



DAINTY BLOSSOMS™ CAMERA STRAP
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dainty blossoms™ camera strap

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Materials

- * 3/8 yard of two Dainty Blossoms™ Fabric
- * Scissors or Rotary Cutter
- * Needle and Thread
- * Sewing Machine
- * (Optional) buttons, strips of extra fabric for ruffles, flowers or any other embellishments

Instructions

1. These straps will fit any standard DSLR camera strap. The example strap shown here is about 2" wide. Measure your strap first and adjust the measurements in this tutorial accordingly. First, cut a strip 5.5" wide and 27" long. (If your strap is a different size then simply measure fabric that is double the width of the strap and add 1 inch for seam allowance). (Optional) Add padding if you would like by cutting a 5.5" x 27" piece of fusible light fleece interfacing. Just iron on the fusible interfacing using the directions and trim it to fit the fabric.

2. Taking the strip of fabric, turn the short end over 1" and then 1" again to create a hem. Then sew three lines 1/4 of an inch apart across the hem. Not only does this give it a nice look but it also makes the strap sturdy. Repeat this process on the opposite short end.

Any embellishments such as buttons or ruffles should be added at this point.

3. Now fold the strip of fabric in half with the right sides together and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim off the excess fabric so that there will be room to slide the strap in and turn it right side out.

4: Optional: Add a ruffled flower by cutting a 2" x 27" piece of coordinating fabric. Use pinking shears to along both of the long sides of the fabric. Next, sew along the middle of the strip of fabric using a long or gathering stitch. Make a ruffle by pulling on one end of the thread and pushing the fabric to create a gather. Turn the ruffle around itself into a circle to create the flower. Handsew the bottom of the flower to secure the ruffle and create the petals. Add decorative buttons to the center with hot glue or by hand sewing them in.

Turn the camera strap right-side and hand stitch the flower onto the camera strap. Slide it onto your strap.

