

SUZI POCKET/BAG INSTRUCTIONS



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<https://www.cutcouturekit.com/how-to/sew-easy-instructions/suzi-pocket-bag/>

It is suggested that any embroidery, print or other surface pattern be applied PRIOR to assembling the bag but DYING be done together with a garment AFTER assembly. Please note that there is a 1.5cm seam allowance on the 2 long sides of each pocket and a 3cm hem allowance on the short end of each pocket (marked by a notch) so any decoration within these areas will not be seen. Please ZIG-ZAG, OVERLOCK, or WHIP-STITCH the edges of the 2 pocket pieces BEFORE embroidering to help to prevent fraying.

POCKETS (50 mins)

1. Zigzag/overlock around each pocket piece. Fold in half, pin and stitch a 1.5cm seam along each long side.
2. While inside out turn a 3cm hem (fold line marked by notches) and top stitch in place 2.5cm from the top of the pocket. Turn right sides out and press.
3. Cut 4 x 10cm pieces of tape from that supplied. Fold each into loops and pin each in between the front and back of the pocket at the top corners. Secure into place with a rectangular box of stitches from 2mm below the pocket opening down to the stitching line of the pocket top hem.
4. If care label is required, trim its edges to form a rectangle and zig-zag edges. Turn one pocket inside out and attach to seam allowance.

FOR ATTACHING TO GARMENT AS REMOVABLE POCKETS (10 mins)

1. Try on garment or put garment on mannequin and pin pockets where desired. Buttons should be sewn onto a double layer of fabric where possible to support the buttons. Alternatively sew a small square of interfacing behind each button to strengthen fabric.

FOR POCKET TO BAG CONVERSION (A) – SHOULDER STRAP ONLY (15 mins)

1. Press in 1cm at both short ends of the shoulder strap piece. Sew a 1cm seam at each end to hold the short, folded edge in. Trim off excess fabric diagonally at corners & grade this tiny seam
2. Turn right way out and press in 1cm along the entire 2 long edges.
3. Fold the fabric down its long centre line and press in place so the 2 turned in edges sit on top of each other. Pin in place.
4. Top stitch down 2mm from the edge around the entire shoulder strap, long and short edges.
5. Attach a button to both ends of the shoulder strap by dropping the 'dog teeth' and using a wide zig-zag stitch.

FOR PERMANENT BAG WITH TAB FASTENING (B) (30 mins)

1. Cut from one end of the strap an 11cm piece to be used as a tab
2. Carry out steps 1-5 above to form the strap with the remaining piece.
3. Lay the pockets on top of each other and pin in the centre the two pocket edges together, along the top. Slot 1 pocket over the arm of the sewing machine and sew the pockets together 10cm across the top in the inner centre.
4. If using the designer label this is a good place to attach the label. On the inside centre sewing across the top and bottom of the label.
5. Use the last 10cm of tape to form a button loop. Repeat steps 1-4 with the small linen piece you cut off the strap to make the tab, but as you top stitch one short edge place the two cut ends of the tape side by side into the gap to form a loop before stitching down.
6. Position the tab centrally at the top outside of one of the pockets, with its short, unlooped, edge 5cm below the pocket top.
7. Top stitch in place with a box shape, 2mm from its edges and 2mm from the top of the pocket.
8. Use the zig-zag stitch method to attach a button to the outside of the other pocket (now the front of the bag). Sew the button centrally and on the existing sewing line 3cm from the top of the pocket.
9. The tab will now lap over the top of the 'pockets' and fasten on the button at the front.
10. Button your pockets onto your strap, et Voila, you have your Pocket bag ready to enjoy.

Your bag will soften if you wash it before use and will become softer with every wash. If you are creating a bag to dye for, follow my 'Dye Happy' YouTube instructions at this stage and dye together with a garment to fully utilise the dye bath. <https://www.cutcouturekit.com/how-to/dye-happy/>