

The Gift Pocket

From BubbaChic



This easy to make gift pocket makes a perfect present to give little ones – simply fill with eye catching notepads, gift card or stickers and they will enjoy their very own stationery set. The dimensions of this pocket are ideal for the personalized thank you cards from Walgreens/Walmart as an excellent incentive to get my little madam writing her Thank You cards this Christmas!

What you will need:

- (2 x) 14" x 10" Cotton/linen or similar fabric (inner and outer fabric)
- (2 x) 5" x 10" Cotton fabric for pockets
- 3" x 5" Cotton fabric for pocket
- 1 Yard of medium weight, iron on interfacing



Step 1: Cut out fabrics in sizes stated above and apply medium weight iron-on interfacing on to the back of all of them



Step 2: Take the smallest pocket piece and fold in half with right sides together. Sew around the edge with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance leaving a gap of 1.5" where pins are located



Step 3: Repeat with the two bigger pockets, clip the corners, turn right side and press. Sew across the length of the open end. The stitched side of your pockets will be the top of your pockets.



Step 4: Position the smallest pocket on the fabric first and fold the rest of the fabric in half as a guide for the two larger ones position. Sew continuously around the pocket starting at the right side and leaving the top open



Step 5: Pin Rick rack in place between inner (with pockets) and outer fabric, right sides together. Sandwiching the rick rack in between. This can be a little tricky at first so pin it well



Step 6: Carefully sew around the circumference of the *sandwich* with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance leaving a 2" gap for turning the cover right side out



Step 7: Carefully clip corners



Step 8: Turn folder right side out through gap – using a knitting needle or similar to gently ease out the corners. Press.



Step 9: Sew around the outer edge, making sure you sew close enough to close the gap left open for turning



Step 10: Fold the gift pocket so that the pen pocket folds in first and then the left pocket over the top. Press to form creases



Step 11: Using the creases as a guide, stitch the length of the gift pocket to ensure the creases remain...and voila! All finished!



Variations:

There are a variety of ways that you can adjust this pattern to cater for more pockets. The one below is larger and with an additional pocket for stamps. It is also a slightly easier design because it folds in half like a book. I have also added binding just as you would quilt binding (free tutorial on www.bubbachic.typepad.com) and ties to keep it closed.



To add ties to this gift pocket, simply cut 2 strips of fabric approx. 9" x 4" and sew each one down one side at across the end, right sides together. Use a knitting needle to gently ease the fabric right side out. Place the ties on each side of the pocket and sew it on as the binding is being attached



This Gift Pocket is made slightly larger and is filled with embroidery notions to make a travel sewing kit. Ties have been added to keep it closed securely. Pin these in place in step 5 matching raw edges so that the ties are in the middle of the *sandwich* facing inwards.

