



Create a Custom Pocket for Glasses or Sunglasses

Add a great custom pocket for your glasses or sunglasses when sewing your favorite bag. This is a great way to customize a design to suit your personal needs and taste.

SUPPLY LIST

Choose a bag pattern that has a blank side where a pocket can be added

- Sewing Machine
- 1/8 yard flannel or other soft fabric
- 1/8 yard lightweight interfacing
- Matching Thread
- Pins
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Fabric Marking Pencil
- Lightweight fusible interfacing

INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is important that this pocket be added during the construction process of the bag. It is ideal to begin adding this detail once the stabilizer for the exterior side of the bag has been cut out but not attached to any other part and before fabric has been added.
2. On the stabilizer for the side of the bag, determine where the pocket should be added. Remember to keep in mind where seam allowances, handles, or other pockets will be.
3. Measure the **width and length** of the glasses that will be stored in the pocket. **ADD 3/4" to the width and 1 1/4" to the length.**

For example, if the glasses are 1 3/4" wide and 5 1/4" long, the dimensions after adding the extra amount would be 2 1/2" x 6 1/2".

Glasses Width: _____ + 3/4" = _____ Opening Width

Glasses Length: _____ + 1 1/4" = _____ Pocket Depth

4. Mark the **Opening Width** line as determined in **Step 3** where the pocket is desired. Mark again 1/2" below this line, then connect the ends with a short straight line. This will create a 1/2" tall rectangular area. Make sure the lines are straight, then cut this rectangle out, leaving the opening.



5. Add the bag exterior fabric to the stabilizer, but **DO NOT CUT** the fabric away from the rectangle.

6. To cut the pocket lining, use the **Opening Width + 1"** and **DOUBLE the Pocket Depth from Step 3** to accommodate folding the lining to form the pocket.

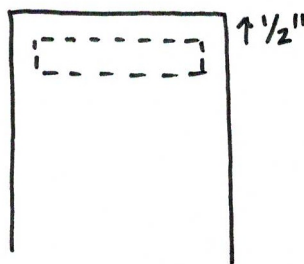
For example, if the dimensions from Step 3 are 2 1/2" x 6 1/2",
the cutting dimensions of the pocket lining will be 3 1/2" x 13".

Cut this rectangle from flannel and interfacing.
Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric.

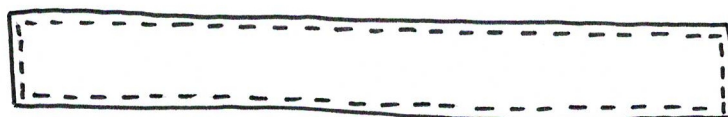
Opening Width from Step 3: _____ + 1" = _____ Pocket Lining Width

Pocket Depth from Step 3: _____ x 2 = _____ Pocket Lining Length

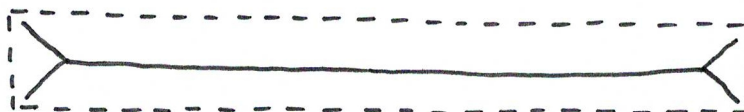
7. Right sides together, add the pocket to the exterior of the bag, centering from side to side with about 1/2" extending **above** the rectangular opening.



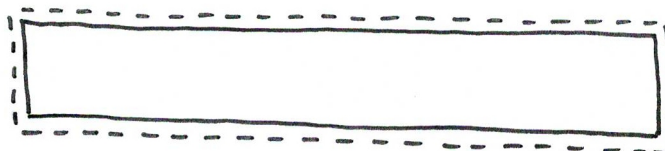
8. With the stabilizer side facing up, stitch along the edge of the rectangle on the FABRIC inside the cutout rectangle. Be careful not to stitch through the stabilizer.



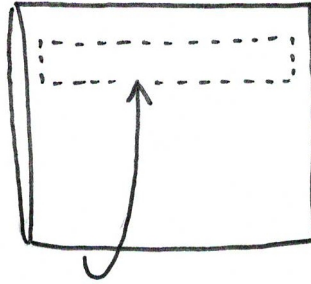
9. Once the rectangle shape has been stitched, snip a small hole in the center of the rectangle and then trim down the center of it, clipping to each corner diagonally.



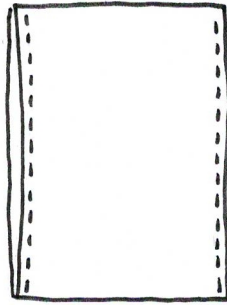
10. Turn the pocket through the slashed opening to the wrong side and press. None of the pocket fabric should show along the seam.
11. Edgestitch around the opening.



12. Fold up the pocket over the opening, lining up the raw edges.



13. Fold away the bag exterior to stitch the sides of the pocket lining with a $3/8$ " seam allowance.



14. From the right side of the exterior, restitch the line of stitching along the upper along edge of the opening.

