

# *Pintuck Pockets* *for a Tabula Rasa Jacket*



Make your own pintuck pockets for a Tabula Rasa coat or jacket! They add a very fun and functional detail. If you follow these directions using the attached pocket patterns, you will end up with a pocket that is 7" wide and 7" tall. If you'd like a larger pocket, try a smaller seam allowance.

The pocket and pocket lining fabric can be the same as the garment, or add another decorative element by choosing a complementary or contrasting fabric. Avoid very heavy or thick fabrics as they would be difficult to sew pintucks into and may cause the pocket to sag or pull the garment down. Our raincoat pockets were not interfaced (the raincoat fabric melts if ironed), but a lightweight pocket might need support along the top edge of the pocket to keep it from collapsing. We recommend using a 1-2" wide strip of fusible interfacing sew-in interfacing on the pocket lining. If you are lining the garment, topstitch the pocket onto the outer shell before finishing the lining.

## **Pintuck Pocket Construction**

1. Cut out one pocket and one pocket lining for each pocket.
2. Transfer pintuck lines to right side of pocket by a removable method. Mark dots on the wrong side of each pocket.
3. Apply optional interfacing to top edge of pocket lining.
4. Sew in each pintuck:
  - a. On right side of pocket, fold on pintuck line, placing pin at stopping point.
  - b. Stitch about  $\frac{1}{16}$ " from fold using small stitch (about 2.0) starting at top of pocket and finishing at bottom of pintuck line. Do not backstitch!

- c. Turn pocket over and pull both threads at bottom of pintuck line through to the wrong side. Tie with double knot and clip thread tails.
  - d. Repeat for all 6 pintucks.
5. Press top  $\frac{5}{8}$ " of pintucks (within seam allowance) flat, either all in one direction or 3 toward each side.
  6. Pin right sides of pocket and pocket lining together. Beginning at one dot, sew all around the edge of the pocket with  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance, ending with backstitch at other dot; leave seam unsewn between dots.
  7. Clip corners and curves and trim seam allowance.
  8. Turn pocket right side out through the opening in the seam. Use a pointed implement to push out corners and seams.
  9. Press seams all around the edge of pocket to flatten and finish seam allowances into the opening. Try not to press your pintucks flat!
  10. Place and pin pocket onto right side of garment with pintucks facing out, then put garment on to test the pocket's location. Adjust placement if needed.
  11. Topstitch pocket to garment about  $\frac{1}{16}$ " in from edge of pocket starting at one corner and ending at the other corner (leaving top of pocket loose). You might want to strengthen each corner by stitching a little triangle, especially if you are prone to walking around with your hands in your pockets! Pull threads to wrong side, tie off with double knot and clip thread tails.

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Grainline

# Pintuck Pocket

Cut 1 for each Pocket

# Pintuck Pocket Lining

Cut 1 for each Pocket

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