PATCH POCKETS WITH MITRED CORNERS

Directions: Cut two (2) pieces of fabric 5 inches by 6 inches in size. Finish the edge of one (1) piece only—this will be your back piece. The other piece is for the pocket. Follow the steps outlined below to make your patch pocket with mitred corners.

1. Finish the top edge of the pocket. Fold the top edge to the right side of the fabric 1 inch from the top and press.

2. Stitch around three (3) sides of the pocket as shown; stitch ¼ inch from the edge of the fabric. Use a standard stitch length and backstitch at the beginning and end.

3. Clip the top corners as shown in the diagram.

4. Turn the fold to the wrong side of fabric, making sure the corners are square.

5. Press the seam allowances to the wrong side of the fabric at the 5/8-inch line. Press the top fold and corners, too. Be sure the corners are square.

6. Working from the wrong side of the pocket, pull out one lower corner and mark across the corner as shown.

Wrong side of fabric

Right side of fabric
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7. Fold the triangle to the wrong side, keeping the seam allowances open and out.

8. Fold the seam allowances (corners) to the center to form a diagonal line as shown. Press in place. Stitch along clean finished edge to form pocket facing.

9. Place the pocket onto the back piece, centering it carefully. Pin in place.

10. Topstitch the pocket to the back, stitching 1/8 inch from the edge. Reinforce top of pocket with a triangle or rectangle. Backstitch at the beginning and the end.

You are finished. You have learned two things: 1) how to make a patch pocket, and 2) how to mitre a corner. Attach your sample pocket to this sheet and turn it in for grading.