

Construction Zone Tool Belt

Do you know an aspiring little builder? Construct this neat, tough belt as a gift or just because. The best part? He will think it's really cool, but you know it has hugs built in!

Skill Level:
Intermediate

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Supplies:

Construction Zone—ADC-157
 1/4 yard canvas
 1/4 yard cotton print
 Tear away stabilizer
 Temporary spray adhesive
 Small hoop
 Air erasable fabric marker
 Ruler
 Rotary cutter
 Small scissors
 Hand sewing needle
 Madeira Aerofil
 Assortment of Madeira embroidery thread
 1/2" Swivel clip, 1"–1 1/2" "O" ring, 3/8" spring link (from hardware store)

Instructions:

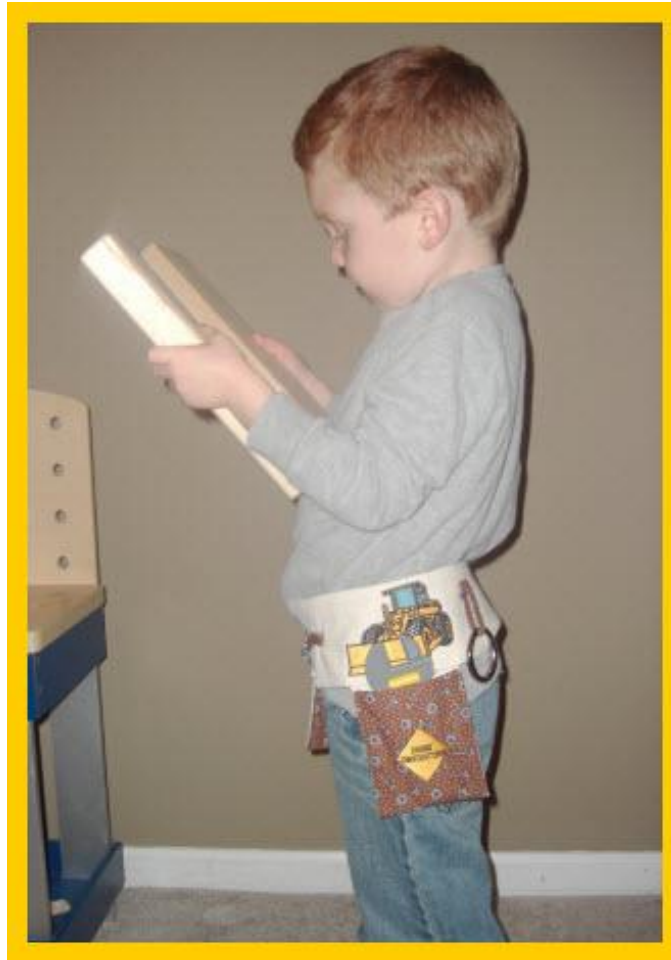
1. Measure the child's waist and add 3" to the length (ex. 22" waist measurement + 3" = 25"). Cut two pieces from the canvas the length of the waist + 3" x 5". This will be the belt. Cut two pieces 5" x 10 1/2" from both the cotton print and the canvas. These will be used for the pockets. Cut four pieces from the cotton print 1 1/2" x 5". These pieces will be used for hanging tools and the closure.

2. Determine the designs to use on the belt. EQUIP104 and EQUIP105 were used on the sample. To mark the design placement on the belt, measure in from the end 5" and mark with air erasable pen. Make another mark in the center of the width, creating placement crosshairs. Load the design onto your machine.
Note: For perfect placement, printing a template is helpful.
3. Hoop the tear away stabilizer and spray with temporary spray adhesive. Place fabric on the stabilizer, centering the markings in the hoop. Stitch the design. Remove from hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer. Repeat for the design used at the other end of the belt.
4. Determine the designs to use on the pockets. EQUIP113 and EQUIP114 were used on the sample. To mark the placement of the design, measure down from the top 3" and mark. Make another mark in the center of the width, creating placement crosshairs.
5. Hoop the tear away stabilizer and spray with temporary spray adhesive. Place fabric on the stabilizer, centering the markings in the hoop. Stitch the design. Remove from hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer. Repeat for the design used on the second pocket.
6. Set the machine up for straight stitch sewing with a 1/2" seam. Place right sides of the belt pieces together, matching raw edges. Stitch the pieces together leaving a small opening along the bottom edge for turning.
7. Trim the corners, turn, press, and slip stitch the opening closed.
8. Using one canvas and one print, place right sides of the pocket pieces together, matching raw edges. Stitch the pieces together leaving the bottom edge for turning.
9. Trim the corners, turn, and press. With the canvas facing up, fold the top of the pocket up 4 1/2". The design and the cotton print should be on the front of the pocket. Top stitch 1/8" from each edge. Repeat for the second pocket.
10. Align the pockets with the designs on the belt using the top of the pocket and the bottom of the belt as guides. Attach the pockets to the belt by stitching close the edge of the belt and again 1/4" from the original stitching. Repeat for the second pocket.
11. To prepare the pieces for the tool hangers and closures, fold them in half lengthwise and press. Fold the raw edges in to the center and press. Stitch 1/8" from each edge. Repeat for each of these strips.



12. Slip the swivel clip onto one of the strips and fold in half, matching raw edges. Pin the strip to the center front of the belt, 1/2" from the edge and stitch 1/2" from the raw edges. Fold strip back over the raw edges and stitch again, covering the raw edges.
13. At the center of the opposite end of the belt stitch another strip. Fold under the raw edge 1/4" and align with the edge of the belt. Stitch in place. To make the loops for the hook, pinch about 1/2" up from the belt. Stitch on the opposite side of the loop. Repeat making 3 loops so the belt is a bit adjustable. Tuck the raw edge under at the end and stitch close the edge to secure.
14. Take the remaining 2 strips and fold them to make a circle, overlapping the raw edges and stitch them to the desired location on the belt. An "O" was slipped onto one of the loops for hanging a hammer.

This is no longer under construction! It's ready for your aspiring little builder!



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