

You will need:

- Main cover fabric : 42 x 27cm (approx half a fat quarter)
- Contrasting cotton fabric for the lining as above
- Piece of medium iron-on interfacing (size as above)*
- Large pockets : 2 pieces 18 x 22cm
- Fabric for small pocket : 14 x 16cm
- Fabric for pin cushion : 8 x 11cm (two pieces)
- Handful of toy stuffing for pincushion.
- Large colourful button min 20mm
- Sewing thread

From your workbox: Scissors, needles, pins. Ruler or tape measure

* Or alternatively a piece of wadding if you are quilting the cover.

Note that pockets and pin cushion can be made in any colourway you choose. If you wish to follow my own version you will need :

*1 x cotton fat quarter for main—patterned
1 x fat quarter for lining - plain
Pockets in contrasting patterned fabric
Small pocket—contrasting plain colour*

FABRIC PROJECT HOLDER

pcbangles sewing pattern

★ Suitable for beginners



An easy project to stitch and perfect for keeping any of your craft projects safe, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, felts
Approx 20 x 24cm


pcBangles

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If you love sewing, you'll love these :) Craft your own beautiful fabric holders for all your latest projects. Pretty and colourful, they won't look out of place around the home. Co-ordinate them with your décor or the projects inside :))

The pattern measurements make a holder approx 24 x 20cm but I think you will find them very easy to re-size up or down to suit your needs. You can also add or change the pockets to carry your favourite tools and accessories.

Fastening at the side with a large button and fabric loop.

Best sewn by machine. Here goes :))

Fabrics: I chose the size to make use of cotton fat quarters that are readily available in a whole rainbow of colours and patterns. From one quarter, you should get two main covers with a small strip for a button loop for each. Mix and match plain and patterned fabrics. Use a pattern with sewing theme or to compliment your project inside (wool, knitting etc)

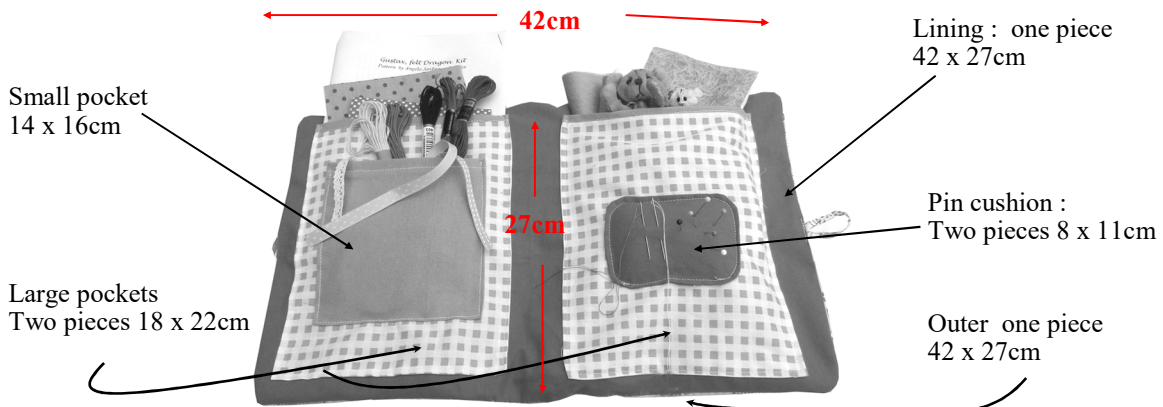
I recommend adding a stiffening/interfacing to the front cover, but this could also have a pad of wadding inserted if you wish to quilt the front.

Even if you haven't done a great deal of sewing before (if any :)) you should find this pattern easy to follow. However, do get in touch if you come across any problems x

CUTTING OUT:

There is no pattern as such with this project, we are going to measure and cut the fabric. You'll need a light colouring pencil and ruler or tape measure.

- 1 Start with the outer. This is roughly half of a fat quarter. Longest sides (42cm) will be top and bottom when the holder is opened. On the picture below I've named the pieces which should help. Cut a piece in your outer fabric 42 x 27cm. If your fabric has a definite pattern, make sure it will sit the right way up when made (see the pattern cover).
- 2 Cut a piece of interfacing (same size) and iron this onto the back of the outer fabric.

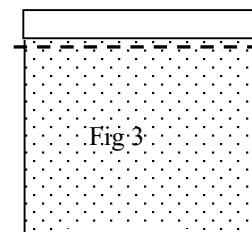
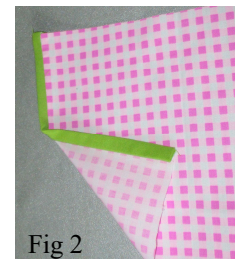
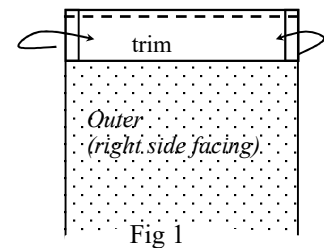


- 3 Cut a piece 42 x 27cm from your lining fabric I've used a plain cotton).
- 4 Cut the two larger pockets out from your chosen fabric (each should be 18 x 22cm)
- 5 Cut the smaller pocket from your chosen fabric 14 x 16cm
- 6 Next cut out two pin cushions piece 8 x 11cm.
- 7 We also need two binding strips/trims to attach to the top of the larger pockets. Cut two strips from either main fabric or as I did from the smaller pocket fabric. Each strip should be 19cm x 3cm
- 8 For the button loop we need a narrower strip (this can be cut from outer fabric or the lining) 12cm x 2cm

Are you still with me ? Well done :) We have all the pieces - now let's get stitching :)

Any dotted lines you see on my pictures or diagrams are stitching lines.

- 9 Start by stitching the binding/trim to the top of each pocket. The binding is a little longer to allow us to turn the ends. Pin this right sides together to the top of the pocket, turn back approx 5mm of the trim at each end so that it fits the pocket. Stitch the top edges together using a small 5mm seam and making sure you catch the turned ends to help hold them (see fig 1)
- 10 Fold the raw edge of the binding/trim over about 5mm and press. *This should be turned towards the wrong side of the pocket.*
- 11 Fold the trim over again on itself (against the wrong side of the pocket again) About 5mm should be showing on the front of the pocket (fig 2) Press this to hold
- 12 Turn the pocket over to the front and stitch a line, either just under the trim or pin stitch along the edge of the trim to hold (see fig 3). Put both large pockets to one side for now.
- 13 Take the small pocket piece (14 x 16cm) and turn the top over to the wrong side twice (take about 1cm each turn). Press and stitch to hold
- 14 Turn the three unstitched raw sides of this smaller pocket over to the wrong side and press. Center and pin this to the front of one of the larger pockets. Stitch around the three sides, leaving the top open. (see fig 4)
- 15 Pin the two pin cushion pieces (right sides together). Stitch them together with a small 5mm seam. Leave a gap along the bottom for turning and stuffing (see fig 5). You can round the corners if you prefer.
- 16 Turn the pin cushion through to the right side and pin this to the center of the second large pocket. Keep the cushion opening at the bottom edge. Stitch around the cushion, keeping to a small 2 or 3mm seam. Don't stitch over the opening yet. :) (fig 6)



Pin cushion



- 17 Stuff the pincushion. *Make sure you stuff into the cushion itself and don't miss the opening and stuff against the pocket :)*
- 18 When you are happy continue the line of stitching across the cushion opening. Make sure the raw edges are turned neatly inside.

Good work. Time for a cuppa and snack.

- 19 Now we can stitch both larger pockets to the lining. Turn the three raw edges on each pocket over against the wrong side and press. Pin a pocket to each side of the lining. We need at least 2cm margin around the pockets. (see fig 7)
- 20 Stitch them into place with a pin stitch around sides and bottom. Leave the top edge open, of course :)
- 21 Take the thin strip for the button loop on the wrong side of the fabric turn both longer sides into the center and press. (fig 8)
- 22 Stitch down the button loop's length. *You may find this easier handsew with an overcast stitch.*
- 23 Tack the against the front of the outer, on the left hand side (half way down) In fig 9 you'll see that the loop actually lays opposite to the way we eventually want it to—that's correct for now :) Each end of the loop can overlap.
- 24 Place the lining (pockets face down) against the right side of the outer. *Do make sure both pockets and the outer are the right way up*
- 25 Stitch the two together using a narrow 5mm seam. Keep an opening center bottom for turning. (see fig 10). *You can round the corners here if you prefer.*
- 26 Turn through and push out each corner carefully.
- 27 Oversew the opening to close.
- 28 Stitch a button onto the front of the holder. Try using a colourful embroidery thread for a decorative look.)

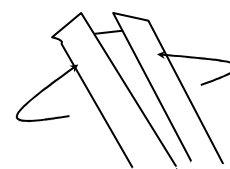
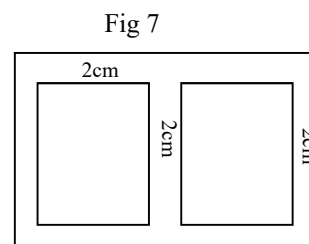


Fig 8

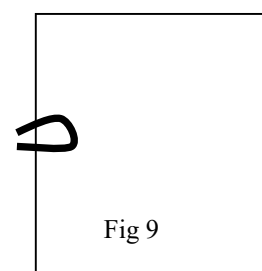


Fig 9

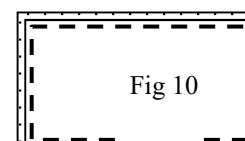


Fig 10

A very well done :) You should now have a handy, colourful folder for your next sewing project !

TIPS :

You can easily re-size the outer and lining to suit your own preference or craft.

- * Make the outer, lining and pockets longer to hold knitting needles.
- * Add more smaller pockets for embroidery threads.
- * Larger pockets can hold patterns, graph/design sheets, fat quarters etc
- * If you pad the pockets you can even store your kindle or notebook in one.
- * Needle felters, why not felt an outer cover
- * I'm using one for my collection of water colour tubes and brushes with small pad of paper to daub on - very handy :)



If you have enjoyed making your holder, do visit my website and see if I can tempt you with another pattern, or kit .

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Important:

You can sell any of your holders made with this pattern if you wish, please just identify the original designer on your item as follows , thank you :

Based on an original design by Angela Jardine of pcBangles
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Mass production of products from this pattern is not permitted and please note the pattern itself is not for re-sale.