

## Pencil Case Making Guide



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# Gather together everything you need Pencil Case - kit contents

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The first stage of any successful sewing project is to gather together everything you need before you start-

Your kit contains your Wabi-Sabi pencil case front and back panel (all one piece), your lining fabric (1 piece), 1 zip and a Wabi-Sabi label to sew into your bag, plus a handy zipper pull.

You will also find a pencil case pattern template in your kit - we cut the fabric shapes slightly larger than they need to be for the kits, this allows you to use the template shape to cut them perfectly to size and provides nice neat and fresh edges for sewing. You can also use the template to make more pencil cases in the future!

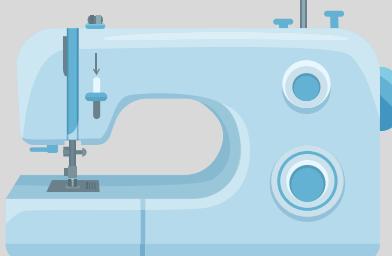
We have a video of the making process for you to follow if you prefer!



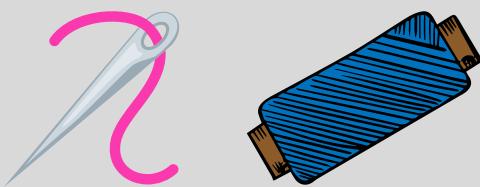
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A sewing machine (optional) you will also need a zipper foot

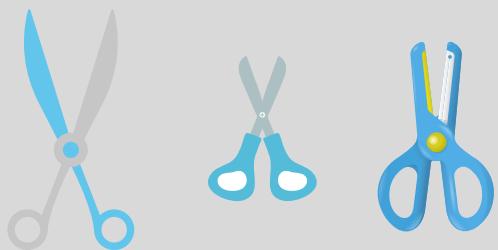


A hand sewing needle.



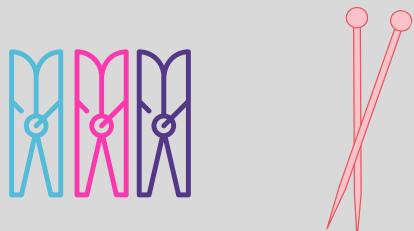
Some good quality sewing thread.

You can sew our projects together by hand or use a machine - it's up to you!



You will also need some fabric scissors for trimming your pieces, snips for cutting loose threads are useful but not essential. Some paper scissors for cutting out your pattern template.

Fabric clips are best to hold the layers of fabric as you sew.



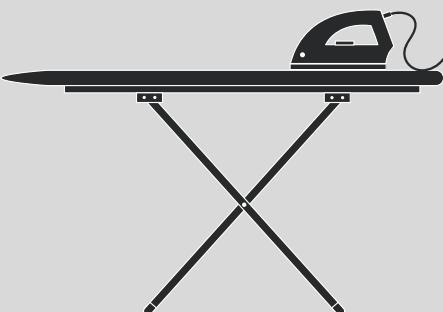
**Note:** we do not recommend using pins if you are making the project for or with a child.

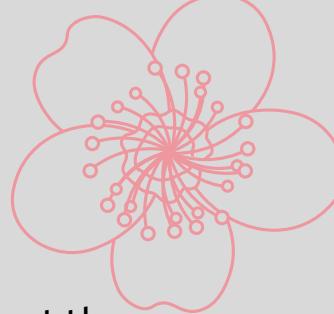
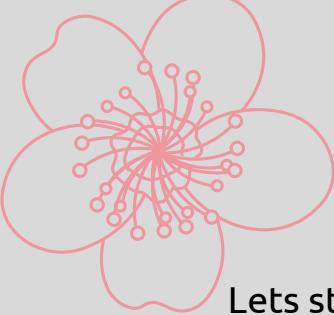
Disappearing fabric marker pens are also useful but not essential.



Adhesive seam tape is really useful for holding seams in place & inserting zips!

It is also a good idea to press your fabrics before you begin your project - this is not essential and again please make sure children are supervised at all times.



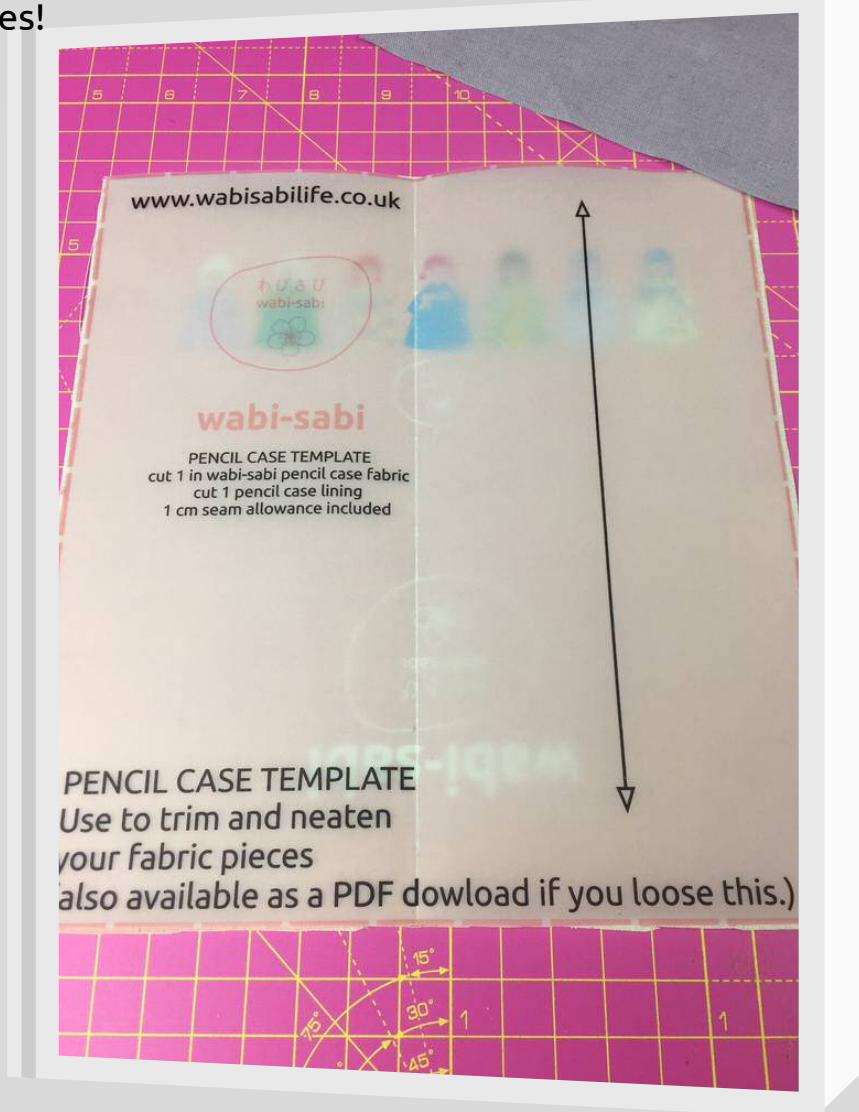


## Cut your fabric pieces to shape

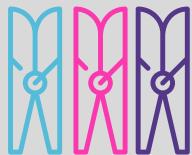
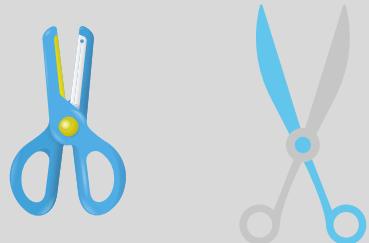
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Lets start by trimming your kit fabric pieces to shape - cut out the template supplied and use it as a guide to trim the edges of each panel. You now have nice fresh edges to work with.

If you choose to use your own fabric to make another pencil case in the future you can use the template supplied to cut more shapes!



PENCIL CASE TEMPLATE  
Use to trim and neaten  
your fabric pieces  
also available as a PDF download if you loose this.)



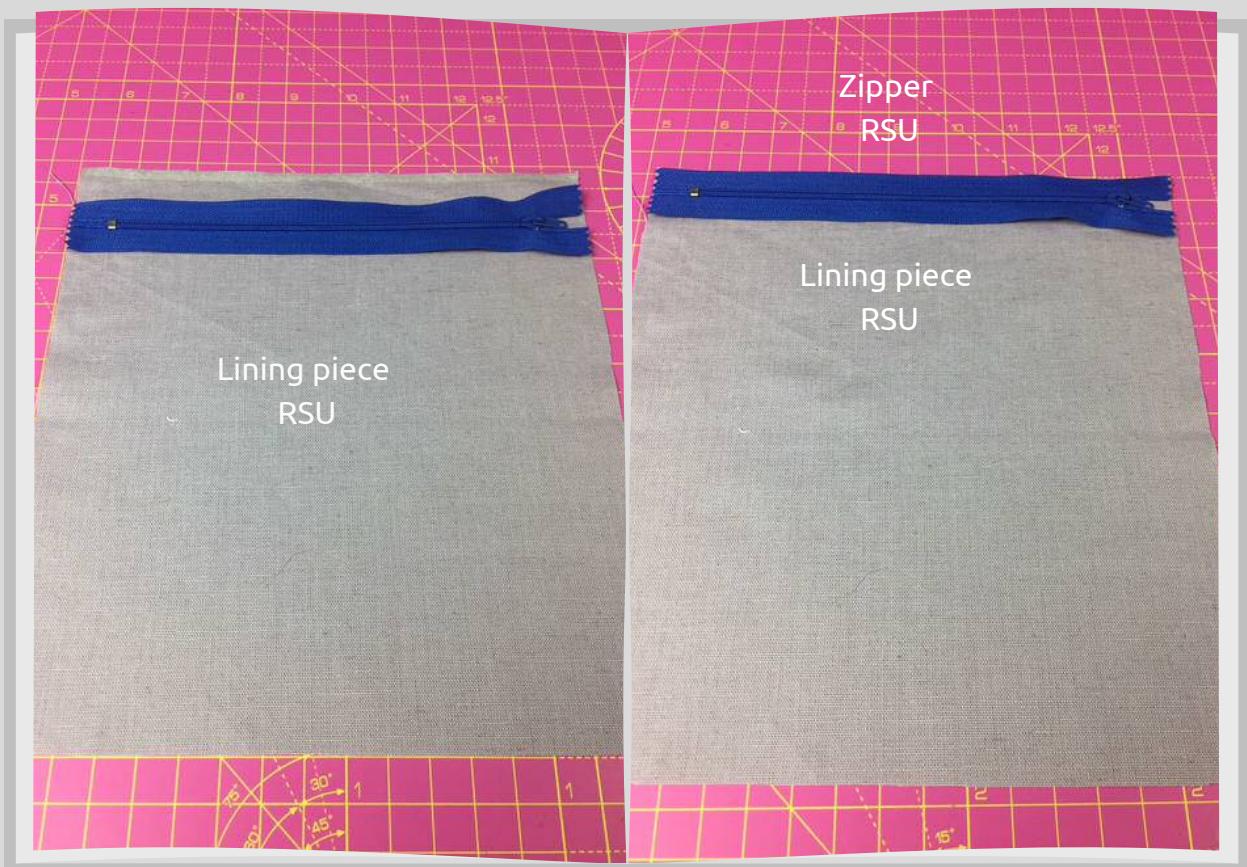
## Sewing the zip

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Lets start sewing - place 1 lining panel with the RSU (Right Side Up) on the table.

Now place the zip as shown matching the top of the zip tape with the top of the lining fabric - also with the RSU.

You can use a narrow adhesive tape to help you here - and clips, or pins if you choose.

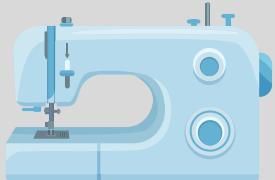
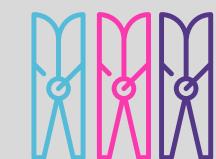
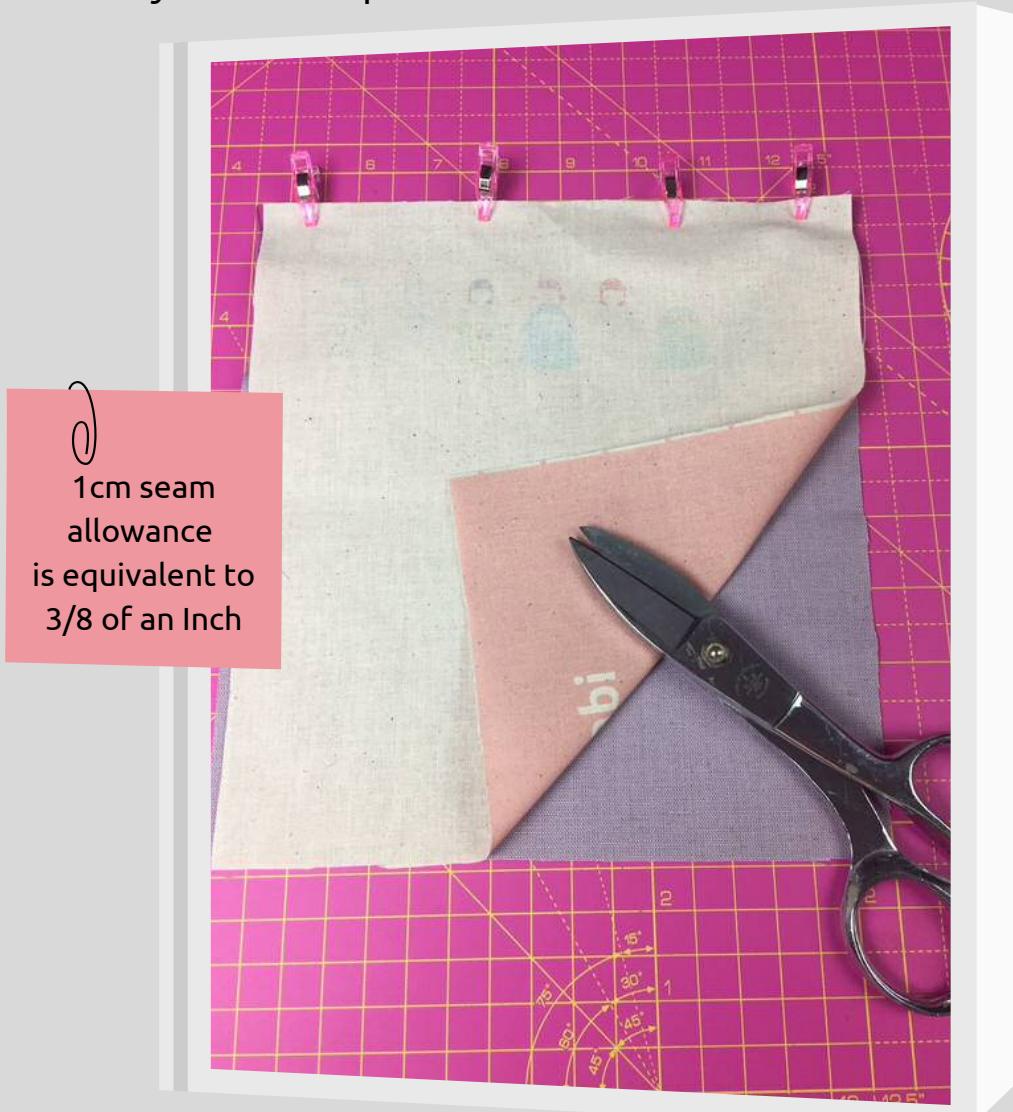


## Sewing the zip continued...

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Now place the front/back Wabi-Sabi pencil case panel on top of the lining piece so that it is face down (RSD), again matching the seam edges accurately at the top. The front panel and lining are right sides together - with the zip sandwiched in between the 2 layers.

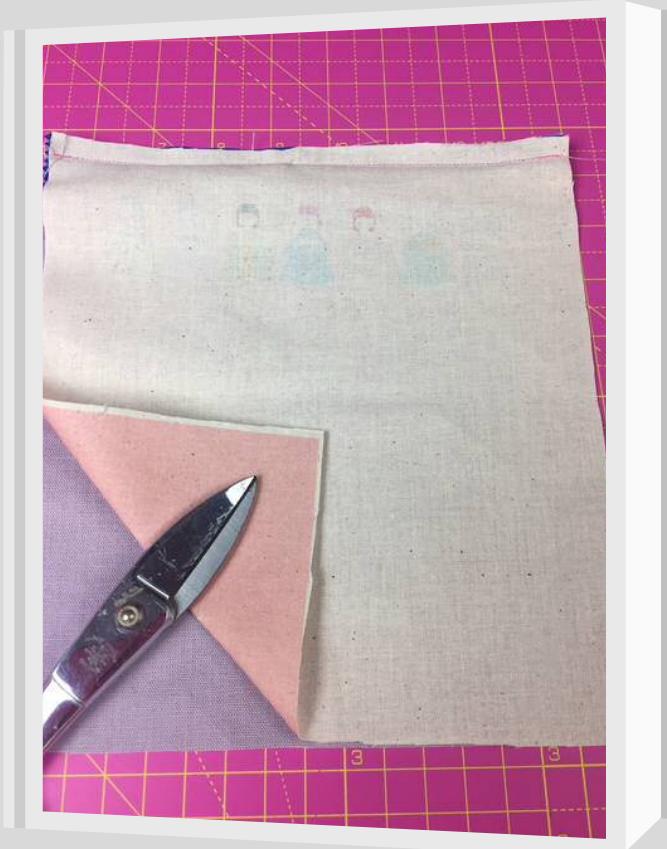
Hold all three layers together with clips or pins and take 1cm seam allowance, being careful not to get too close to the zip teeth - use a zipper foot for this step if you are sewing by machine. If you are sewing by hand then sew about 2 to 3mm away from the zip teeth.



More pictures below to help you !



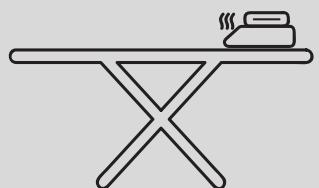
Layer & secure

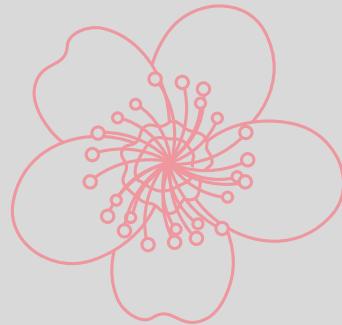
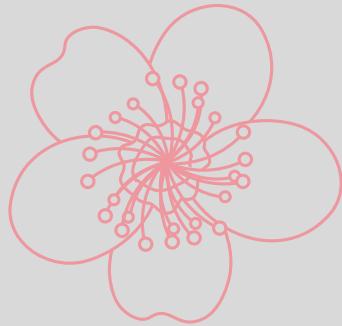


Stitch



Check and press





## Sewing the zip continued...

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Repeat the above steps again - the only difference with this step is that you now have the front panel and lining piece already attached to one side of the zip.

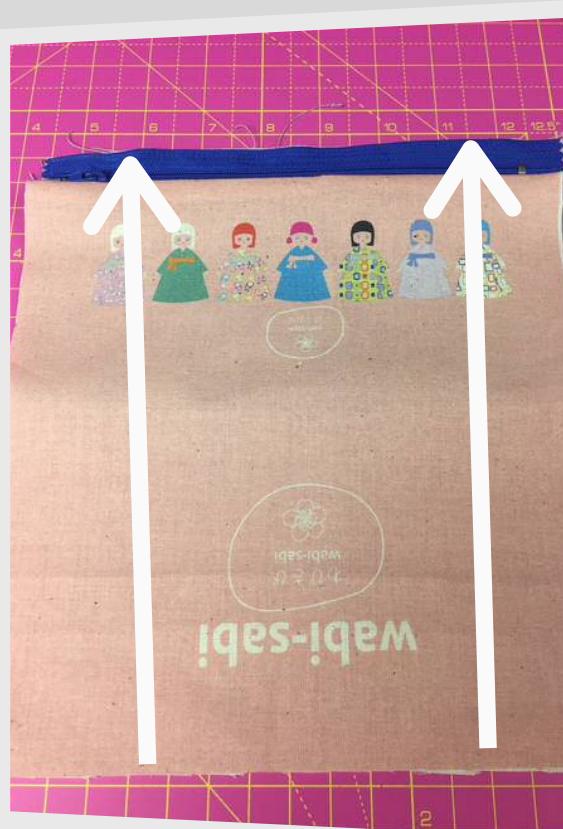
Again you can use adhesive tape to help you keep the zip securely in position here.



Place the lining piece right side up as shown - take the zip (it has the front and lining panel attached to it) and place the zip right side up on the lining piece. Fold the back/front panel up to meet the edges



Place the zip tape to the edge of the lining piece seam allowance.



Flip the pencil case main fabric panel so that the right side is facing downwards

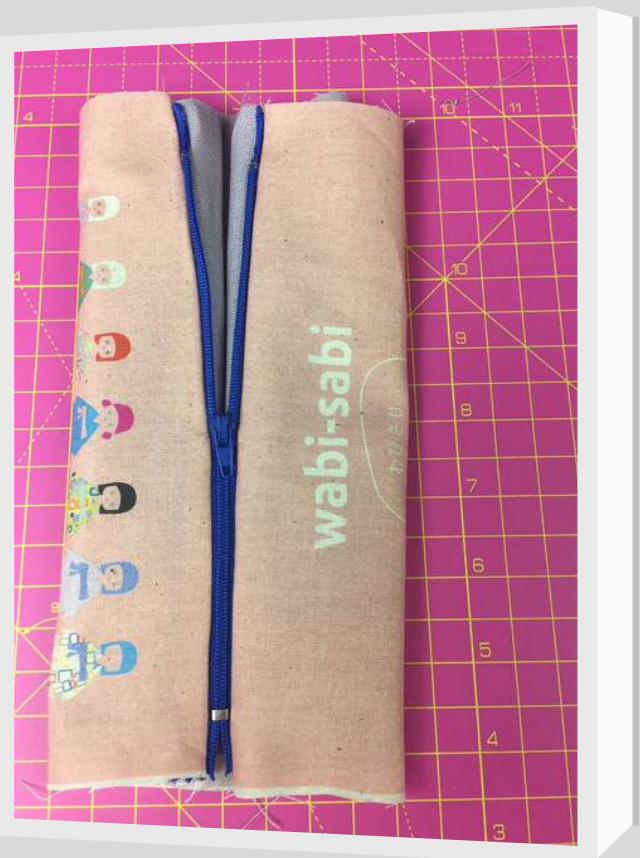


Stitch the 3 layers together at the top with a 1 cm or 3/8 of an inch seam allowance while using a zipper foot





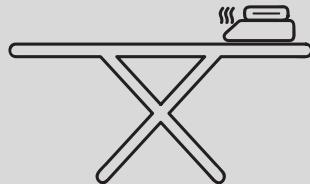
After taking the 1 cm seam allowance then turn the pencil case through to the right side

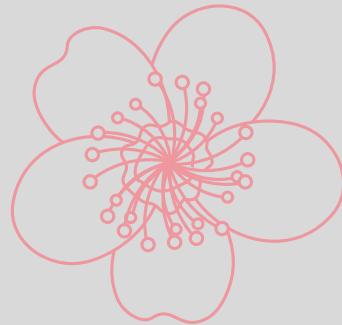
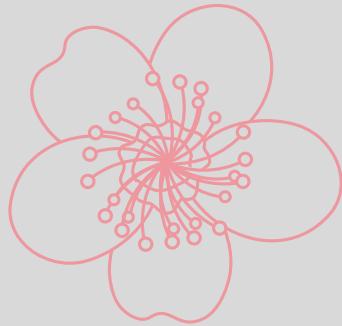


Make sure the fabric will not catch in the zip when you open and close the zipper.



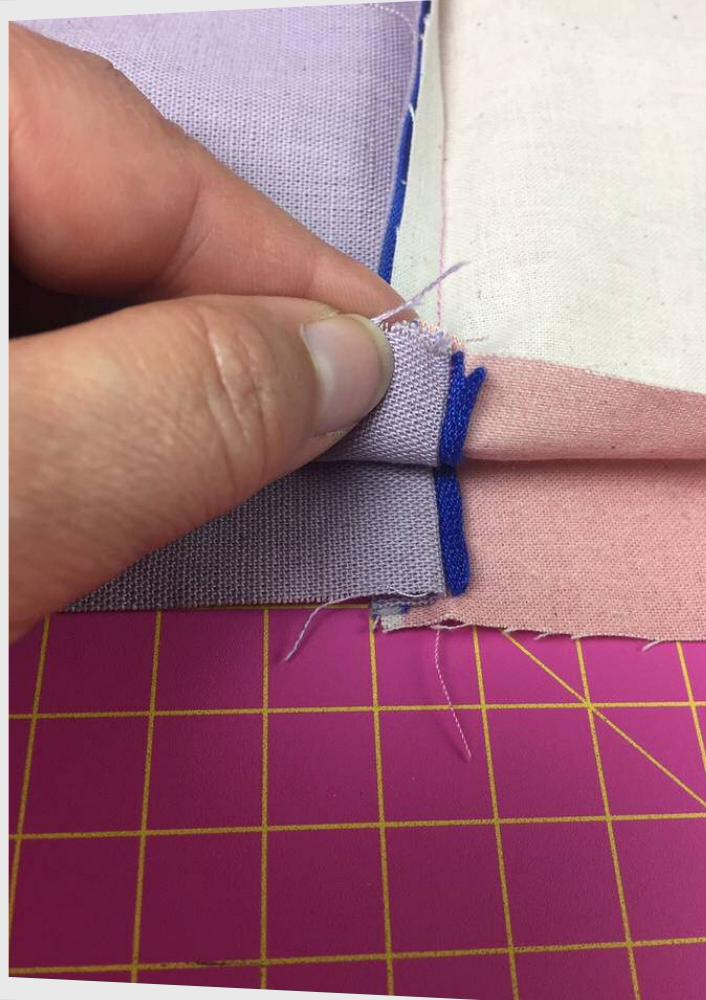
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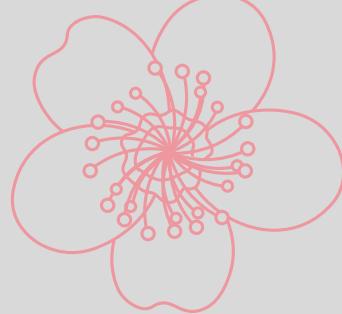
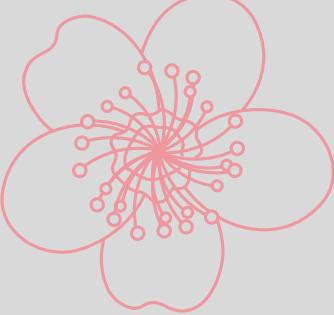


## Make sure your sewing is even

- 4** At this point check your sewing is even - this is important - at this stage it is easy to correct any mistakes before it is too late.



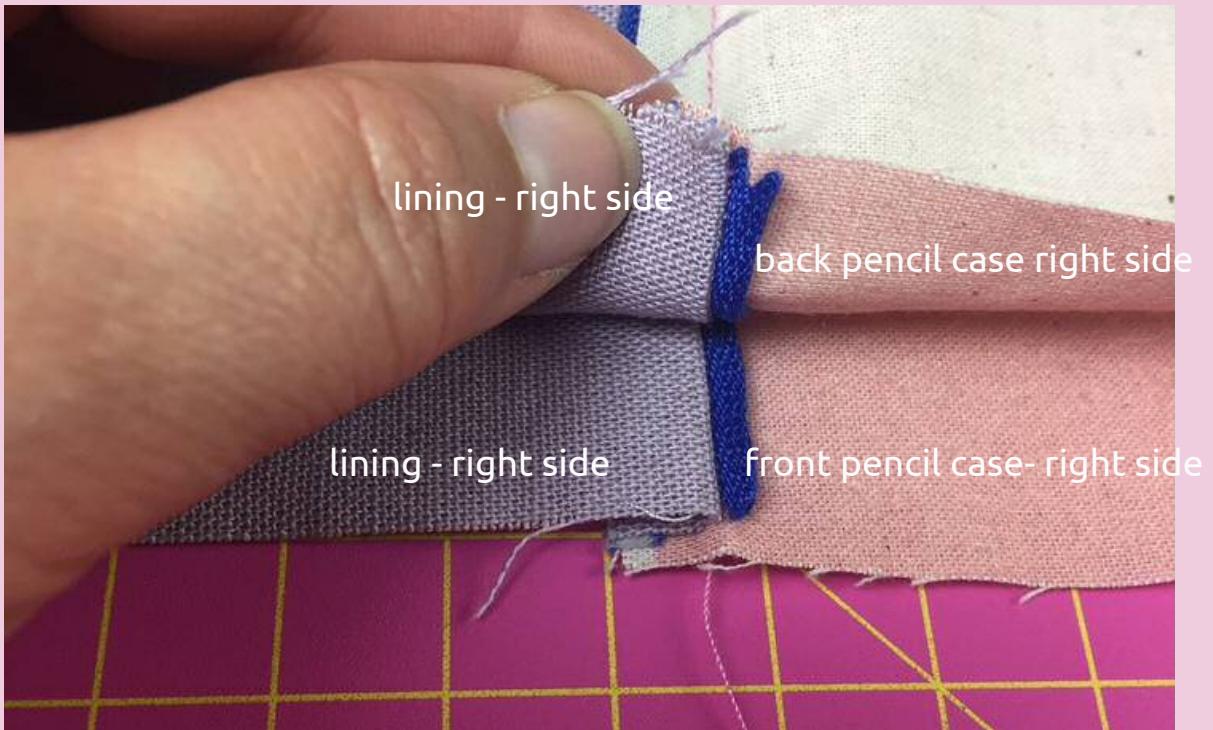
Make sure all seam allowance is even & lines up



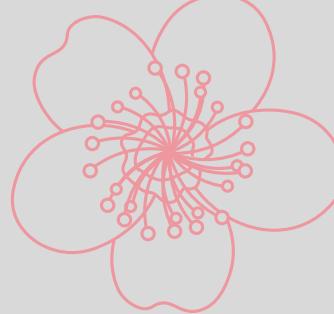
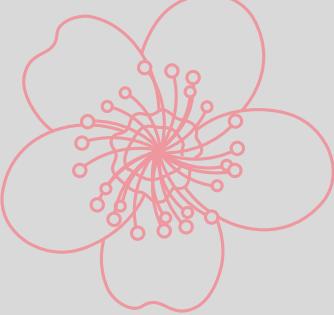
## Position the zip seam allowance

**5** Pull out the fabric layers as shown with all wrong sides of each fabric piece to the outside - this means that all right sides are together. The front panel and back panel should face each other and the lining pieces should also face each other.

The seam allowance should be even and should face towards the lining .The exposed zip tape ends should face in the direction they naturally lie, i.e. towards the front and back panel pieces.



Make sure all seam allowance is even & lines up



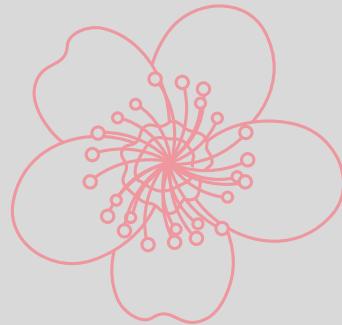
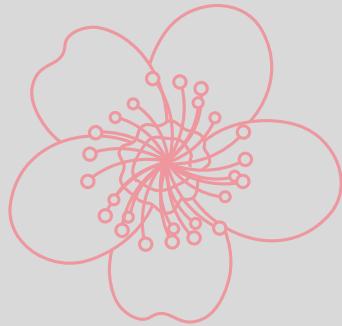
## Position the zip seam allowance

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At the opposite end of the zip, make sure the seam allowance matches up and the zip lies as shown. Use clips to hold the zip ends in place.



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## Placing your label in position

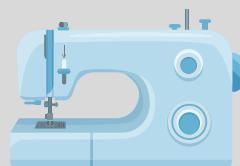
- 6** Secure your wabi-sabi label into position now - between the front and back main pencil case sections. It is entirely up to you where you put it.



## Sewing the side seams

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Now make sure your zip is open - so that you can turn the pencil case through easily after the next step. Stitch the side seam that has the label inserted first - stitch from top to bottom, back tack at each end. Now sew the opposite side seam leaving a small gap in the lining side seam so that you can pop your hand in and turn the pencil case through. Take care to make sure the zip tape is lying flat and has not turned back on itself and that your seam allowances are flat and even.



Stitch all the way around the shape taking 1 cm or 3/8th Inch seam allowance and leave a gap

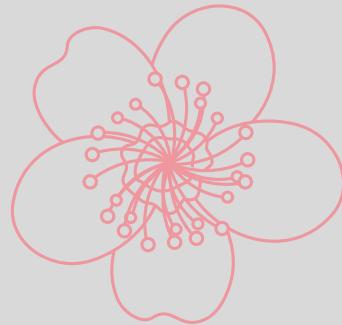
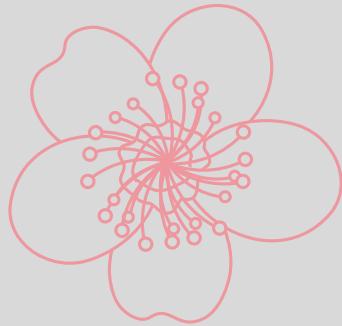


Turn the pencil case to the right side  
to check again

- 8** Before you close the gap it is worth a quick check to make sure your zip is moving freely and everything looks perfect!



Check your sewing is not too close to the zip!

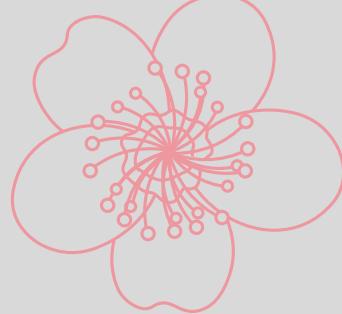
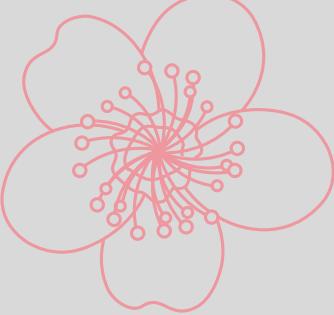


## Closing the gap

- 9 Stitch the gap closed with a hand stitch or a machine stitch, tuck the lining inside and pull the pencil case into position - give the pencil case a light press.



Hand stitch or machine stitch the gap closed

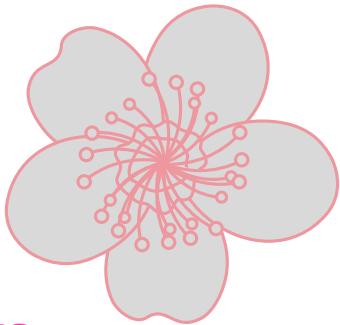
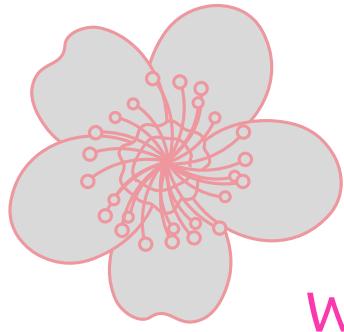


## Finishing the pencil case

- 10** Don't forget to attach your zipper pull through the largest zip hole.



You have finished your wabi-sabi pencil case - why not try one of our other project - all available on our web site  
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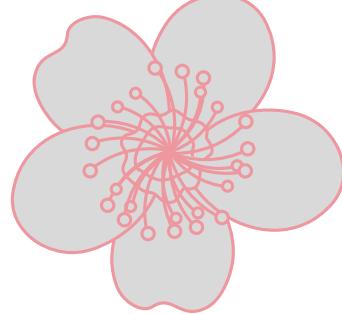
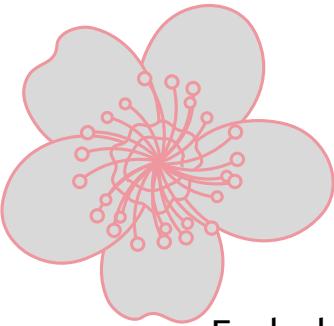
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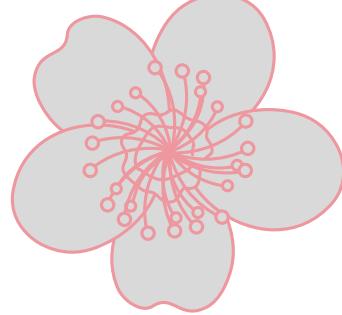
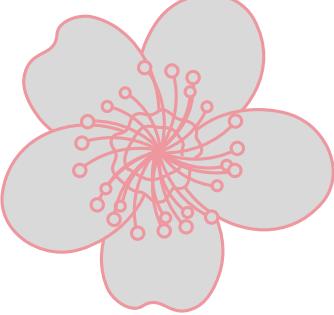


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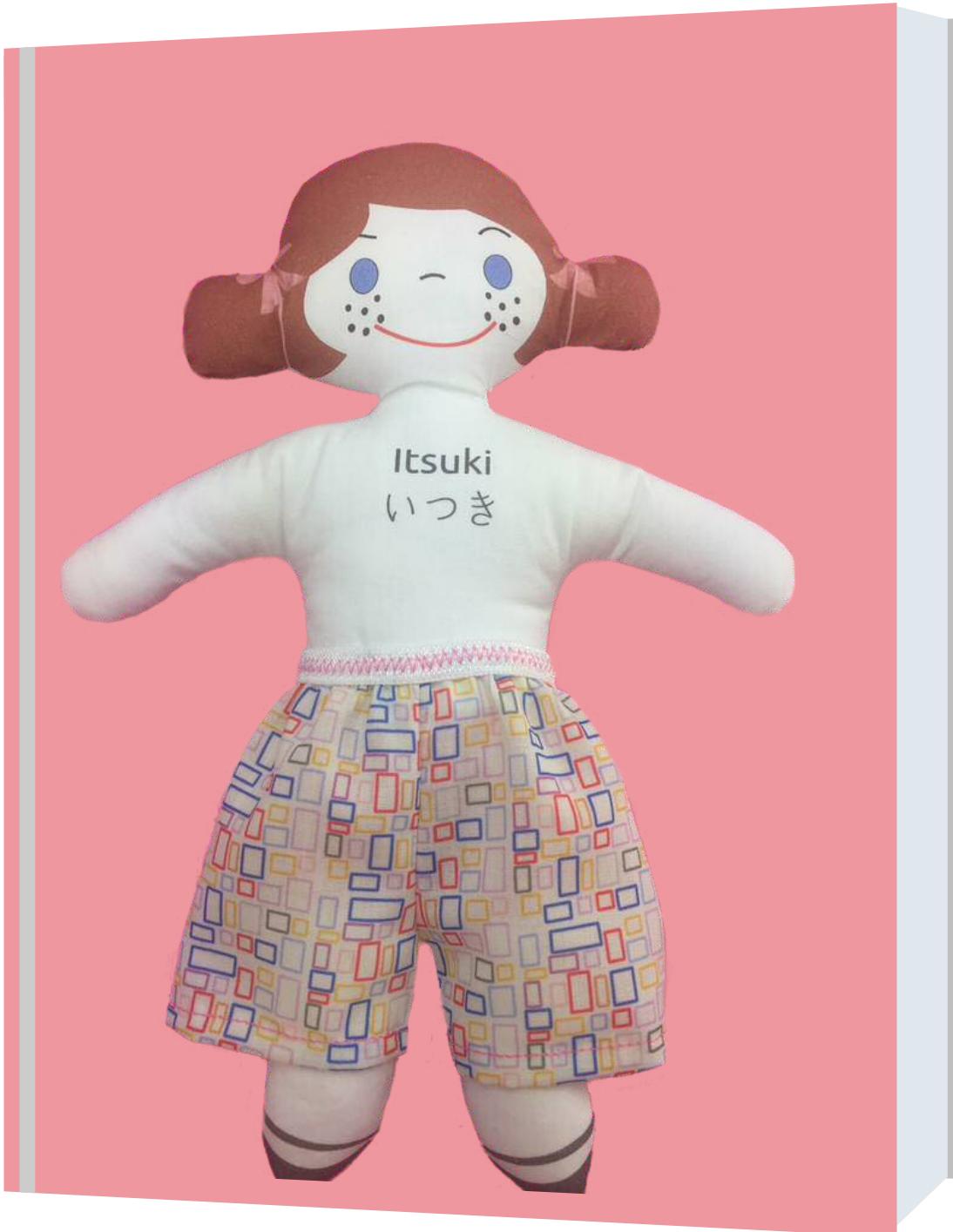
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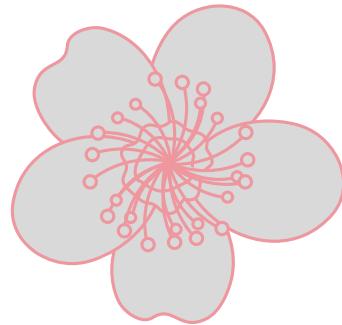
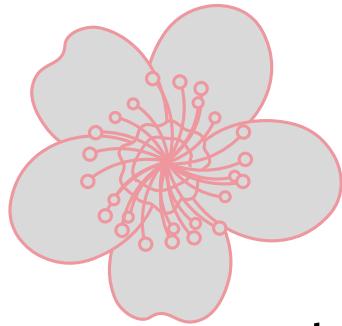
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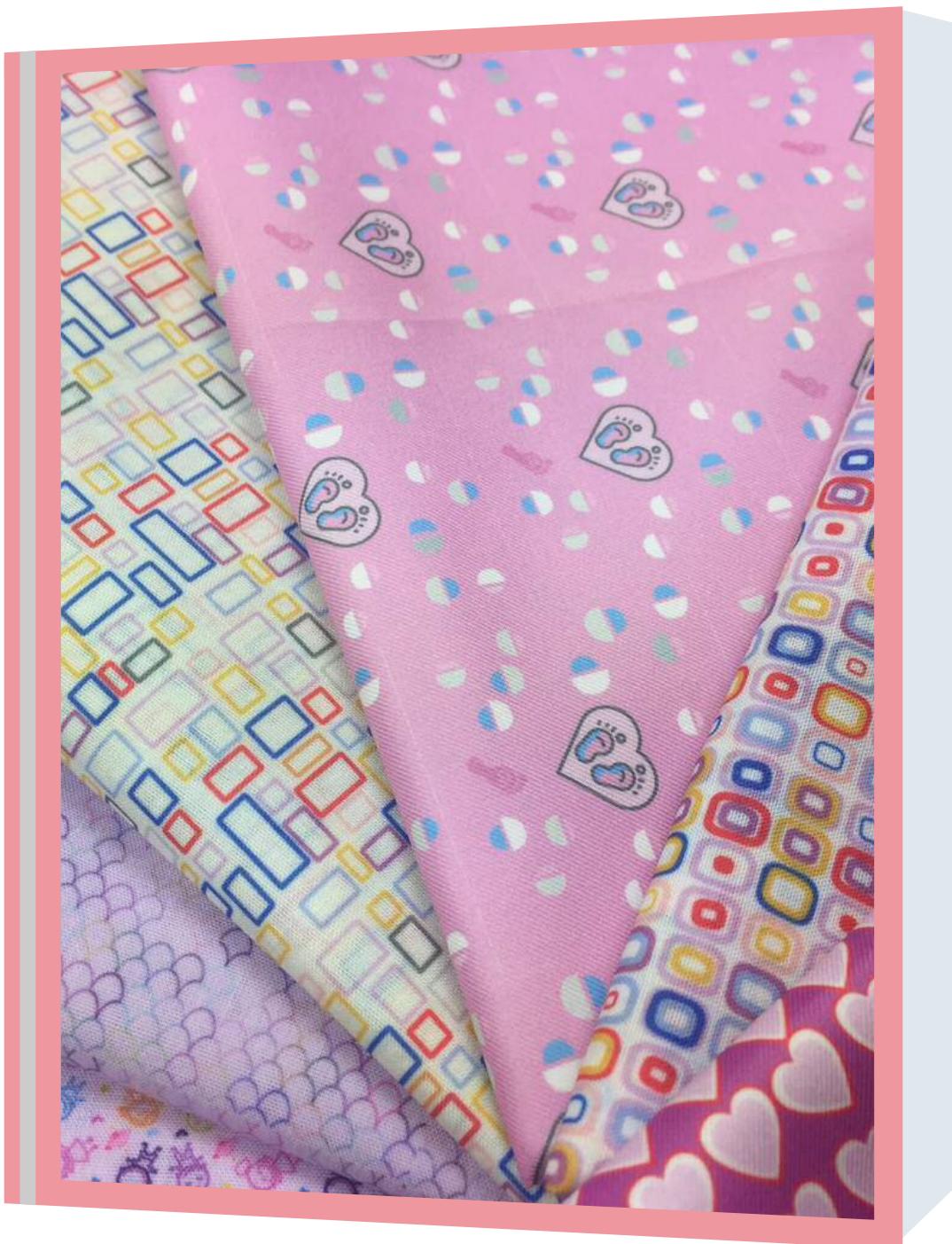
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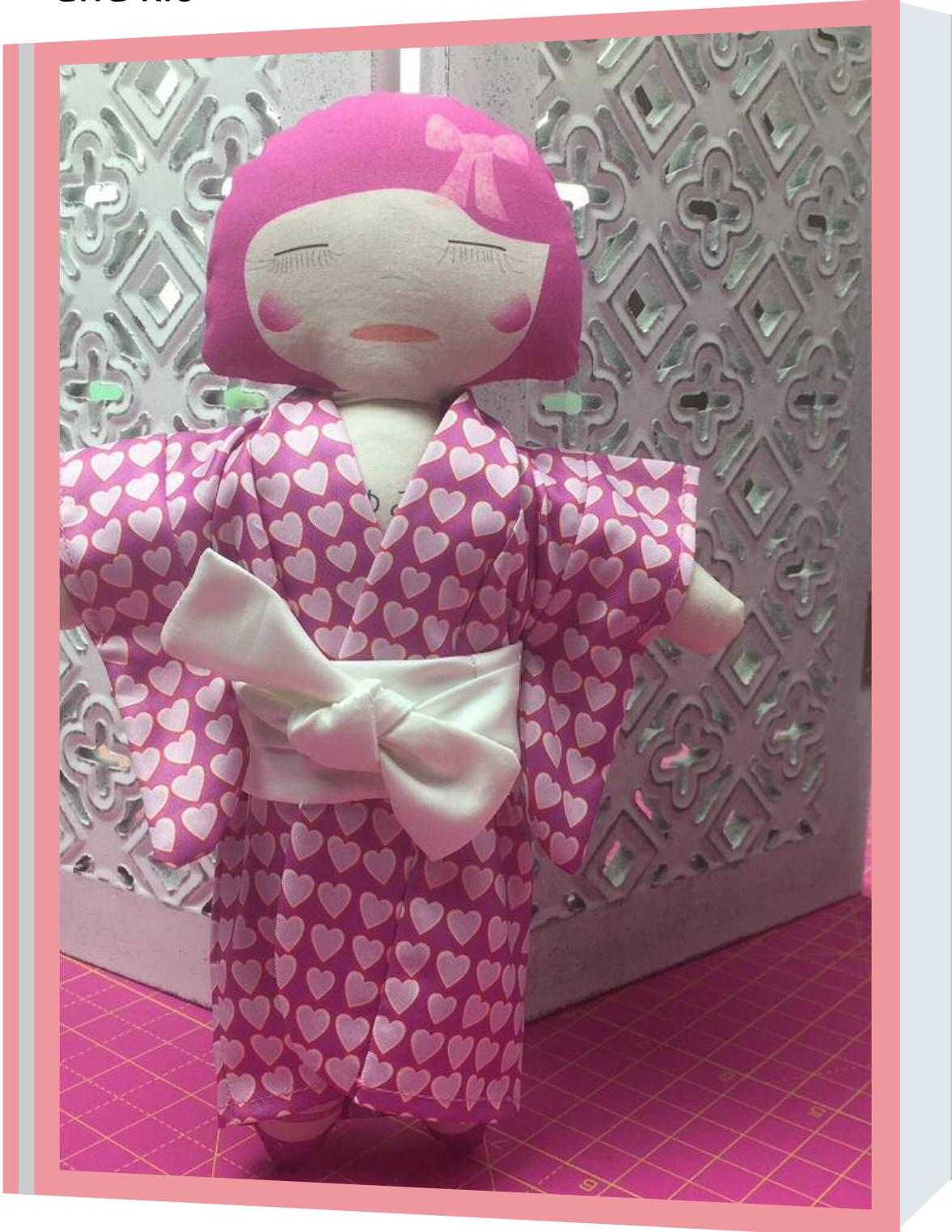


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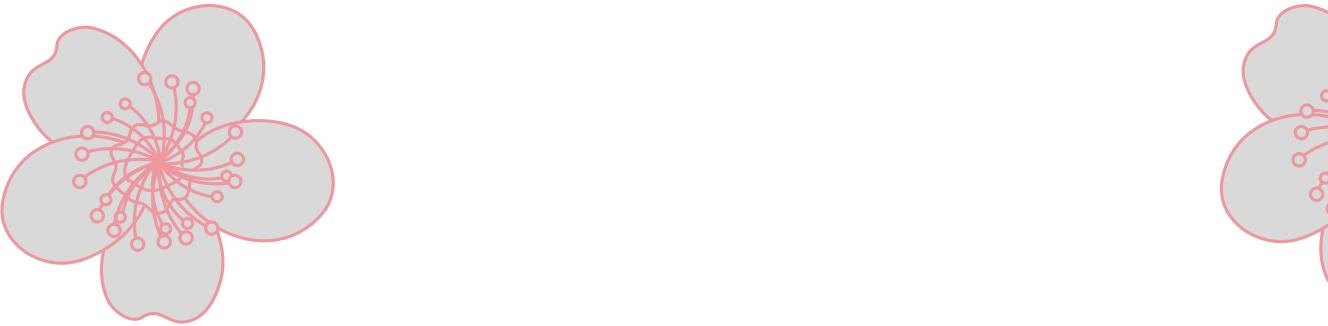




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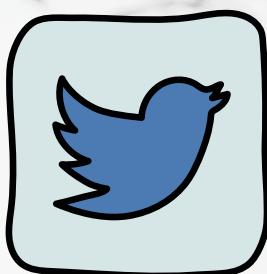
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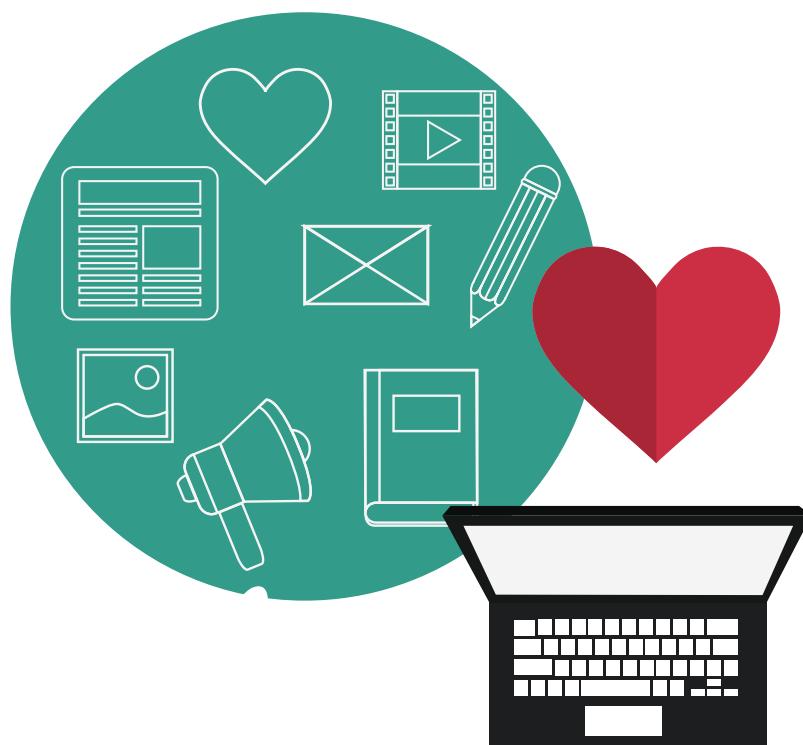


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