Perfect pockets

These pockets are perfect for storing all sorts of bits and pieces. You can hang these individually or button them together for a string of pockets.

What do you need?

- Scraps / strips of fabric for front of pocket

- Piece of fabric for lining pocket front – 6½" x 6½"

- Two pieces of fabric for back of hanging pocket – each – 6½" x 11½"

- Wadding piece – 7" x 12"

- 6" of thin ribbon

- Button

- Templates and pencil

What to do:

1. Sew strips or scraps together to form the front of the pocket. Iron after each piece is added until your piece is at least 6½" square – use the pocket front template to check it is big enough. Trim to a square 6½" x 6½".

2. Place pocket front right sides together with pocket lining. Stitch a ¼" seam at the top. Turn right side out, press and then top stitch along top of pocket.

3. Lay the pocket front on top of one of the larger 'hanging pocket back' pieces. Match bottom and sides. Ensure the pocket is the right way up. Place these on top of the wadding piece.

4. Place 'hanging pocket back' template on wrong side of the other larger pieces – ensure there is equal space all around it. Draw around the template with a pencil. Then lay this on the top of the layers from step 3 – wrong side up so you can see the drawn line. Pin all the layers in place.

5. Fold the ribbon piece in half and pin between the layers at the top – where the point is on the drawn line.

6. Stitch the layers together on the drawn line – leaving an opening at the bottom. Trim to ¼" and clip corners.

7. Turn the pocket the right way around. Press edge. Sew up the gap at the bottom and add a button.