



Tutorial Assemble Welt Pocket

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The method used in this pdf to assemble a welt pocket may require a little more work compared to other techniques that are much faster, but the result is worth it. If you peek inside of the pocket, you can see how nice and neat it looks, since the edges and the seam are not visible which gives it a clean and professional look.







What pieces will you need?

- Lining main panel (Where you are going to place the pocket)
- Welt pocket facing. (Will allow to reinforce the fabric where the pocket will be inserted).
- Welt pocket piece. (With which the pocket will be shaped).
- Welt pocket strip. (With which the decorative edging will be created).

These pieces will be provided in the respective bag pattern and vary in each pattern according to the dimensions and characteristics of each design.

Materials:

- Double sided tape 6 mm (1/4") or temporary adhesive spray.
- Scissors (Preferably pointed)
- Seam ripper or rotary cutter
- Pins and hooks
- Iron
- Coordinating thread



Instructions:

1. Flip the welt pocket facing wrong side up.
Transfer the stitching line for your welt
pocket opening found on the corresponding
pattern piece.



2. Take the lining main panel in which you are going to install the pocket, right side up. Add the welt pocket facing, wrong side up. Place at the distance suggested by each pattern. Hold with pins or adhesive spray. Take a moment to make sure it is lined up the way you like.

Stitch around the marked stitching line (red lines). To make sure your stitched rectangle comes out perfect, you can keep the following points in mind:

- It is suggested to use small straight stitches in length.
- Start sewing in the middle of the mark and not on one of the corners.
- Slow down as you approach the corner, using your hand wheel for the last few stitches to make sure the needle hits the corner exactly. Leave the needle down in the fabric before you turn.
- Sew very slowly or use your hand wheel to stitch down the short ends of the rectangle. This will allow you to count your stitches, so you can make sure the other end is the same.





3. Using sharp scissors, cut the center line and the triangle points. (Red lines). To make this easier you can make a small opening with the seam ripper and from there insert the scissors to finish the cut. You can also use a rotary cutter, instead. At the "V" shape lines that extend to the corners, make sure you snip all the way into the corner, however, be careful you don't cut through the stitching. This is why you will need small, sharp scissors for this to work, because your scissors don't reach far enough, it will be very difficult to get a nice opening.





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4. Pull the welt pocket facing through the opening and press it to the wrong side. If your corners wrinkle up just turn your welt pocket facing back to the wrong side and check if you can clip a little further into the corners. Take some time to gently press that seam with your fingers, making sure it's as flat as possible, and that the fabric is rolled completely away from the stitch.



5. Apply your hot iron.

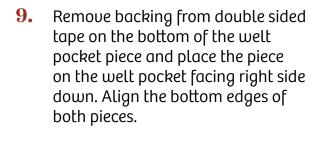


6. Take the welt pocket strip and apply glue or temporary adhesive spray on the wrong side. Fold in half to match the two long edges, wrong sides together.





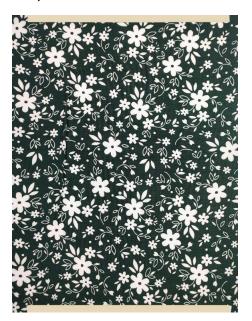
7. Place the welt pocket strip at the back of the welt pocket facing. The raw edges of the strip should point towards the bottom. Center this piece well and make it cover almost the entire opening. (Leave an open space of approximately 3 mm, 1/8" at the top).







8. Add double sided tape to the top and bottom edge of the welt pocket piece, right side up.





10. Flip. Topstitch at 3 mm (1/8") seam allowance away from bottom edge of the opening. Do not backstitch; instead, leave the thread tails from both ends long, pull these top threads to the back, and tie them off.



11. Pull down the welt pocket piece and finger press at the fold.



12. Remove backing from double sided tape on the top of the welt pocket piece, fold the piece up and align with the upper edge of the welt pocket facing.





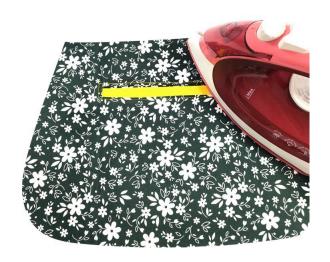
13. Flip. Topstitch at 3 mm (1/8") seam allowance around the other three sides. Start at the last stitch and sew up the side, around, and end at the first stitch. Do not backstitch; instead leave the thread tails from both ends long, pull these top threads to the back, and tie them off.



14. Sew on both sides to close the pocket. (6 mm, 1/4" seam allowance). Don't catch in the lining main panel underneath. You will only be sewing around the welt pocket piece.



15. Flip. Press again to remove any wrinkles.



Finally, you're done! And there you have a lovely welt pocket to put your phone, keys, and other essentials.



Congratulations, your Welt Pocket is complete!

