

Quilted Heart Car Organizer



A charming floral organizer with two lined side pockets, a slim center pocket and one continuous hanging strap.

Finished body: approximately 28 × 25 cm (11 × 9⁷/₈ in), excluding strap. Level: confident beginner. Method: quilted layers with bias-bound edges.

This is a measured adaptation inspired by the supplied images, not a tested reproduction of an original commercial pattern. Make a paper layout and a scrap-fabric pocket sample before cutting your best fabric.

All dimensions are in centimeters, with approximate inch equivalents. Written measurements and the full-size template take priority over the illustrative 3D views.

Materials & cutting plan

Prewash and press washable cottons. Use light batting so the finished organizer remains flexible. A walking foot is helpful for quilting; use a regular foot for pockets and binding.

PIECE / MATERIAL	CUT OR PREPARE
Floral cotton	50 × 110 cm (20 × 44 in)
Backing / pocket lining	40 × 110 cm (16 × 44 in)
Contrast pocket cotton	30 × 55 cm (12 × 22 in)
Low-loft batting	One 32 × 29 cm (12 ⁵ / ₈ × 11 ³ / ₈ in)
Body fabric + backing	One rectangle each, 32 × 29 cm
Side pockets	2 outer + 2 lining; see page 4
Center pocket	1 outer + 1 lining, 6 × 12 cm
Continuous strap	One strip, 10 × 50 cm (4 × 19 ³ / ₄ in)
Bias binding	4 cm wide × 120 cm long (1 ⁵ / ₈ × 47 ¹ / ₄ in)

Tools: sewing machine, matching polyester thread, 80/12 needle, fabric scissors, ruler, removable marker, clips, pins, iron, hand-sewing needle and paper scissors.

Seam allowances: 1 cm (³/₈ in) on pocket pieces, already included in the cutting sizes. The heart is cut to its finished outline and bound; do not add a seam allowance to page 8. Use a 1 cm seam to attach binding.

1 / Quilt the heart base



1. Prepare the template. Print page 8 at Actual Size / 100%. Measure the 5 cm test line. Trace the half heart onto folded paper along the marked fold edge; unfold for a complete 28 x 25 cm heart.
2. Make the sandwich. Lay the backing rectangle right side down. Add the batting, then the floral rectangle right side up. Smooth from the center outward and pin or baste all three layers together.
3. Quilt before trimming. Mark diagonal lines 3 cm (1¼ in) apart. Stitch from the center outward with a 2.8-3 mm stitch length. Add a second set of lines for diamonds if desired. Avoid pulling the layers.
4. Cut the heart. Center the full paper template on the quilted sandwich. Trace and cut through all three layers. Staystitch 3 mm (⅛ in) inside the edge to keep the layers together. Remove basting.

Check: both lobes should match when the heart is folded in half. Small quilting shrinkage is absorbed by the oversized rectangles. If shrinkage is unusually heavy, make a new sandwich large enough for the template.

2 / Draft & sew the pockets

Side pocket pattern, cut 4. Draw an 11 cm wide × 12 cm high rectangle ($4\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ in). At its bottom edge, mark 2 cm inward from each corner. Join those marks to the top corners. This makes a tapered shape: 11 cm top, 7 cm bottom, 12 cm high. Round the two bottom corners slightly.

Center pocket, cut 2. Draw a 6 × 12 cm rectangle ($2\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ in). Round only the lower corners. Cut one outer and one lining. All pocket cutting dimensions include 1 cm seams.



1. Pair and stitch. Put each outer pocket and its lining right sides together. Sew around at 1 cm, leaving a 4 cm turning gap in one side of each large pocket and a 3 cm gap in the center pocket.
2. Turn and press. Trim the corner bulk and clip curves without cutting the stitches. Turn through the gap. Gently shape the corners; press the raw edges of the opening inward by 1 cm.
3. Finish the openings. Topstitch across the upper edge of each pocket, 3 mm from the edge. Do not sew the tops to the body. The side turning gaps will close when the pockets are attached.

Approximate finished sizes: side pockets 9 cm across the top, 5 cm across the bottom and 10 cm high; center pocket 4 cm wide × 10 cm high. Seam thickness and rounded corners may reduce the usable space.

Phone fit: test your device in a scrap pocket first. These pockets are flat, not gusseted. If you widen a pocket, keep it clear of the center pocket and binding; enlarge the body too if necessary.

3 / Position & attach pockets



1. Mark the center. Fold the heart lightly down the middle and mark the centerline. Place the narrow pocket centrally, with its top about 11 cm below the highest point of the lobes.
2. Place side pockets. Start with their upper edges about 9 cm below the lobe tops. Leave approximately 5 mm between each side pocket and the center pocket. Mirror the left and right placement.
3. Check the lower curves. Keep every pocket edge at least 1.5 cm inside the raw heart edge. If a lower corner is too close, move the pocket upward slightly. Pin, insert intended items and check access before stitching.
4. Sew each pocket separately. Stitch 2-3 mm from its sides and bottom through the quilted body. Leave the upper edge open. Backstitch at both top corners, then add a short second line of stitching at these stress points.

Check: the center pocket is one open compartment. Do not stitch across its middle. All three openings must remain unobstructed; remove every pin before use.

4 / Bind the curved edge

Bias-cut strips stretch around the heart curves better than straight-grain strips. Prepare about 120 cm (47¼ in) of 4 cm (1⅝ in) wide binding; join shorter strips with diagonal seams and press those seams open.

1. Prepare single-fold binding. Press one long edge inward by 1 cm. Keep the opposite edge unfolded. This gives a 1 cm finished binding on each face of the organizer.
2. Attach to the front. Place the unfolded binding edge against the raw heart edge, right sides together. Start on a gently curved side and leave a 5 cm tail free. Sew at 1 cm, easing the strip around the lobes without stretching the body.
3. Work the center dip. Stop with the needle down at the inner point. Carefully clip the body seam allowance toward the stitching, stopping 1-2 mm short. Pivot and spread the allowance just enough to continue. Never cut through the seam.
4. Shape the bottom point. Stop 1 cm before the tip, secure the stitches and fold the binding into a miter. Resume along the opposite edge. Keep the folds small and flat.
5. Join the ends. Stop before reaching the starting tail. Fit the two ends together without tension, trim to allow a 1 cm joining seam, sew the ends together and finish attaching the remaining binding.
6. Finish the back. Wrap the binding over the edge. Its pressed fold should cover the attachment seam on the back. Clip in place, then hand-sew with small slip stitches. Miter the bottom tip and tuck the center dip neatly.

Quality check: the edge should lie flat with no exposed batting. If it ripples, unpick that section and redistribute the binding. Steam lightly and press with a cloth; do not crush the batting.

5 / Add the strap & finish



1. Fold the strap. On the 10 × 50 cm strip, turn both short ends inward by 1 cm. Fold lengthwise in half and press. Open, fold both long raw edges to the center, then fold in half again. The strap is about 2.5 cm (1 in) wide and 48 cm long.
 2. Stitch and attach. Edgestitch both long edges. On the back, place one end below each upper lobe, about 6 cm either side of the centerline. Overlap each end onto the body by 4 cm. Sew a 2 × 3 cm rectangle with an X through each overlap; keep all stitching clear of the pocket openings.
 3. Adjust before stitching. This leaves roughly 40 cm of free strap between attachments. Pin and test the hanging height first; shorten the strip if needed. Attach to a suitable stationary support, such as a passenger-side headrest support, only where it cannot interfere with controls or occupants.
- Car placement: do not loop the strap around a gear selector or obstruct buttons, pedals, seat belts, airbags or seat movement. Check clearance with the vehicle parked. If no clear mounting position is available, use it as a wall organizer.
- Care & final checks: trim threads, check reinforced seams and use lightweight contents. Remove before laundering; follow the fabric and batting care labels, then reshape and air-dry. Illustrations are visual guides; test fit and construction on a sample.

The original reference sheet on the final page is NOT to scale. Use this heart template and the pocket dimensions on page 4 for cutting. The strap method in this guide uses one continuous strip.

HALF HEART

Cut one full paper template.

Body: 28 × 25 cm.

No seam allowance added.

Cut quilted sandwich once.



Test line must measure 5 cm.

Fold paper on the straight edge.
Trace the curved outline, cut and unfold.
The straight edge is NOT a cutting line.

Print on A4 at Actual Size.
Turn off Fit / Shrink to Page.

