

Door Pockets

Makes 2 hanging door pockets:



main fabric – 16.5" (42cm) square cotton

lining fabric – 16.5" (42cm) square cotton

fusible interfacing – 16" (40.5cm) square (Pelon Décor-Bond 809 recommended)

matching thread

Cut two pieces of complementary fabric to 16.5-inch (42cm) squares. Once you have cut your two squares then take a ruler and line up from one corner to the other corner diagonally opposite it and draw a line, then cut in half.

Cut one piece of medium weight iron on interfacing just a bit smaller than the fabric. It will be 16 inches x 16 inches (40,5 cm x 40,5 cm) square. Cut the interfacing in half measuring corner to opposite corner diagonally. Then trim off a tiny piece of each of the three corners of the triangular piece. You do this to create less bulk in the corners.

Place the interfacing, adhesive side down, on the wrong side of the lining fabric for the hanging pocket. Line up the edges at the right angle and you will find that the interlining is a little short on the diagonal side – this is fine because it creates less bulk. Iron to attach as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Place the lining, with interlining attached with right side to the right side of the printed fabric. Line up the corners neatly and pin in place. Stitch within the ¼ inch (0.5 inch) seam allowance. When you come to the diagonal side you will see that the interfacing doesn't come right to the edge – this is fine you will stitch along the edge of the interfacing. Stitch right around the edge, leaving a gap of 2 to 3 inches (5 cm -7 cm) on the diagonal side so you can turn the hanging pocket right way out. Before turning, snip off the extra fabric on the corners, taking care not to cut too close to the stitch line.

When you turn the fabric, poke out the corners gently with a knitting needle or chop stick so they are neat and lie flat. Fold the raw edges of the gap back in line with the interlining and press flat. The raw edges have already been pressed in for the gap and will be stitched closed right in the last step.

The buttonhole will be placed on a 45 degree angle from the right angled (90 degrees) corner of the triangle. It will be 2 ½ inches (6.5cm) long to fit over the doorknob – longer if you have a larger doorknob. Start your buttonhole 1/2" (1.5cm) from the right corner. Use the buttonhole attachment on your machine to create the buttonhole. If you do not have a buttonhole attachment you can do a close zig zag up one side, create a bar at the end using a longer stitch, zig-zag down the side and create a bar at the other end.

To create the envelope shape fold over one of the bottom points of the triangle, and line it up with the fold over from the other point. You may prefer to slip stitch the base closed or you can run a top-stitched seam along the bottom catching all the layers, including the folded in area of the gap which still needs to be stitched shut.

The hanging pocket for a door is a very useful little item to have that will save time spent looking for things. Hung on the outside of the door of kid's bedrooms it is useful place to deposit a treat, a reminder note, or a little card before an exam or a big game, telling them how much you love and believe in them.