

10 Ways to Add Pockets To All Your Clothes



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HEY THERE!

How often have you wished there were pockets on your favorite dress or on a shirt- in the side seams?

I have been there and back again searching for the pockets on a shirt, dress or skirt.

If only... But of course, I can add my own pockets.

My name is Mary Colmar and I have an upcycle clothing lifestyle brand, SaladBowlDress.

In this workbook I will help you with some of the frustration with the lack of pockets and conclude with some stencils for inspiration and guidance.

*I am here to **give you permission** to shop your closet, find the clothing and add the pockets yourself with surprisingly easy tactics.*

How much more you would wear this or that if only...

I know you are wondering how to have a sustainable wardrobe to slow down global warming?

By updating your clothes with easy repairs. Sewing quality into the clothes you picked out once, will spare some from ending up in the landfill.

It's easy and they don't have to be perfect!

I'll show you how.

***xO,
– Mary Colmar***





DO YOU ALWAYS WISH THERE WERE BETTER POCKETS IN YOUR JEANS?

FIRST, GIRL JEANS WITH TOO SHORT FRONT POCKETS, AGH!

THE ONE PLACE I WISH THERE WERE DECENT
POCKETS ARE IN MY JEANS SO MY PHONE AND
ANYTHING ELSE WON'T FALL OUT.

IS IT ONLY ME OR WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HANDS
TO FIT INSIDE A LITTLE BETTER TOO?



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THE FIRST STEP IS TO TURN THE
JEANS INSIDE OUT. CUT THE SHORT
POCKETS AT THE BOTTOM SEAM TO
MAKE AN OPENING.

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FIND ANY LIGHTWEIGHT FABRIC
FROM A BLOUSE, T-SHIRT (SEE
BELOW) OR THIN SOCK AND SEW THE
TOE TO THE OPENING.

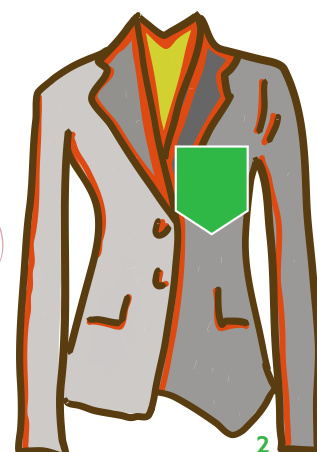
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WHATEVER FABRIC YOU USE, CUT
ABOUT A 9"LENGTH BY 7" WIDTH FOLD
IT IN HALF SEW THE SIDES AND THEN
SEW THE "NEW LENGTH" TO THE JEAN
POCKET OPENING WITH A SEAM AND
YOU'RE DONE -NORMAL FUNCTIONAL
POCKETS -ALAS!.

SECOND, ADD INSIDE POCKETS!!

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RIP OR CUT A POCKET OFF AN OLD
PAIR OF JEANS AND SEW IT TO THE
INSIDE BREAST OF YOUR FAVORITE
JACKET WITH A SLIP STITCH.

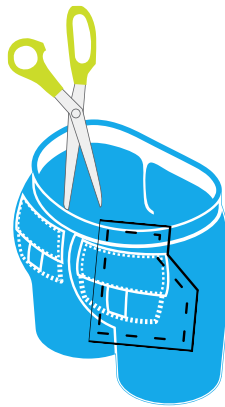
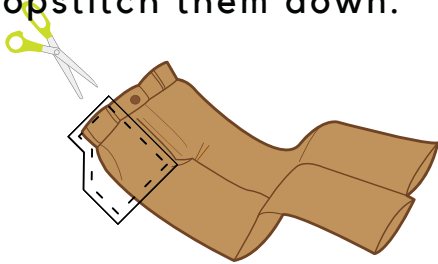


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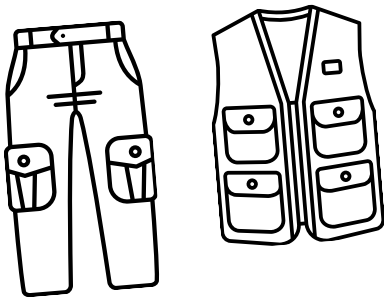
Shortcuts for making pockets!

REALIZE YOU CAN CUT UP OTHER CLOTHES:

- ★ Cut a pair of pants down from the waist in a shape to add to a skirt, or sweatshirt without pockets? Hand or machine topstitch them down.



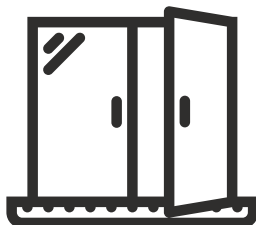
- ★ Use old jeans or an old shirt or even a t-shirt and use the natural hems to finish the top edge of your pocket.



Add pockets all over.



Examples of patch pockets



Go through your closet to find clothes you no longer wear to use for pockets or to add pockets to.



Add a flap across a breast pocket for style interest and to hold the contents inside.

SOME TIPS FOR ADDING POCKETS TO ALMOST ANYTHING IS TO ALWAYS LEAVE PLENTY OF SEAM ALLOWANCE, **ABOUT AN INCH**. THESE THINGS TEND TO SHRINK AND THAT WAY YOUR POCKETS WILL ALWAYS BE BIG ENOUGH



THE MOST FUN OF ALL IS MAKING PATCH POCKETS!

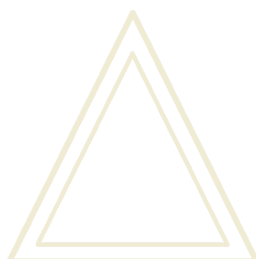
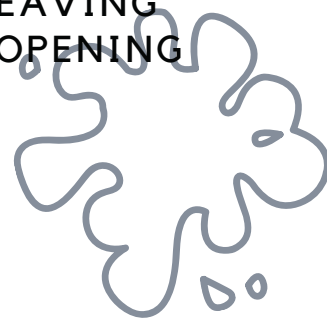
☐ RECTANGLE POCKET

- ADD A PATCH POCKET BY CUTTING A RECTANGLE SEVEN OR EIGHT INCHES WIDE AND NINE INCHES LONG, GIVE THE TOP A BIG FOLD DOWN
- STITCH ANYWHERE ON A DRESS, TOP, OR SKIRT.

☐ AMORPHOUS POCKET-MAKE ANY SHAPE

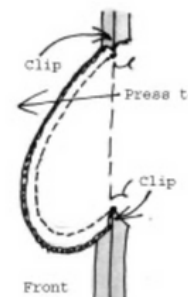
- LAY A POCKET FABRIC DOWN WHERE YOU WANT A POCKET AND STITCH A SHAPE ON TOP LEAVING AN OPEN SPACE FOR A FOLD DOWN OR OPENING FOR YOUR HAND
- CUT 1/2" AWAY FROM THE STITCH LINE

☐ CIRCLES, FUNNELS, TRIANGLES, ANY SHAPE YOU WANT? I HAVE SEEN FUNNEL POCKETS.



SIDE POCKET OR INSEAM POCKETS

- OPEN THE SIDE SEAMS WHERE YOU WANT THE POCKETS ABOUT 8"-THE FINISHED OPENING IS 6"
- CUT FOUR PIECES (HAND SIZE) OR USE THE PATTERN ON THE LAST PAGE
- SEW THE PIECES ON THE SEAM BEFORE YOU SEW THE POCKET BAG TOGETHER, IT'S EASIER.



3 FUN EASY STEPS TO MAKE YOUR POCKETS:

I KNOW THIS SEEMS LIKE KIND OF A DAUNTING TASK BUT IT IS SO WORTH IT WHEN YOU SEE THE EFFECT IT HAS ON YOUR LIFE:

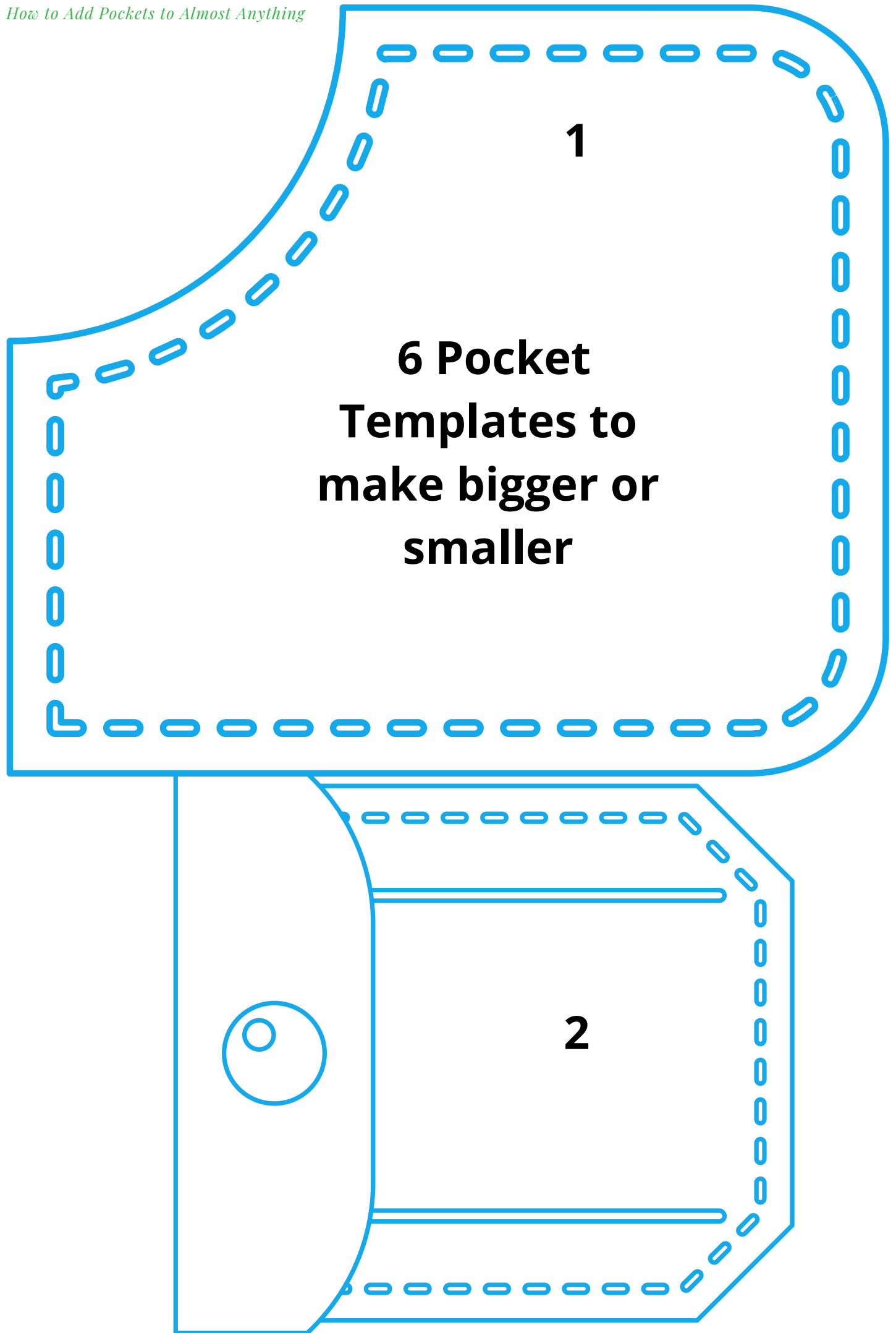
- ☐ CUT OUT THE FABRIC
- ☐ OPEN THE SEAM AND MARK THE PLACEMENT
- ☐ SEW TOGETHER



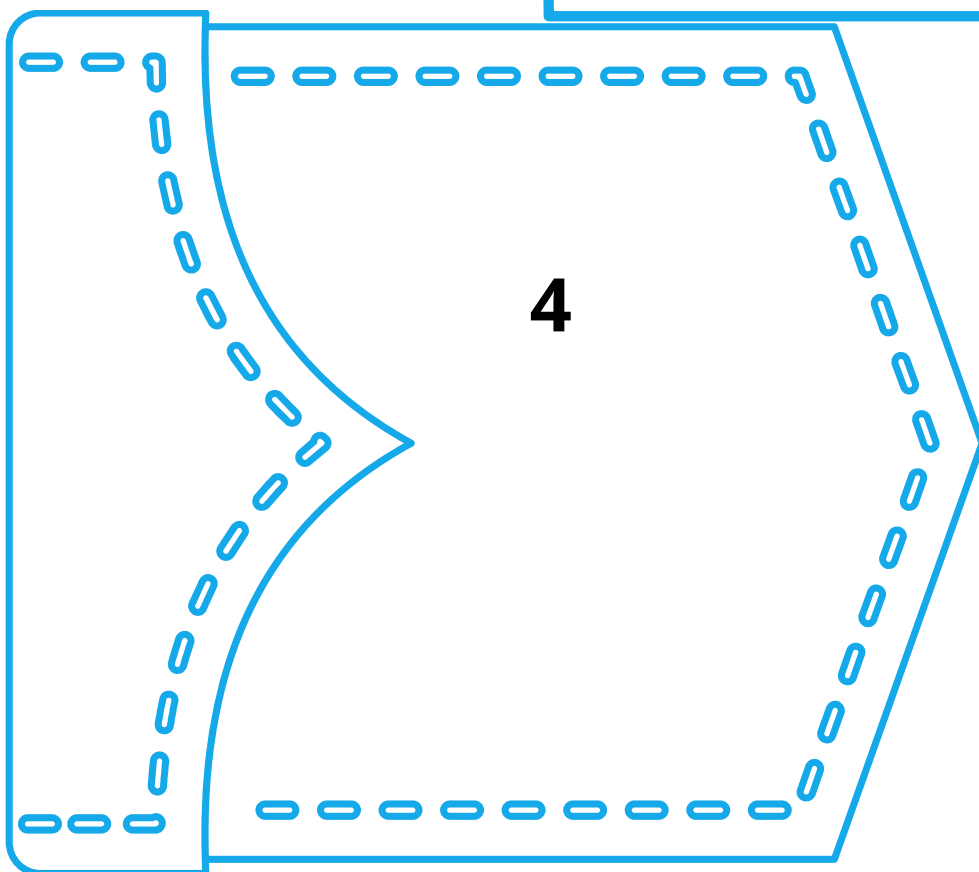
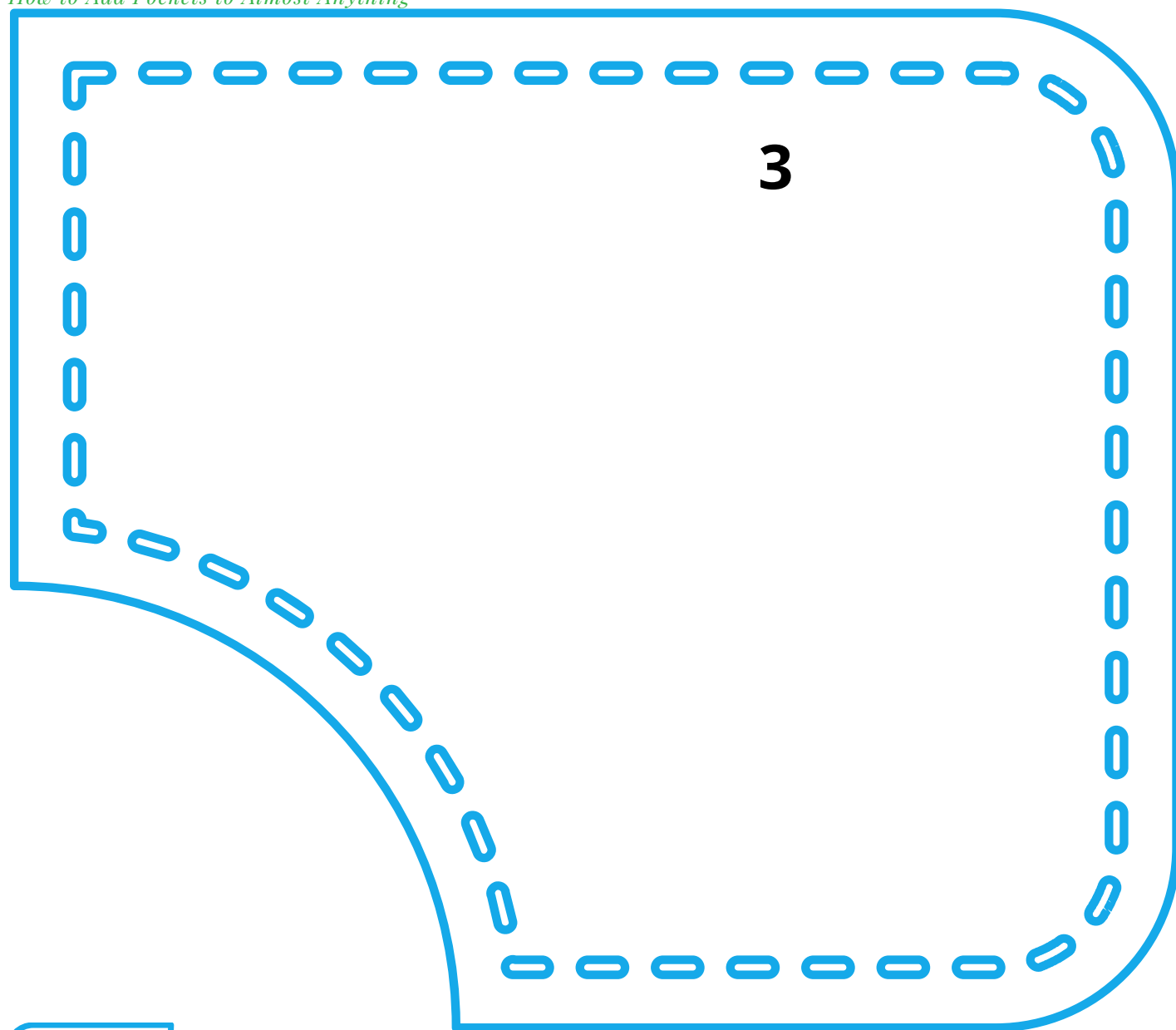
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ABOUT SEWING.

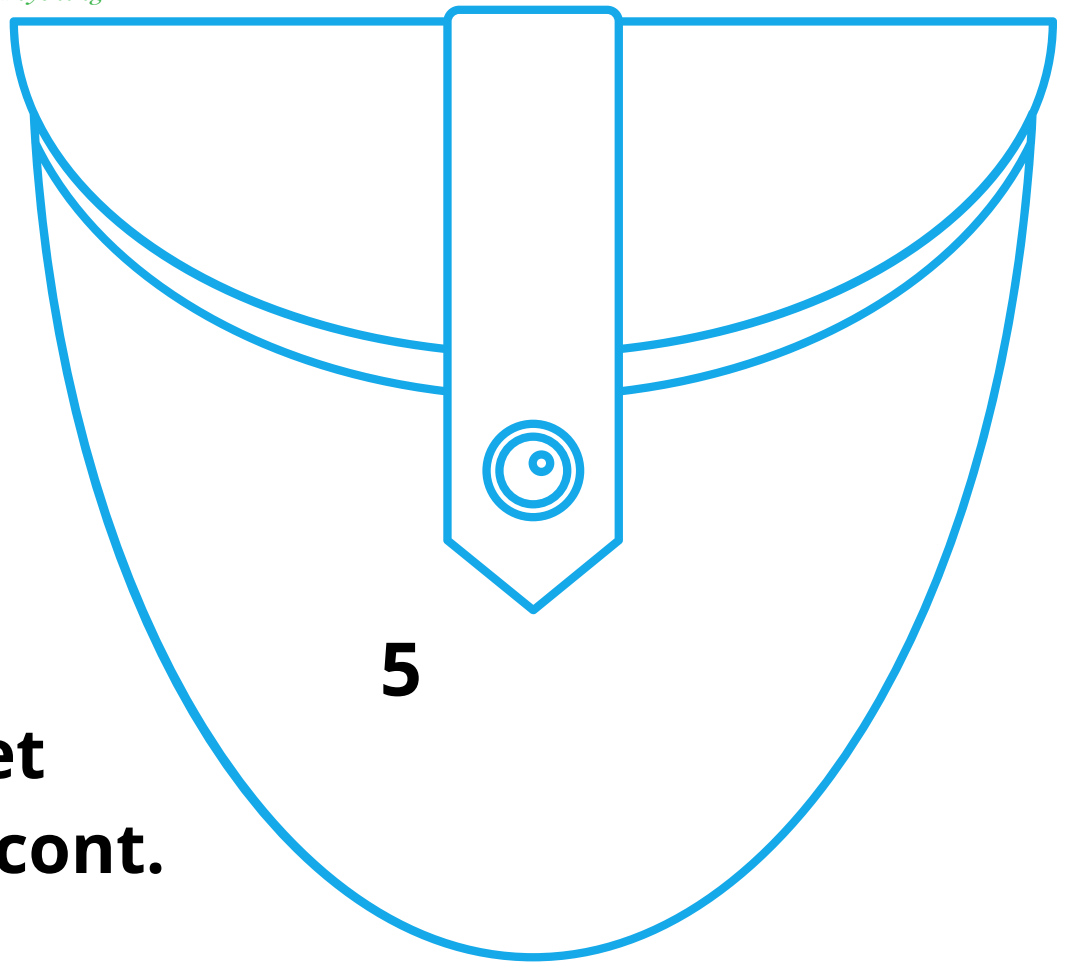




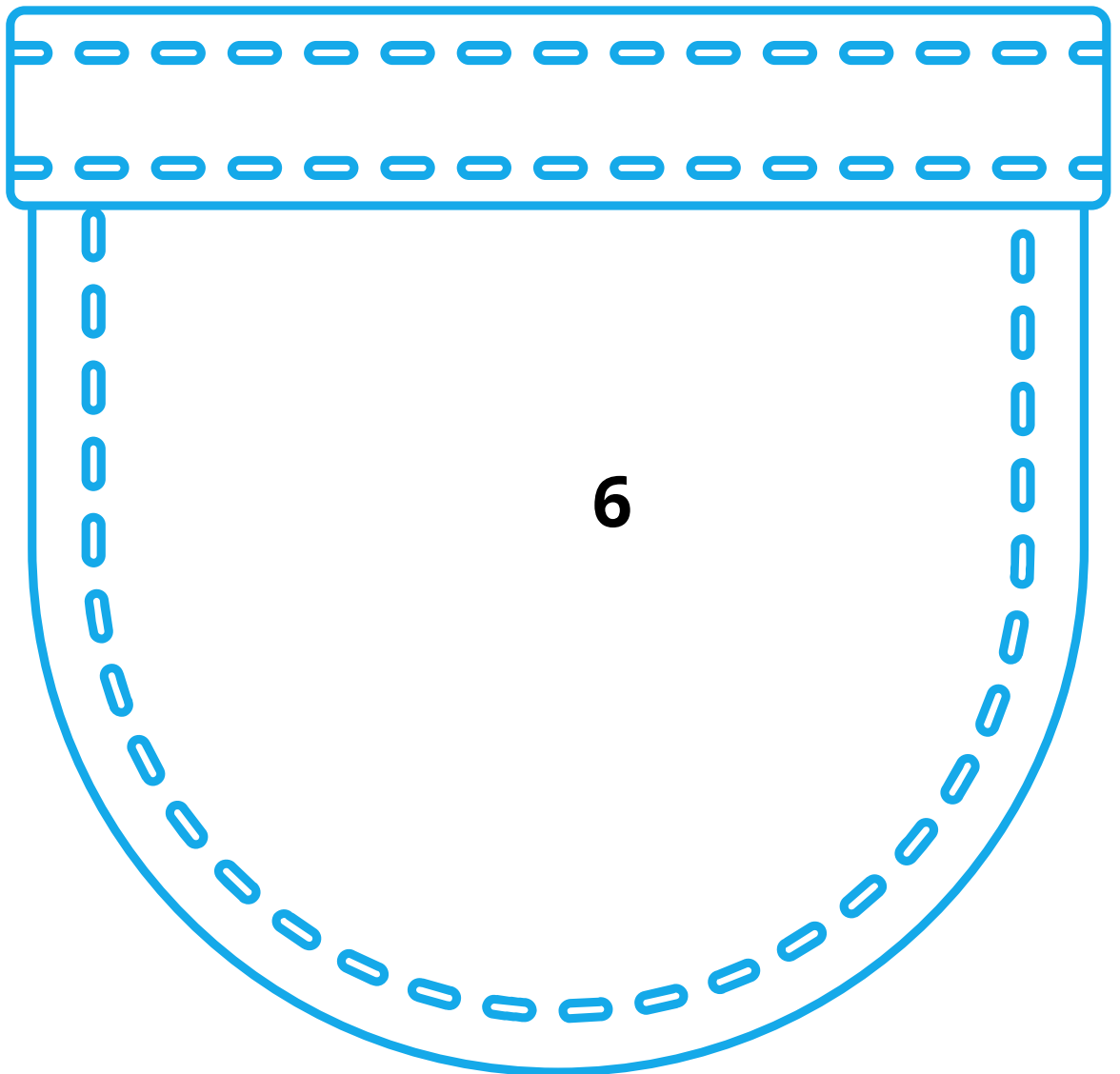
**6 Pocket
Templates to
make bigger or
smaller**



**6 Pocket
Templates
cont.(2))**



**6 Pocket
Templates cont.
(3)**



Side Seam Pocket Pattern on 8.5"x11" Paper

Side Seam Length Cut 7"-8" to finish opening 6"

