- Insert zipper
- Attach lid
- Add handle



IMPORTANT: After cutting all pieces, double check your measurements before sewing.
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TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

- Use quilting clips to hold layers.
- Go slow when sewing curves.
- Press as you go for a neat finish.
- Topstitch around the edges for durability.

♥ Enjoy the process! ♥

Circular Pieces

Cut:

- 2 circles measuring 20 cm diameter

One circle will become the lid and the other will become the base.

Main Body Panel

Cut:

- 1 rectangle measuring 62 cm x 62 cm

This large rectangle becomes the side panel that wraps around the carrier.

Zipper Strip

Cut:

- 1 strip measuring 60 cm x 3 cm

Handle Piece

Cut: harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

- 1 strip measuring 25 cm x 3 cm

Bias Binding

Prepare:

- 230 cm of double-fold bias binding

You can use ready-made bias tape or create your own from matching fabric.

Preparing the Quilt Sandwich

Now it is time to build the quilt layers.

For every major piece:

1. Place the lining fabric wrong side up
2. Add batting in the middle
3. Place the outer fabric right side up

This creates the quilt sandwich.

If using fusible fleece:

- Fuse it to the wrong side of the outer fabric before assembling the sandwich
- Follow the manufacturer's pressing instructions carefully

Smooth all layers flat to avoid wrinkles or bubbles.

Use quilting clips or pins to secure the layers together. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Quilting the Fabric Panels ✨

Quilting adds structure, durability, and a beautiful finished appearance.

You can quilt using:

- Straight diagonal lines
- Diamond quilting

- Grid quilting
- Free-motion quilting

For beginners, diamond quilting is the easiest and most professional-looking choice.

How to Quilt

1. Mark diagonal lines using fabric chalk
2. Sew slowly along the lines
3. Keep spacing even
4. Start quilting from the center outward

This helps prevent shifting.

After quilting:

- Trim all edges neatly
- Remove loose threads
- Press the quilted fabric flat

Sewing the Lid harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

The lid is one of the easiest sections.

Take one quilted circle.

Steps

1. Trim the circle evenly if needed
2. Sew bias binding around the entire edge
3. Fold the binding neatly over the raw edge
4. Topstitch close to the edge

Press the finished lid carefully.

The lid should now look smooth, round, and padded.

Sewing the Base

The base is sewn almost exactly like the lid.

Take the second quilted circle. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Steps

1. Check the circle size
2. Apply bias binding around the edge
3. Sew slowly around curves

4. Clip curves slightly if necessary

Press well after sewing.

Now both the lid and base are finished and ready to attach later.

Preparing the Side Panel

Take the large quilted rectangle.

This piece becomes the cylindrical body of the carrier.

Important Tips

- Make sure quilting lines are secure
- Press the panel flat before sewing
- Keep edges square and even harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

If the rectangle feels stiff after quilting, that is normal and helps the carrier hold its shape.

Sewing the Side Panel into a Tube

Now create the cylindrical shape.

Steps

1. Fold the rectangle in half with right sides together
2. Match the short ends carefully
3. Pin or clip the seam
4. Sew the short ends together

Use a standard straight stitch with a 1 cm seam allowance.

After sewing:

- Press the seam open
- Turn the tube right side out

The side panel should now resemble a soft cylinder.

Attaching the Base

This step transforms the project into a real container.

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How to Attach the Base

1. Turn the side tube wrong side out
2. Pin the base circle to the bottom opening
3. Match edges evenly
4. Sew slowly around the entire circle

Take your time around curves.

Helpful beginner tip:

- Sew in small sections
- Stop frequently to adjust fabric

After sewing:

- Clip seam allowances slightly
- Turn the project right side out
- Press the seam gently

The carrier now has structure and can stand upright. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Installing the Zipper

The zipper allows the carrier to open wide enough for plates.

Preparing the Opening

At the top edge of the side panel:

1. Mark the zipper placement
2. Open the zipper completely
3. Pin one side first

Sewing the Zipper

Use a zipper foot for best results.

Sew:

- One side of the zipper
- Then the opposite side

Keep stitching close to the zipper teeth but not too close. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Beginner Tips

- Sew slowly around curves
- Keep zipper tape flat

- Avoid stretching the fabric

Test the zipper before continuing.

It should open and close smoothly.

Attaching the Lid

Now attach the quilted lid to the zipper section.

Steps

1. Match the lid edge to the zipper opening
2. Place right sides together
3. Pin evenly around the top
4. Sew carefully around the circle

After sewing:

- Turn the lid upward
- Press gently

The lid should now open and close like a real carrying case.

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Binding All Raw Edges

Bias binding gives the project a clean professional finish.

Where to Add Binding

Apply binding to:

- Top edges
- Bottom edges
- Lid edge
- Interior seams if desired

How to Sew Bias Binding

1. Open one fold of the binding
2. Align with the raw edge
3. Sew along the crease
4. Fold binding over the edge
5. Topstitch from the front side

Take extra care around curves. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Press frequently for smooth results.

Making the Handle

The handle is simple but important for carrying.

Fabric Handle Method

1. Fold the strip lengthwise in half
2. Press the fold
3. Fold raw edges inward
4. Press again
5. Topstitch both long sides

This creates a strong padded handle. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Optional Alternative

You may also use:

- Cotton webbing
- Nylon strap
- Leather handle

Attaching the Handle

Center the handle on top of the lid.

Steps

1. Measure equal spacing on both sides
2. Pin the handle securely
3. Stitch reinforced rectangles at each end
4. Backstitch for extra durability

The handle must be strong enough to support the weight of plates.

Final Finishing Touches

Carefully inspect the entire project. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Check For

- Loose threads
- Uneven seams
- Open binding sections

- Zipper alignment
- Handle strength

Press the entire carrier one final time.

Shape the cylinder gently with your hands. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Your quilted plate carrier is now complete and ready to use.

Helpful Sewing and Quilting Techniques

Here are the main quilting methods used in this project.

Straight Stitch

Used for:

- Main seams
- Topstitching
- Construction sewing

Zipper Application

A zipper foot helps sew close to zipper teeth neatly. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Quilting

Quilting secures all layers together and adds decorative texture.

Bias Binding

Bias tape covers raw edges for a polished finish.

Topstitching

Topstitching strengthens seams and creates a professional appearance.

Clip and Notch Curves

Small cuts around curved seams help fabric lay flat.

Pressing

Always press seams during every stage of sewing for better accuracy.
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Beginner Tips for Success

If this is your first quilting project, these tips will help a lot.

Use Cotton Quilting Fabric

Cotton is easier to sew and press than slippery fabrics.

Sew Slowly harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Curves and zippers require patience.

Practice Quilting First

Test quilting lines on scrap fabric before sewing the real project.

Use Plenty of Clips

Quilted layers can shift easily.

Press Often

Pressing improves the final appearance dramatically.

Choose a Strong Zipper

A quality zipper lasts longer and operates more smoothly.

Ways to Customize Your Plate Carrier

Once you master the basic version, try creative variations. harmonythreads.dicasdorei.com

Fabric Ideas

- Floral prints
- Farmhouse fabrics
- Modern geometric prints
- Holiday fabrics
- Patriotic themes
- Vintage-inspired quilting cotton

Additions

- Interior pocket
- Label tag
- Decorative quilting
- Embroidery

- Personalized monogram

Size Adjustments

You can enlarge the diameter to fit:

- Dinner plates
- Bowls
- Baking dishes
- Serving platters

Simply increase the circle size and adjust the side panel accordingly.

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Caring for Your Quilted Plate Carrier

To keep your project beautiful:



- Spot clean when possible
- Machine wash gently if needed
- Air dry flat
- Avoid high heat on the zipper

Press lightly after washing to restore shape.

Final Thoughts

This quilted plate carrier is both practical and beautiful. It protects dishes during transport while showcasing gorgeous quilting and sewing techniques. Even beginners can complete this project successfully by following each step carefully.

The combination of quilting, zipper installation, bias binding, and structured sewing makes this a fantastic skill-building project for anyone learning quilting and bag construction.

With practice, you can create matching carriers for holidays, gifts, family gatherings, and craft fairs. Happy sewing!  

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