

Happy Zombie

Pennie Pockets

Little pennant pockets of happiness

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FABRICS

4) 9" x 13½" of assorted fabrics.

Four fabrics will yield four Pennie Pockets.

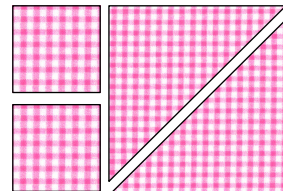
Four ¼ yards of 40½ width fabric will yield twelve Pennie Pockets.

CUTTING

From each 9" x 13½" fabric:

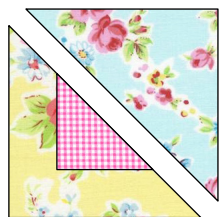
Cut: 2) 4½" x 4½" squares (for prairie point and yo-yo)

Cut: 1) 9" x 9" square, cut diagonally for inner and outer pieces of the pocket



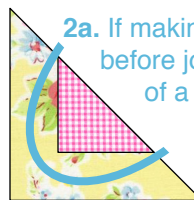
Make little pennant pockets of happiness. String them on ric-rac or ribbon for decoration... or add a handle to make a nosegay to hang on a door-knob or tree branch... or pin to a bulletin board/design wall and fill with treasures, notes, coupons, pens/pencils, etc. Be mischievous and sweet all at the same time... ding-dong-ditch someone you love with a little Pennie Pocket nosegay filled with goodies, or flowers, or cookies, or, or, or...

ASSEMBLY

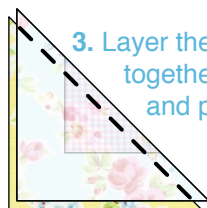


1. Make a prairie point by diagonally folding the wrong sides together of a 4½" square. Press. Fold over again. Press.

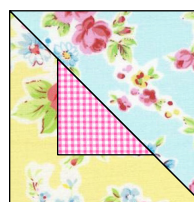
2. Center prairie point's raw edge on to the center of the outer pocket fabric's edge. Pin.



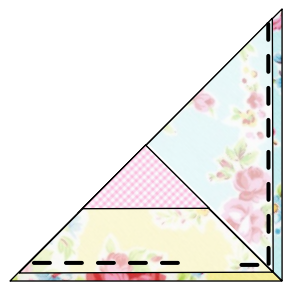
2a. If making a hanging Pennie Pocket, before joining seams - pin each end of a 16" length of ric-rac or ribbon to each side of the prairie point.



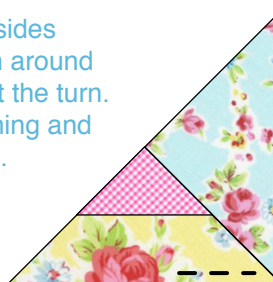
3. Layer the inner pocket fabric, right sides together, over the outer pocket fabric and prairie point. Join with a ¼" seam.



4. Press seams open.



5. Fold over diagonally, right sides together. Stitch a ¼" seam around edge, stopping ¾" just past the turn. Leave a 3" opening for turning and continue stitching the edge.



6. Turn inside out. Top-stitch a seam over your outer fabric's opening. Stitch as close as possible to the edge. Hand whip if your prefer... though this seam will not be visible once pocket is completed.

FRONT

7. Tuck inner fabric inside the pocket, and twist so the inner seam is on center. Press.

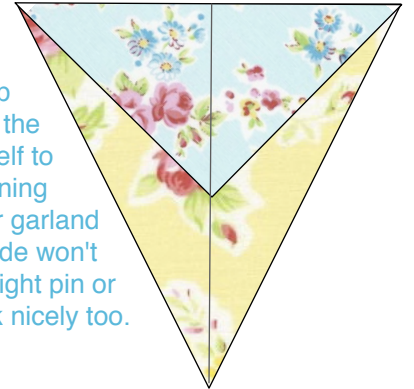


If you plan on pinning your Pennie Pocket to your bulletin board/design wall, your pocket is now complete. Embellish with a yo-yo, buttons, beads... what ever your heart desires. I used the Clover "Large" (orange) yo-yo maker to make my yo-yos for this project, though yo-yos can still be made using your favorite method.



BACK

8. Attach a snap or velco to close the back flap on to itself to make a tube for running your ribbon, ric rac or garland through. If the back side won't be visible, a simple straight pin or sewn tack stitch will work nicely too.



Embellish. Modify. Embroider. Pimp your Pennie Pockets! Go bigger... go smaller. All you need to

remember is that the pocket square be equal on all four sides, and the two smaller squares for your prairie point and yo-yo be exactly half that size. Use a felted wool triangle instead of a fabric piece for the prairie point, and embroider with names, initials, numbers, etc. String something and let it dangle and sparkle from the pocket bottom tip. Embellish. Embellish. Embellish!

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