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**This PDF Tutorial is for a miniature suitcase made from a hinged tin mint or candy box**

# Supplies

Hinged Tin Box  
Thin cardboard  
Fabric scraps (fat quarter)  
1/4" wide Leather lacing  
(or ribbon)  
Hot glue sticks  
Metallic marker

# Tools

Hot glue gun  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Scissors  
Straight pins  
Chalk pencil



# Directions



1. If your hinged tin box has embossed letters, you will want to cover with cardboard



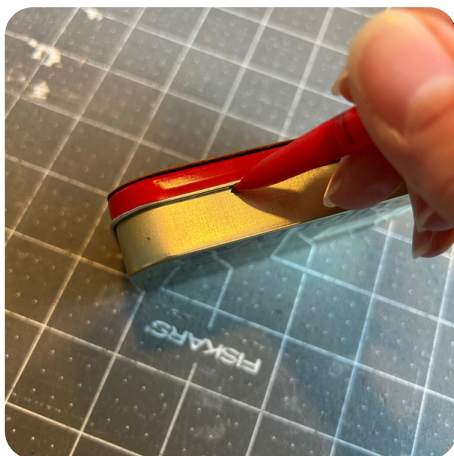
2. On thin cardboard, trace embossed lid with pencil



3. Cut out the cardboard piece



4. Glue cardboard piece to embossed tin lid.



5. Close tin and mark where lid meets the bottom of tin



6. Make sure that you do not glue fabric above this line





**7.** Trace tin lid on fabric



**8.** Add 3/16" to all traced edges and cut out



**9.** The fabric piece should look like this



**10.** Repeat for bottom piece, but cut that fabric 3/8" wider around all edges



**11.** Using hot glue gun, glue fabric to tin, one edge at a time



**12.** The top should look like this when all edges are glued to the tin





- 13.** Glue the bottom fabric to tin bottom along sides. Trim any fabric that extends beyond edge



- 14.** Measure depth of tin lid. This tin has 1/4" depth. The bottom is 1/2" deep.



- 15.** Cut a length of fabric 5/8" wide by 13"



- 16.** Press 1/4" edge to wrong side. Then press other raw edge 1/8" to wrong side as shown



- 16a.** You should have a thin band that looks like this,



- 17.** Hot glue band around tin top, covering raw edge





**18.** Trim off excess length and secure edges with extra glue as necessary



**19.** For the tin bottom, cut a piece of fabric 1 3/8" wide by 13". Iron 1/2" raw edges to back side



**20.** Glue the 3/8" band around bottom of tin and trim off extra length. Secure with more glue



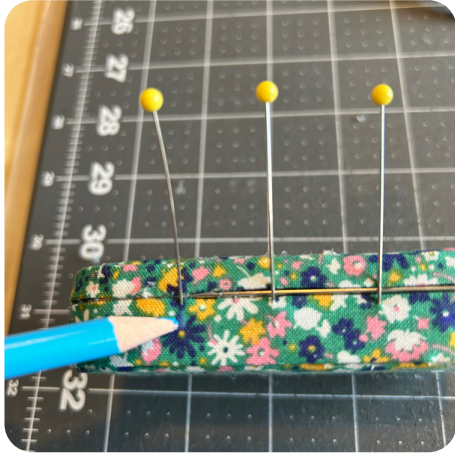
**21.** Covered tin should look like this



**22.** Cut a 2" piece of flat leather lacing or ribbon (fray check edges if using ribbon)



**23.** With a metallic marker, draw a dot at each edge as shown.



- 24.** With a pin, mark the center of tin on the opening side of tin. Measure 3/4" from center on each side and mark with chalk pencil



- 25.** Hot glue one side of leather strap to one of the markings as shown



- 26.** Glue other edge of leather to the other side, forming handle.



- 27.** The suitcase is finished!