

MAKING JOEY POUCH LINERS



Why Pouch Liners?

When young wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, bandicoots, gliders or possums come into care they need to be kept warm and quiet. The pouches are used for many different animals, this means various size pouches are useful. Liners are changed after each feed so that each joey in care uses up to 6 liners every 24 hours.

Items Required

- 100% cotton or natural fibre flannelette fabric (or use a 100% cotton upcycled t-shirt)
- Thread (make the thread a different colour to fabric so you can see where you are sewing)
- Needle and pins
- Scissors (preferably fabric scissors)
- Ruler or tape measure
- Fabric or highlighter pen (one that can be seen on the fabric, to guide you)

Pouch Dimensions

Liners for small marsupials

Small - 18cm wide x 20cm long
Large - 24cm wide x 30cm long

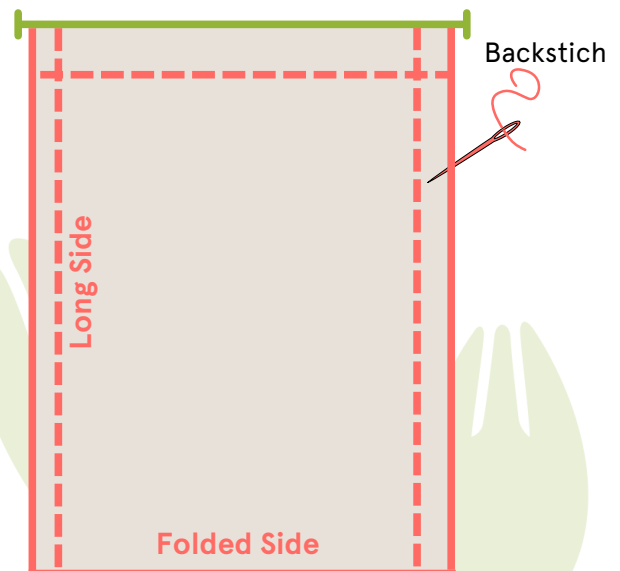
Liners for larger kangaroo and wallaby joeys

X-Large - 40cm wide x 60cm long
XX-Large - 50cm wide x 70cm long

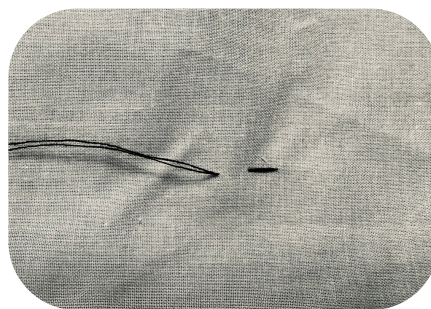
Instructions

1. Cut a long rectangle of the fabric to your chosen dimensions. The rectangle should be two lengths of your chosen length dimensions to then fold in half to make the pouch.
2. Draw a second rectangle 1cm out from the first line (not along the folded side). If using a t-shirt start with it turned inside out.
3. Thread the needle (make the length of the thread 3-4 times longer than the length). Pull the thread so both ends meet, making it so the thread is doubled. Tie them together at the end with a knot.
4. Starting at one end, start sewing backstitches (see next page for backstitching guide).

Opening (fold edge down and hem)



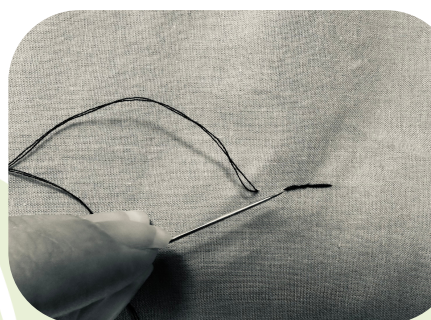
5. Begin the backstitch by poking the needle up through the fabric, and then back down to make a single stitch. Then poke the needle back up through the fabric a space away from the first stitch, as if you were doing the running stitch.



6. Now poke your needle back down through the fabric at the end of the first stitch. This is the "back" part of the backstitch.



7. Now poke your needle up through the fabric a space away from the previous stitch. You will then stitch back again. Just repeat this pattern of stitching until the end.



8. Tie the thread off and repeat on the other side. The stitches should have no gaps to ensure no tiny fingernails or toenails get caught.

9. Fold down the opening of the pouch 2cm and backstitch around the circumference.

10. Cut off any loose threads around the pouch.



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