

Pick Pocket Organizer

This is a perfect organizer to keep small items from getting misplaced. Hang the organizer from the wall or door in an entry, laundry room, kitchen, office, or sewing/craft/work room. Select unused garments in your favorite colors or to suit a room's color palette. Easily create pockets and binding from the cotton garments ready to be recycled.

Approximate Finished Size: 18½" x 41½"

Supplies Needed:

- ⅝ yd. heavy twill fabric (59" wide) for base
- Optional: ⅝ yd. cotton fabric (45" wide) for backing
- Assorted recycled clothing and jeans
- 1" x 24" wood dowel or 1¼" x 24" wooden ruler

Helpful Notions:

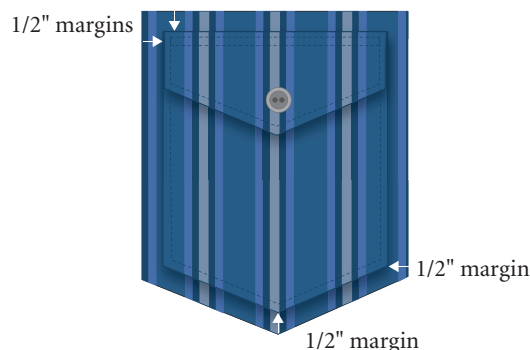
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Double-sided wash-away tape, such as Wash A Way Wonder Tape
- Wonder Clips
- Coordinating all-purpose thread
- Optional: Spray Starch, such as Best Press® Spray Starch Alternative

Instructions:

Read all instructions before beginning project. All seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise stated.

1. Select and prepare pockets:

- Wash and dry recycled clothing before working with them.
- Choose a variety of pockets from recycled clothes and/or jeans.
- Cut clothing apart following seams so fabric lays flat:
 - Press pocket areas flat. Optional: use spray starch to help press out stubborn or difficult wrinkles.
 - Cut ½" away from pocket edges, creating a patch.



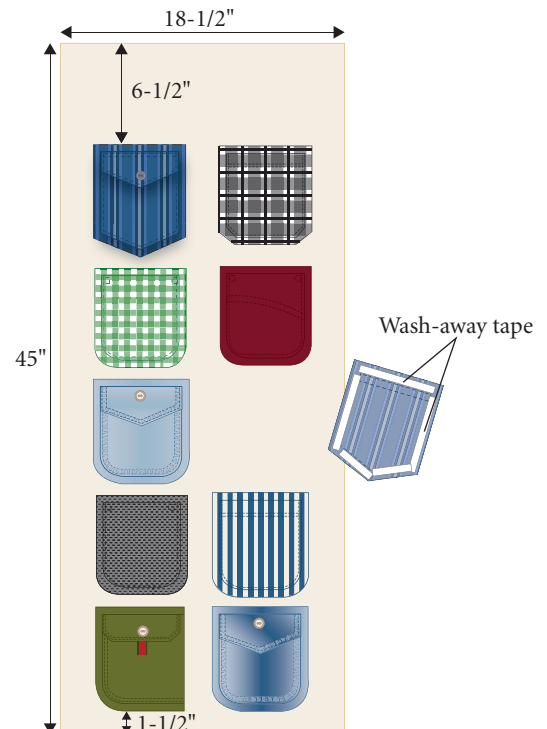
- Number of pockets needed will vary, depending on the sizes of pockets you've selected.

2. Prepare and cut base fabric:

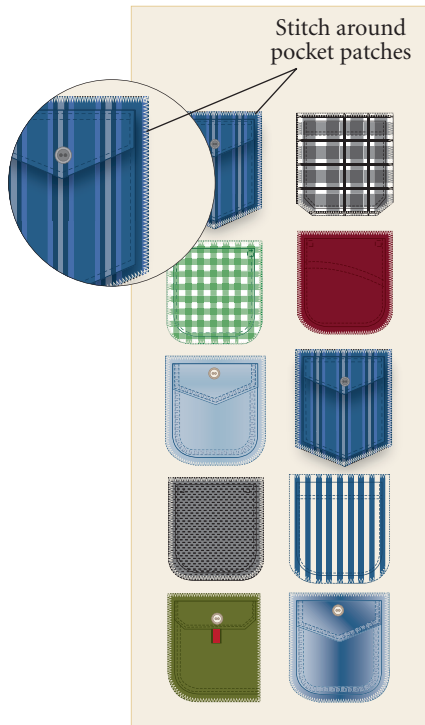
- Prewash, dry, and press base fabric.
- Cut one 18½" x 45" rectangle for organizer base.
- Optional: Cut one 18½" x 44" rectangle for organizer backing.

3. Create organizer front:

- Arrange pockets:
 - Place organizer base right side up on a flat work surface.
 - Position first row of pockets 1½" above lower edge.
 - Layout remaining pockets in a visually pleasing arrangement.
 - Allow 6½" for casing along the upper edge of organizer.
- Design Option: Place larger, darker pockets along lower edge of organizer and graduate the sizes and color to smaller, lighter pockets towards upper edge.*
- Apply double-sided wash-away tape to wrong side of each pocket, then reapply to the base.



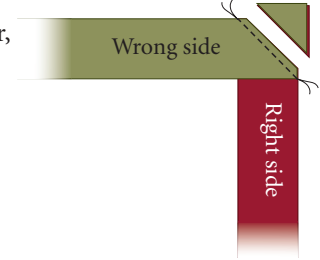
- Stitch pockets to organizer front:
 - Set sewing machine for a zigzag stitch with coordinating all-purpose thread. We used a 6.0 mm stitch width and a 0.9 mm stitch length.
 - Stitch around pocket patch on all sides.
 - Repeat, stitching remaining pockets in the same manner.



- Create binding:
 - Use remaining recycled fabric from shirts or pants. We choose **not** to include jeans/denim in the binding to make the binding process easier.
 - Cut a variety of 2½" wide strips to equal approximately 110"–115".

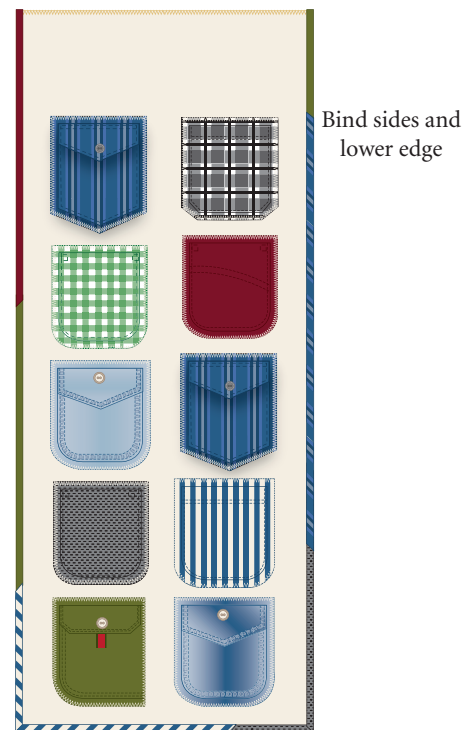
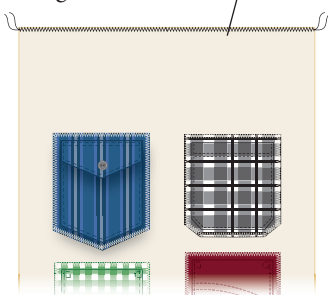
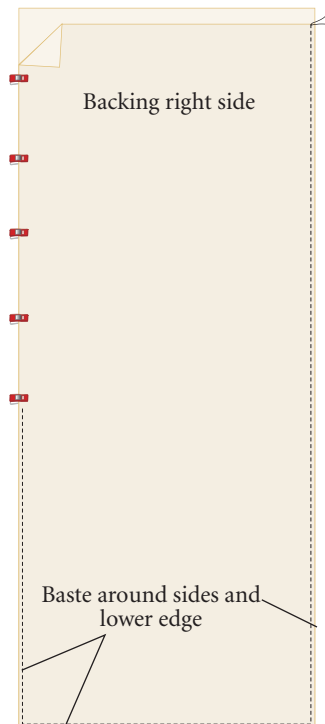
Note: Strip lengths will vary due to length of the garment fabric being cut. If strip lengths are short, more strips may be needed.

- Join the short ends of strips; right sides together, using a diagonal seam to minimize bulk. Trim seams to ¼"; press open. Repeat for the remaining binding strips.
- Complete binding and bind long sides and short lower edge of organizer using your favorite method.



4. Complete organizer:

- Optional: Add organizer backing:
 - Place backing rectangle to organizer front, wrong sides together, aligning long sides and lower edge.
 - Pin or Wonder Clip layers together.
 - Baste a **scant ¼"** from cut edges along pinned layers, removing pins as you stitch. Upper edge of the backing will be covered by the casing.
- Zigzag or overlock stitch the upper cut edge of the organizer front.



- Create casing:
 - Press under ¾", then press a 2½" hem to form the casing.
 - Edgestitch along the pressed under hem, then stitch a second row of stitching ¼" away, securing all layers.

