

# fabric envelopes No-sew

Just like the Fabric-Covered Notebook on page 40, these handsome envelopes are made by backing fabric with paper. For an extra-special touch, make a paper sleeve, seal it with a Velcro dot, or tie it with ribbon. I've included measurements for three sizes: One for a wedding or graduation card that holds money, one for a CD, and one that fits a greeting card you can make by folding an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper into quarters (4¼" x 5½")—but you can make these envelopes as large or as small as you need. Avoid very lacy fabric because the adhesive will seep through, and very thick fabric because it does not fold as well.

## MATERIALS

(to make any of the three suggested sizes)

15" x 8" piece silk or cotton  
(not too lacy or thick)

15" x 8" piece Steam-A-Seam 2  
Double Stick Fusible Web

15" x 8" piece paper, roughly  
the weight of computer paper (20lb.)

Rotary cutter and cutting mat

Clear plastic ruler

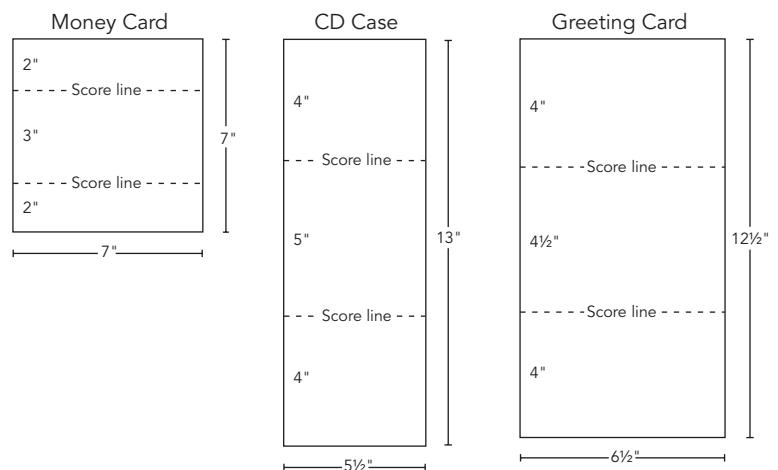
Iron, ironing board, and press cloth

Tacky Glue

Bone folder

Narrow ribbon, Velcro dots,  
or additional paper for sleeve (optional)

- 1 Lay the fabric, wrong side up, on the rotary cutting mat. Peel the paper backing off one side of the Steam-A-Seam and lay it, sticky side down, onto the fabric. With the rotary cutter and ruler, trim the fabric and Steam-A-Seam together to the envelope size of your choice (money card: 7" x 7", CD case: 13" x 5½", or greeting card: 12½" x 6½"). Remove the paper backing from the other side of the Steam-A-Seam.
- 2 Place your paper, wrong side up, onto the cutting mat. With the fabric facing up, roughly center the Steam-A-Seam and fabric on top of the paper. Make sure you have at least ¼" paper overhang all the way around the fabric.



3 Transfer the fabric, web, and paper sandwich to the ironing board. Place a press cloth on top and press in 10- to 20-second increments until the fabric and paper are fused together (do not exceed 60 seconds total).

4 Lay the sandwich, fabric side up, on the rotary cutting mat. Using the rotary cutter and the ruler, trim the paper edges to a ¼" overhang all the way around. With the fabric side up, spread a thin layer of Tacky Glue on the ¼" paper overhang. Fold the paper edges over on all sides to enclose the raw edge of the fabric.



5 Decide whether you want to have the fabric or the paper on the outside of the envelope. Place the outside face down on your work surface. Using a bone folder and the ruler, score lines parallel to both short ends of the pieces to create the fold lines of the pocket and the flap (money card: 2" from each end, CD case: 4" from each end, or greeting card: 4" from each end). Place a thin line of glue on the left and right edges of the envelope, from the bottom score line to the corner. Fold the bottom section up at the score line to seal the sides, creating the pocket of the envelope. Fold the top section down at the score line to create the flap of the envelope. Press the envelope flat.

6 If you want, add a paper sleeve by cutting a narrow strip of paper long enough to wrap around the belly of the envelope. Wrap it around the envelope and glue it closed where the paper overlaps. You can also glue a Velcro dot in place to close the envelope, or tie it up with a delicate ribbon, if desired.