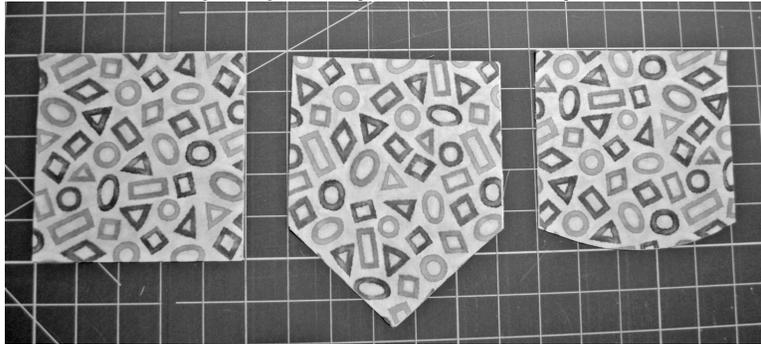


## *Pocket Tutorial...* one of the ways to make a pocket

I know this is not the way you were taught to do pockets but this method saves time and makes sturdy pockets. This is just a place to begin... there are sew many cute pockets that are smaller, larger and are cut into cute shapes. I like my pockets at least 5" x 5" or 6"x 6" for dresses size 7 through 14 (unless I use the cutout from the armhole). And I do sew 2 layers pockets.

I sometimes vary my shape (but keep the 5" width)



Fold over 1/4" at the top of two pocket pieces



Pockets can be accented with many different items. One of my favorites is a vintage hankie. Take 1/4 of a hankie... cutting it the same width as the pocket but about 1/2" above the top of the pocket. Fold over the hankie 1/2"



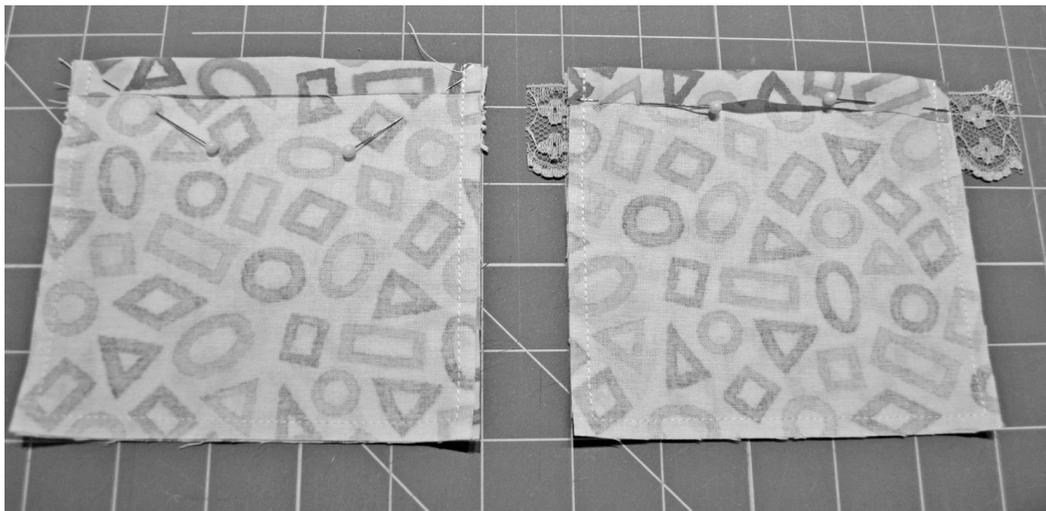
Place hankie over the fabric so you have a finished edge at the top



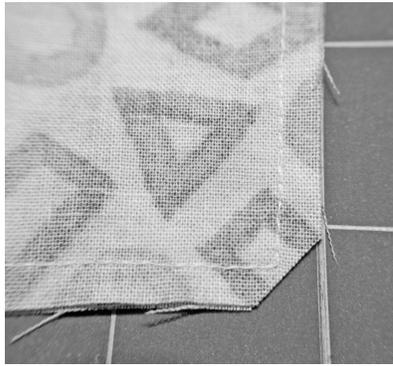
If you are using lace or rickrack as an accent cut it a little longer than the fabric and place on top



Place your second piece of fabric on top with right sides together and pin. Sew together the sides and bottom leaving the top open



Clip corners and cut extra lace or rickrack off



Turn the pocket right side out using a pointer to push corners and iron. If you have fabric showing at the top just push it into the opening



Stitch across the top making sure that you catch the folded over fabric inside and then add any accents



I often add my label to the pocket  
Buttons make an adorable accent! Just make sure you located them so that you can sew the pocket onto the dress  
When sewing the pocket onto the dress be sure and **backstitch** at the beginning and the end. Have fun and be creative!!  
Happy Sewing