

BED TIDY

Requirements:-

(Works best with lightweight furnishing fabrics for strength)

Two rectangles fabric 94cm x 58cm

One rectangle fabric 58cm x 31cm

Machine thread

To make:-

(all seams approx. 1cm throughout, but use a longer stitch length (4) due to thickness of fabric)

- 1 Pin the two larger rectangles right sides together and machine all round, leaving approximately an **18cm gap** on one side for turning to right side.
- 2 Trim corners and turn out. Press flat and topstitch all round taking care to properly sew down the gap with the top stitching.
- 3 **Press a 1cm** turning down along one of the **58cm edges** of the smaller rectangle. Then press over another cm. Machine this turning down to form the top edge of the pocket.
- 4 **Press in a 1cm** turning to the wrong side round the **other 3 sides** of this pocket piece.
- 5 Place the bottom edge of the pocket to the bottom edge of the top stitched large rectangle. Pin and **stitch carefully** the rectangles together, **around the 3 folded edges of the pocket**, being sure to strengthen the top sides of the pocket by reversing/double stitching at least the top 2cms of the side seams.
- 6 Decide how many other lines of stitching you need to do in order to make the smaller sized pockets from the one already formed. Be sure to make any pockets wide enough for your hand to glide in and out easily.
- 7 Mark the straight stitching lines with a pencil and ruler, before machining along them, again reverse stitching at the ends for strength.
- 8 Press the bed tidy really flat and then insert the long flat piece (without the pockets) under the mattress of your bed and let the pockets hang down from the bed. Now you can fill those pockets with the things that normally clutter the area around your bed!