

Aly's computer sleeve (Second one I made)

1. Aly's computer is 10 inches x 14 inches x 1 ½ inches.
2. After I quilted together **2 layers of batting** to 2 pieces of fabric, I cut the piece to 13-¾ x 33-¼.
3. Turned up 14-5/8 inches.
4. Flap was 4 inches (An inch longer would be better. Could then use 2 pieces of Velcro.)
5. I used binding on the top edges, but next time will bind it all the way around. Because I curved the top, that binding was bias.
6. **The seam is on the inside. I used a ¾ inch seam.** Remember that the seam takes up some of the inside space.
7. The pocket has **2 pleats in it to provide some give** when the computer is in the sleeve. The pocket flap is a separate piece.
8. **I squared off the bottom corners.**



On Chris' computer sleeve, the seam is on the outside. (My **first attempt** at a computer sleeve.)



This black part is the computer, not part of the sleeve.

Third one I made (I'm getting better):

1. Sew the pocket on before you sew the side seams. I left the side seam open about 1-½ inches so computer can be pulled out easily.
2. I made the flap longer—about 5 inches. (Remember that it has to fold over the 1-½ inch computer).
3. I used binding all the way around the piece. If you later need to make the sleeve bigger, you can rip out the side seams and re-sew with the binding on the outside.
4. I used two strips of Velcro on the flap so it can be closed easily without having to exactly match the Velcro pieces.
5. I positioned the Velcro on the pocket lengthwise to accommodate bulky items.

I think this will work for determining the dimensions of the quilted piece of fabric you need, but be sure to check my math. Having the computer available to try it on makes it much easier.

For a computer 10" (length) x 14" (width) x 1-½" (depth):

2x width + 1-¾" (depth + ¼" give) + 5" for flap. $(2 \times 14 + 1 - \frac{3}{4} + 5 = 34 - \frac{3}{4})$

Length + 1-½" depth + 1-½" (2 seams) + ¾" give for roominess. $(10 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = 13 - \frac{3}{4})$