



Patch pocket

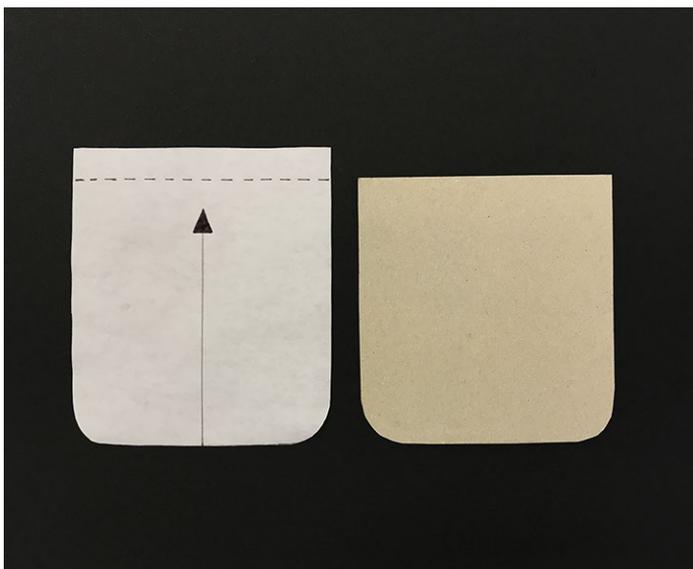
This tutorial is suitable for both woven and knit fabrics. You can also use this tutorial for making beautiful, rounded corners on knee patches or appliqué shapes.



Patch pocket in a side seam

Cut the pocket, patch or appliqué shape according to the instructions for the design in question, adding the required seam allowances to its edges.

PATCH POCKET



1. Make a cardboard template with the pattern piece for the pocket, patch or appliqué shape. The pocket hem allowance can be left out from the template.



2. Stitch the pocket hem if applicable.

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3. Sew a row of ease-stitching close to the outer edge of the seam allowance along the curved edge of the pocket, patch or appliqué shape.

4. Lay the pocket, patch or appliqué shape on an ironing board, with its right side against the board.



5. Place the template on the wrong side of the pocket, patch or appliqué shape. Pull up the bobbin thread of ease-stitching so that the seam allowance is turned over the edge of the template.

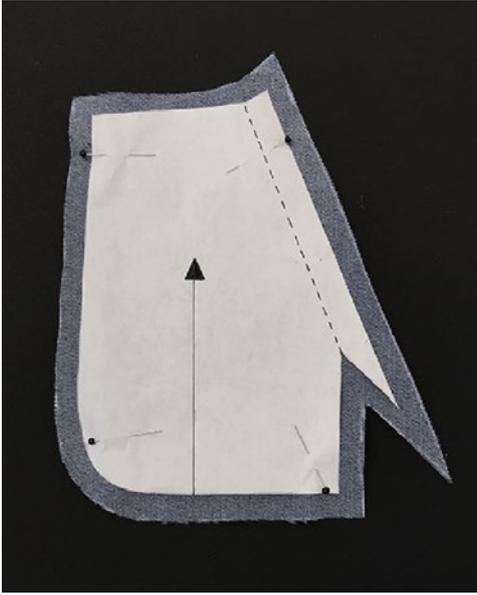
6. Press the pocket, patch or appliqué shape thoroughly from the right side.



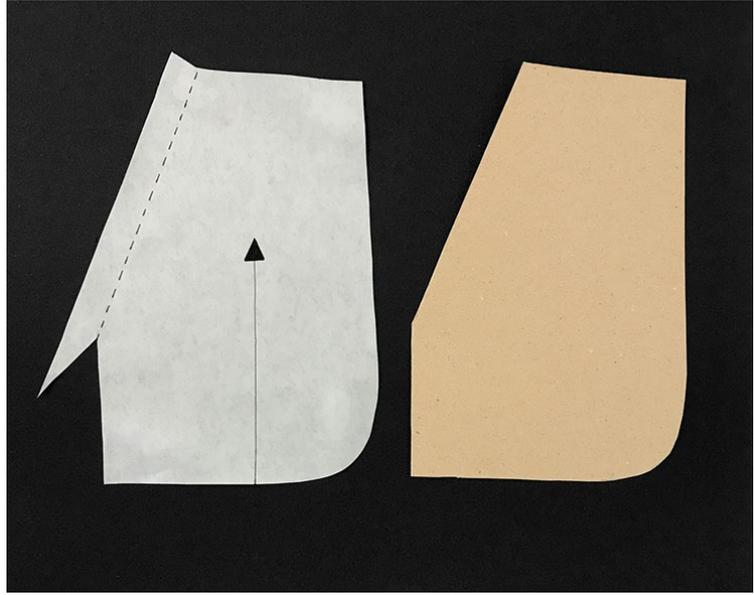
7. Remove the template. Pin the pocket, patch or appliqué shape to the garment carefully and stitch it in place as instructed, either close to the edge or using the presser-foot edge as a guide.



PATCH POCKET IN A SIDE SEAM



Cut the pocket according to the instructions for the design in question, adding the required seam allowances to its edges.



1. Make a cardboard template with the pattern piece for the pocket. The pocket hem allowance can be left out from the template.



2. Stitch the pocket hem if applicable.



3. Sew a row of ease-stitching close to the outer edge of the seam allowance along the curved edge of the pocket.



4. Lay the pocket on an ironing board, with its right side against the board.

5. Place the template on the wrong side of the pocket. Pull up the bobbin thread of ease-stitching so that the seam allowance is turned over the edge of the template.



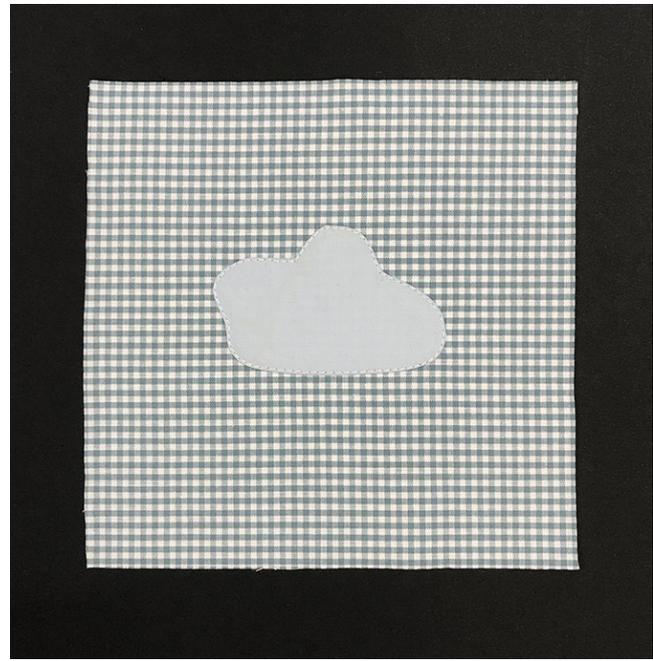
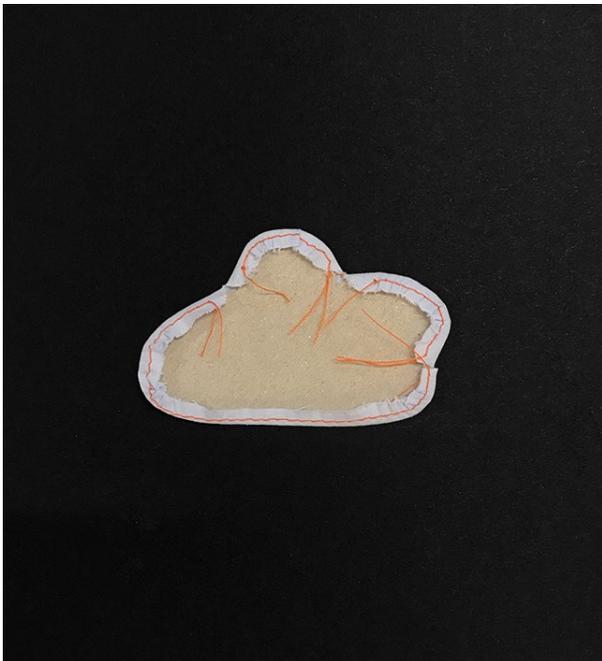
6. Press the pocket thoroughly from the right side.

7. Remove the template. Pin the pocket to the garment carefully and stitch it in place as instructed, either close to the edge or using the presser-foot edge as a guide.



APPLIQUÉ PIECES WITH ROUNDED EDGES

You can use the technique described above for making appliqués with rounded edges. Add 5 mm seam allowances to the edges of an applique piece. Clip through the seam allowances at the inward corners of the appliqué piece to enable you to turn the seam allowances neatly. If the appliqué piece has several curves along its edges, sew a separate row of ease-stitching along each curve, so that the seam allowances will lie flat on the wrong side of the appliqué. If your appliqué fabric is lightweight, you can iron interfacing to its wrong side before cutting the appliqué piece out in order to prevent the background fabric of the appliqué from showing through. When using stretchy fabrics, pin a piece of tear-away backing to the wrong side of the background fabric to stop the edges of the appliqué from stretching when stitching it in place.



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