



Adding Welt Pockets

Add welt pockets to your Twig + Tale Coat or Vest.

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See more of Heather's sewing [here](#) & her delightful photography [here](#).

Sewing Instructions

Did you know there is a **Twig + Tale Community Sewing Group on Facebook?**

It is a great place to ask questions if you need help along the way, and of course show off pics of your finished items. We look forward to seeing you there!

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What you will need:

- Twig + Tale coat or vest pattern.

The Animal Coat, Animal Vest, Pathfinder Vest and Pixie Pea coat would all work beautifully. You could also add them to the Traveller Cape or Animal Cape if desired.

- Welt pocket facing piece 5'x3" (13x8 cm) in the same fabric as your coat (One per pocket)
- Pocket lining pieces 6'x6" (15x15 cm) in the same fabric as the coat lining of your coat (Two per pocket)
- Fusible interfacing
- Water soluble fabric pen.

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Start by interfacing the back of your front pieces roughly where the pocket will go.

I don't have specific measurements for this. You just want to give the fabric more structure and support where your pocket will be.



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Marking the welt pocket

With a water soluble fabric pen, mark the right side of your front pieces where you would like the placement of your pockets to be.

For a children's coat this should be about 4 1/2" (11.5cm) long. I used the included pocket pattern piece as a guide to how high or low I wanted the completed pocket to be.

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The pocket marked.

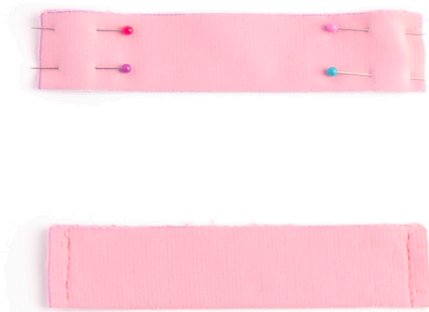
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Preparing the welt piece

Interface the wrong side of each welt piece about half way.

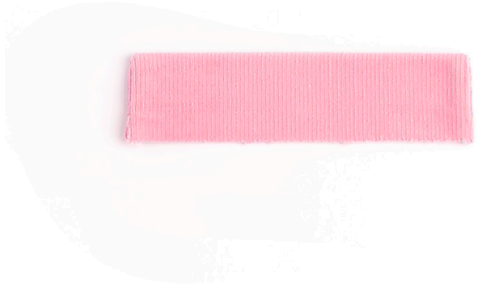
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Then fold the welt piece in half, right sides together, pin and stitch the short ends closed using a 3/8" (1cm) seam allowance.



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Turn your welt right side out and press.

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Creating the welt pocket

Place your welt down along your pocket placement line marked on the front piece.

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Then place the first pocket lining piece, right side down, on top of your welt piece and pin in place.

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Pin welt piece and first lining piece in place. Using a water soluble fabric pen, mark the pocket lining piece where the welt stops on each side as a guide to where you should start and stop your stitch.



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Using a 3/8" seam allowance, stitch the first lining piece and welt in place. Be sure not to stitch any further than the width of your welt.

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Place your second pocket lining piece, right side down, above the first lining piece and welt. Pin in place.

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Again using a water soluble fabric pen, mark the second lining piece where the welt stops on each side.

Stitch the second lining piece in place using a 3/8" (1 cm) seam allowance, making sure not to stitch past your welt.

This stitch will be parallel to the first stitch.

13



Turn your front piece over to wrong side and cut your pocket open, starting in the middle and working your way towards the ends stopping 1/2" before the stitch ends.

As a guide I like to mark my stitch lines with a water soluble fabric pen to know exactly where I should cut.



14



On a angle, cut to the corners making a Y shape until you have reached the last stitch.

Be sure not to cut any further than the last stitch. This will create a triangle on each end.

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Push the pocket lining pieces through from the right side of the front piece to the wrong side.

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Only the welt piece should remain on the right side of the front piece to cover the pocket opening when finished.

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Press welt piece and pocket linings in place.



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With the front piece facing right side up, fold the fabric to the right side over the welt piece to expose the end of the welt underneath. See the triangle?

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Finishing the welt pocket

Create the pocket pouch by stitching along the pocket lining edges, making sure to stitch on top of the triangles. This will reinforce the corners.



TIP: I also trim up the pocket pouch for a neater look.

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Finish your welt pocket by top stitching the welt piece into place and pressing.

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And there you have it - your fully lined classic welt pocket. Follow the rest of your pattern as directed and you will have a beautiful coat with fully functional tailored pockets for your little one to place their collected treasures in too!

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