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Creative Traditions

Make and Share a Patchwork Stocking

Equipment Needed

- Leftover fabrics
- Remnant fabric for stocking lining, 45cm x 120cm
- Thin cotton wadding, 45cm x 120cm
- Safety Pins
- Thread
- Sewing machine or a needle
- A4 paper or leftover wrapping paper
- Ruler
- Iron
- Scissors
- Pins

To Begin

Assemble your stocking pattern following the instructions provided.

Begin by taking your paper and ruler and draw out the following:

1 x Square 11cm x 11cm - Labelled A

1 x Rectangle 11cm x 19cm - Labelled B

1 x Rectangle 11cm x 27cm - Labelled C

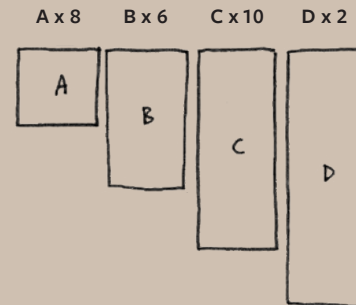
1 Rectangle 11cm X 35cm - Labelled D

These will be your patch pattern pieces.

By varying the sizes of the patches, you are able to use fabric remnants both big and small.

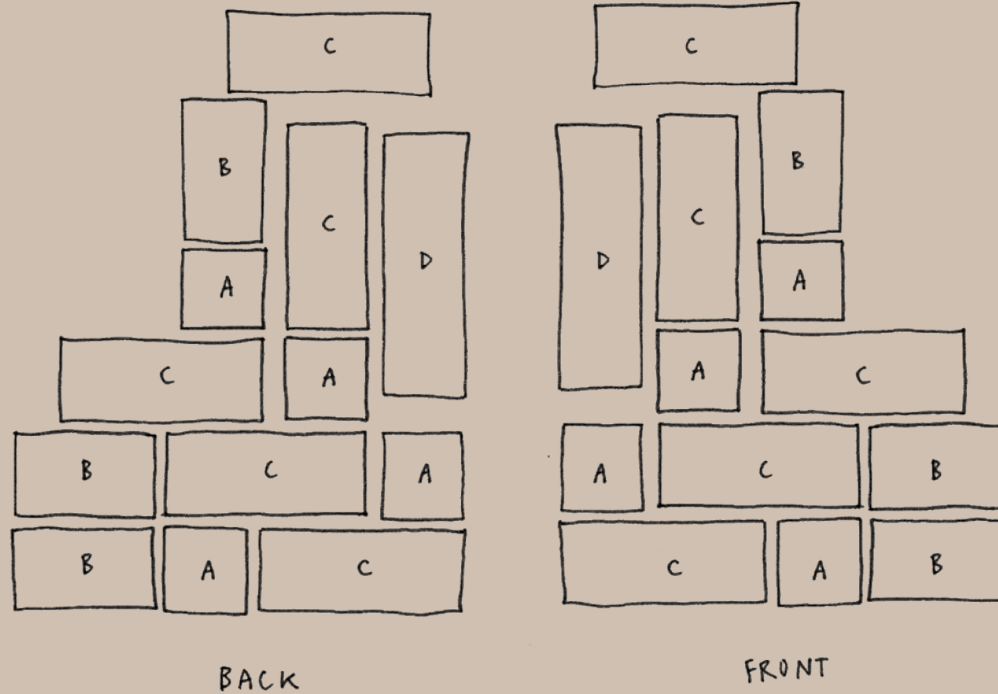
Select your fabric remnants and iron. You may want to consider the colour tones and textures at this point.

Using your patch pattern pieces as a template, cut out the following. This will be enough patches for the front and back of your stocking.



Designing your Stocking

Lay out your fabric patch pieces in the following pattern to design your placement of prints, colours and textures that are to your liking.



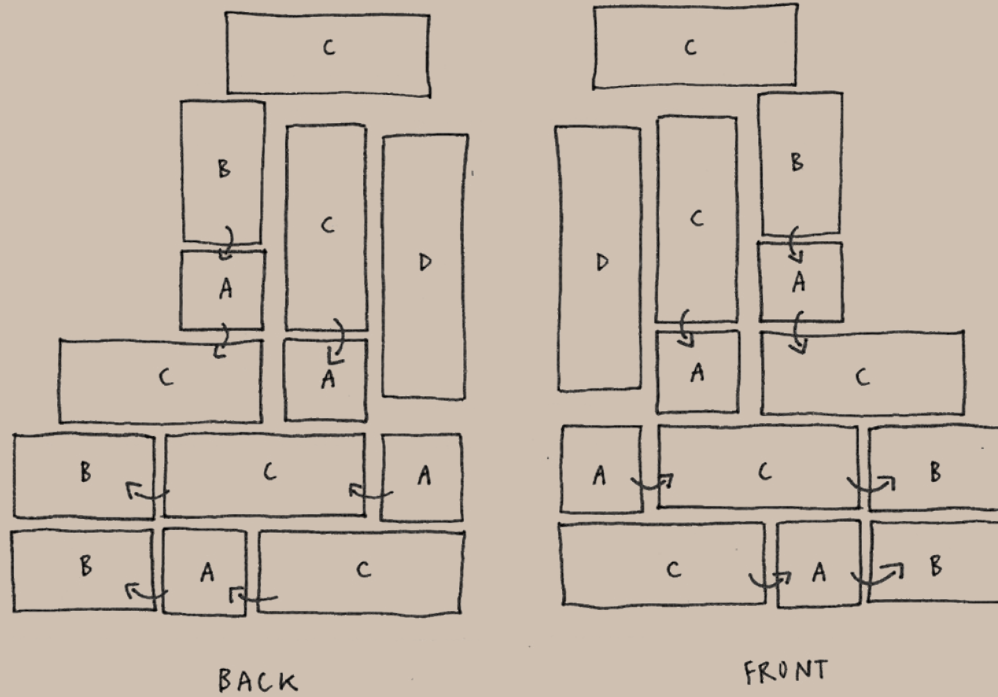
To use up smaller fabric scraps, you could stitch them together to make them big enough to use for one of the patch panels.

If you would like to add any embroidery it will be easiest to add at this point before attaching the panels.

Sewing your Stocking

Begin sewing your panels together by following the arrows on the diagram below.

Use a 1.5cm seam allowance for all seams.

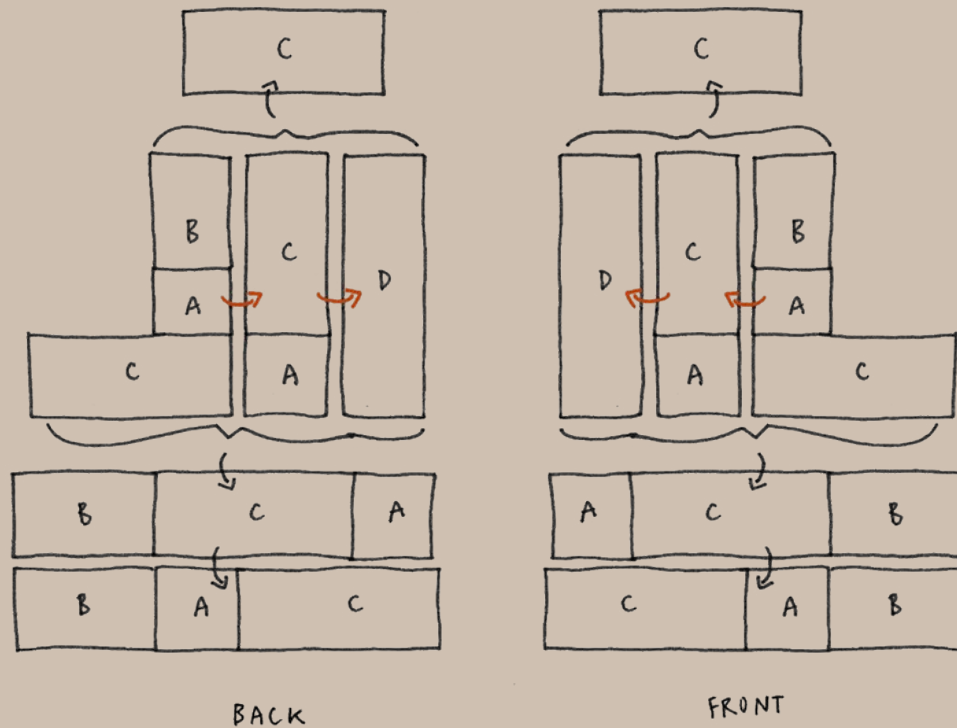


Each time you sew a panel, press open the seam just sewn and then return it to your pieced together stocking to ensure you maintain your desired layout design.

Sewing your Stocking

Continue sewing your panels together, beginning with the orange arrows.

Press each seam open with an iron before continuing. Then sew the remaining seams following the black arrows.



Your front and back stocking panels are now complete.

Lay your main stocking pattern over your front and back stocking panels and pin the edges.

Trim away any excess.

Preparing your Stocking Lining

Iron your lining fabric and pin it onto your main stocking pattern, then cut around the edge.

Preparing your Wadding

Lay your patchworked panels over the wadding right side up and pin together, beginning in the centre of the panel and working to the outer edge.

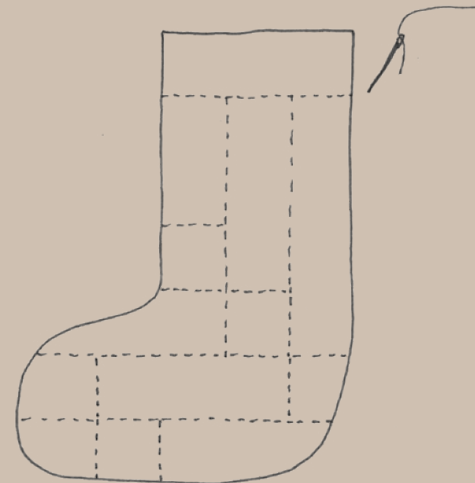
Cut following the edge of the patchwork to trim down your wadding.



Quilting

Keeping the quilted panels pinned to the wadding, follow along the seams of the patchwork, sewing each seam to attach your wadding to your patchwork panel.

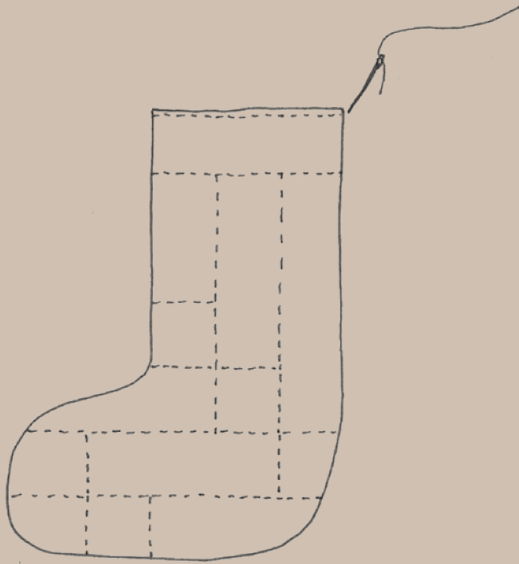
This will create the quilted effect. This can be done by hand or by machine.



Attaching the Outer to the Lining

Pin the front of the stocking to the front of the lining along the top edge of the stocking with a 1.5cm seam allowance, right side to right side, and repeat with the back of the stocking.

Stitch across the top edge.

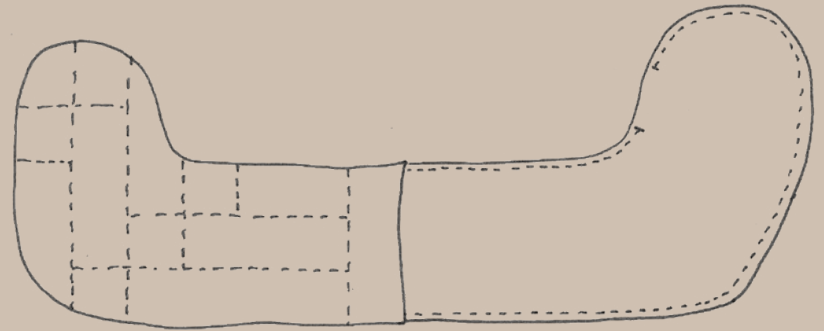


Sewing your Stocking Together

Pin the front of the outer stocking to the back of the outer stocking, right sides together, matching as many seams as you can.

Continue to pin around the stocking lining.

Begin sewing just past the bend in the stocking lining with a 1.5cm seam allowance, then stop sewing 10cm before where you started.

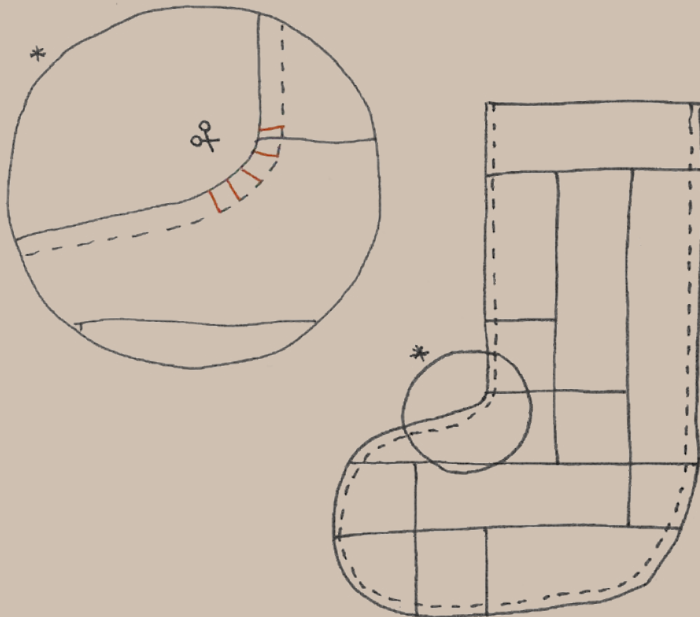


Snipping the Curve

A quick and easy step, but it is crucial to snip the seam allowance in the bend of the stocking or your stocking will not lay nicely.

Make small cuts along the curve, stopping 3mm before the stitch line as indicated by the orange dashes below.

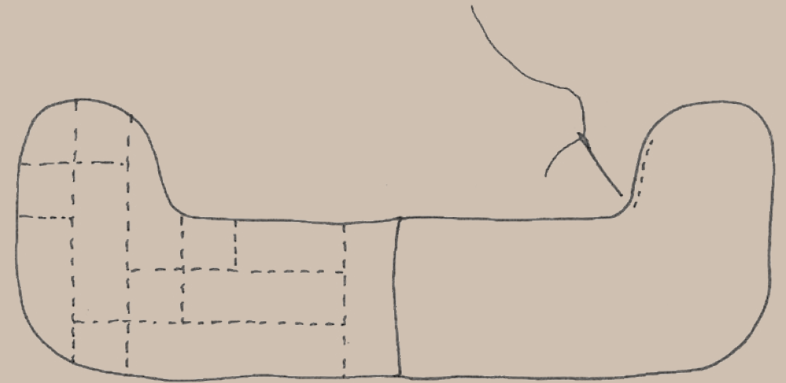
Make these same snips on your lining as well.



Close Up the Lining

Begin by pulling the lining out of the stocking and find the break in the stitching near the bend of the stocking.

Start pulling the stocking through the hole to turn the full stocking the right way round.



Then to close up the hole with the iron, press the seam allowance in and then topstitch a couple mm away from the edge of the fabric to close up the hole.

Then push the lining back inside the stocking.

Making the Loop

Cut a strip of fabric, selecting something of a medium weight measuring 26cm x 5cm.

Fold the fabric in half length-ways and stitch 1.5cm away from the fabric fold, making sure to back stitch at the beginning and the end.



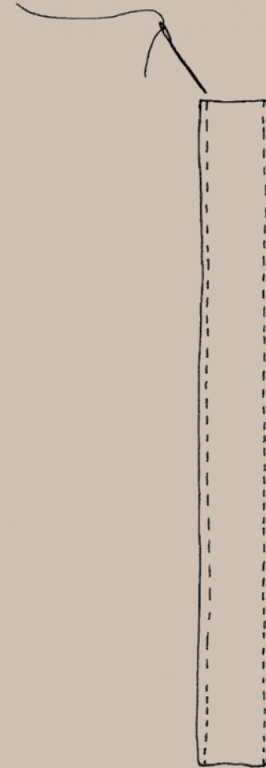
Attach the safety pin to one end and push the safety pin through the same end of the fabric tube all the way to the other.

This will turn your loop the right way round.



Press the loop flat, making sure the seam is laying flat down one side.

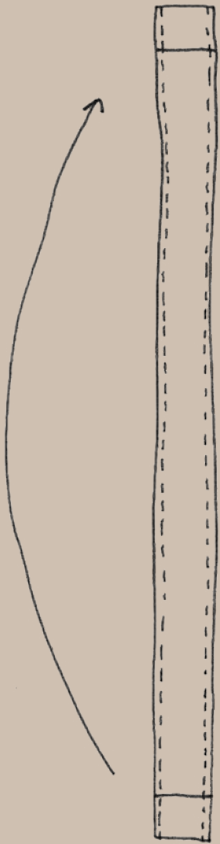
Then for a crisp finish, topstitch each edge of the loop.



Attaching the Loop

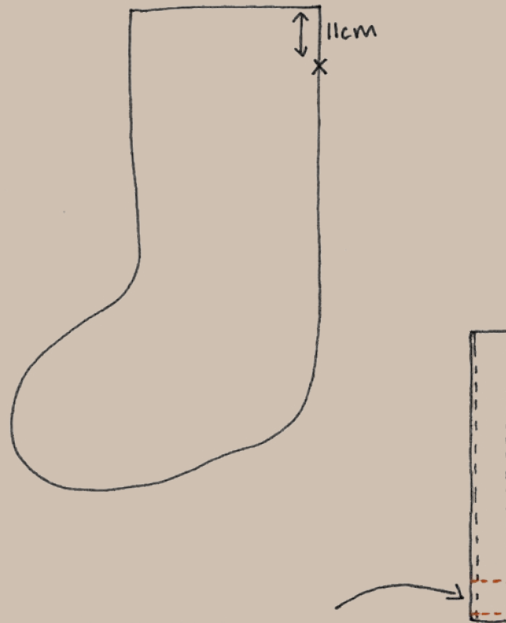
Fold 1cm of each edge of the loop and press.

Then fold in half with the raw edges on the inside of the loop.



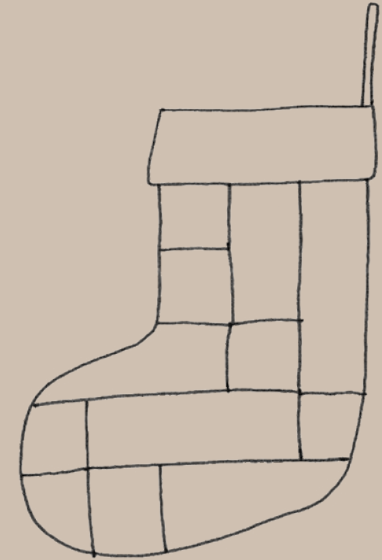
Turn the stocking inside out and measure 11cm down from the top edge pin the raw edged size to the 11cm mark X.

Centre the loop to the side seam and top stitch twice as the orange stitching above.



RAW EDGE TRAPPED IN HERE

Fold the top edge of your stocking using the quilting as a guide so that about 10cm is folded over.



Your stocking is now complete.

A landscape photograph featuring rolling hills, a lake, and a tree decorated with lights and ornaments. The word "TOAST" is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters.

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