

A SEWING POCKET FOR SMALL
DOLLS

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*Pocket is shown with accessories not
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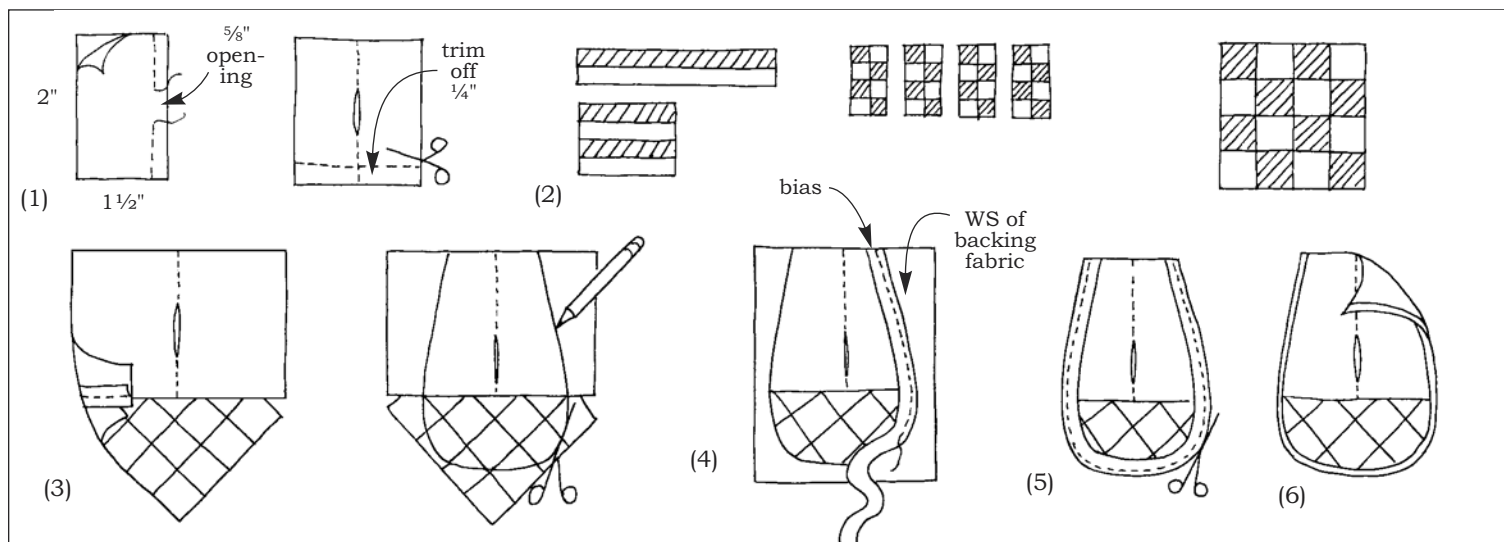
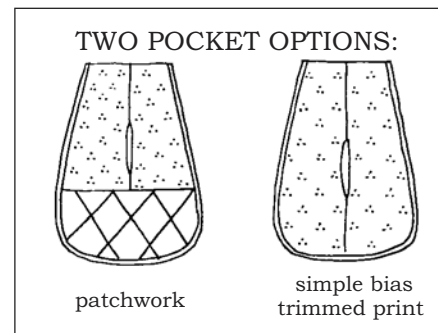
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THE POCKET:

Pockets found today are treasured far beyond the lowly place from which they came. Pockets were usually made to be hidden under the voluminous layers of skirts and were made for the purpose of holding small essentials of mostly sewing goods, but perhaps the widespread display of them on the outside in museums is either a result of wanting to show them off, or in reality, they were worn on the outside as well. The pocket pattern for this doll can be made simply using two coordinating or contrasting fabric prints or a patchwork version. Because we hold these formerly mundane items dear, it is recommended that the pocket be worn on the outside of the doll's clothing.

Suggested fabrics: To make the patchwork one like the one I have drawn will require 3-4 print scraps or for the simple alternative one just two prints.



- (1) Sew together two rectangles 1-1/2" wide x 2" long, with a 1/4" SA along the 2" edge, leaving open 1/2" in the center of the seam. Iron SA open. This will be the top part of the pocket front. Trim off 1/4" from bottom edge.
- (2) For the patchwork part of the pocket, strip together two prints 1" wide by 8" long with a 1/4" SA. Trim SA to 1/8". Cut in half and flip one strip so colors will alternate and sew these together with 1/4" SA trimmed to 1/8". Iron flat. Make sure that the strips that have seams on both sides have a width of 3/8" wide. Cut this block into 4 strips 1" strips and sew them together in the same way and alternating to create a large square of 16 patches.
- (3) Place the bottom edge of the top part of the pocket front on the 16 patch square which is turned on point at a place where when it is seamed with the 16 patch piece, it allows for the pocket outline to be cut out.
- (4) Rough cut a piece of the backing fabric (use the same as the pocket top front) larger than the outline of the pocket. Lay the pieced pocket front RS up on the WS of this fabric.
- (5) Cut a piece of contrasting bias 3/4" wide by 6" long. Lay the bias RS down on the RS of the pocket and sew around the edge lining up bias edge to cut edge of pocket top and sewing a 1/8" SA. Do not pull on the bias at all as you round the curves or the pocket will curl later.
- (6) Iron bias around to the back of the pocket and tuck in the raw edge. Trim off excess bias at top. Blind stitch the folded edge of the bias in place.
- (7) Fold over the top edge 3/16" forming a small casing by tacking down the raw edge with an overcast stitch. Thread a silk ribbon through the casing and wear around the doll's waist, or if she has an apron, thread the casing onto a ribbon or apron ties.

POCKET VARIATIONS:

Eliminate the patchwork piecing and instead use the pattern piece marked Pocket Rectangle - use for plain version. Otherwise, follow the same instructions. Consider using a linen and embroidering a design on the pocket.

