

Freestanding Fabric Camera Pen Holder for 5" by 7" Picture Frame

Fabric Needed:

Front pocket: 7 X 8.5 inches. This will be the pocket you see the best, so position a nice pattern you may want to see in the front of your fabric pen holder. The pattern top will be on the long edge that has the stitched 7" fold. The pattern you want to see is the bottom half of the 7" width of the fabric. The 8.5" edge of the fabric becomes 4.25" when folded. See Step 2 below to understand better.

Back: 6 X 40 inches. This fabric is set behind the pockets and is the back of the pen holder, so pick a fabric to distinguish it from the Front and Second pocket fabrics.

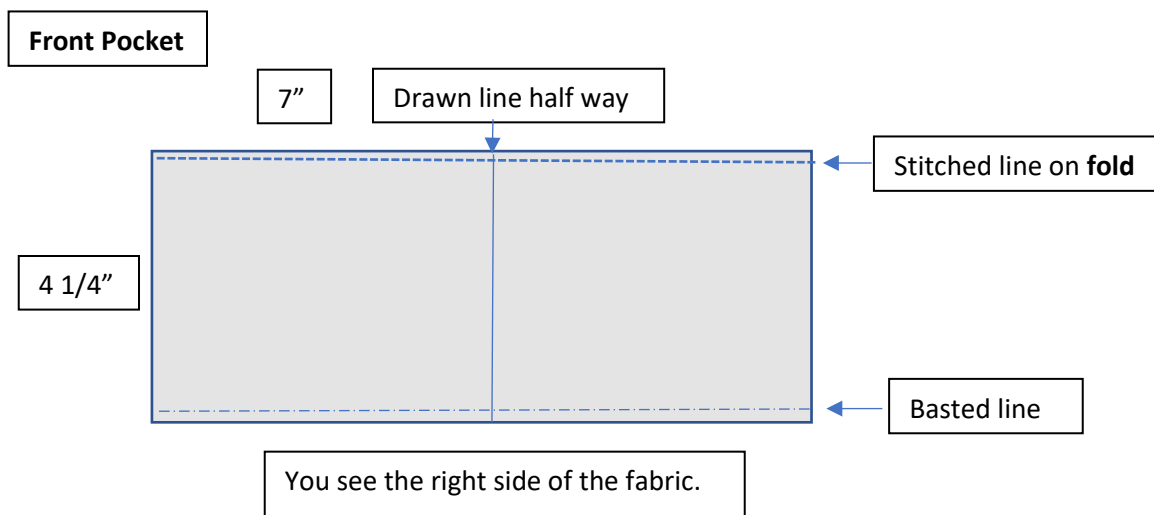
Second pocket: 6 X 10.5 inches. This will be behind the Front pocket, so pick a different fabric to stand out from the Front pocket and Back.

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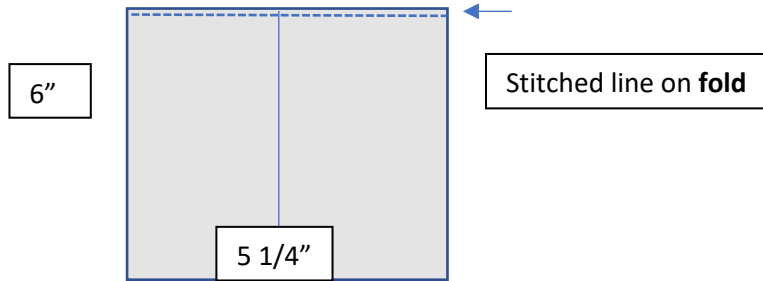
5 X 7 inches acrylic photo frame, sewing machine, thread, cutting implements, ruler, pins, Purple Thang (by Lynn Graves), fabric marker or washable thin markers that show up on your fabric

Directions:

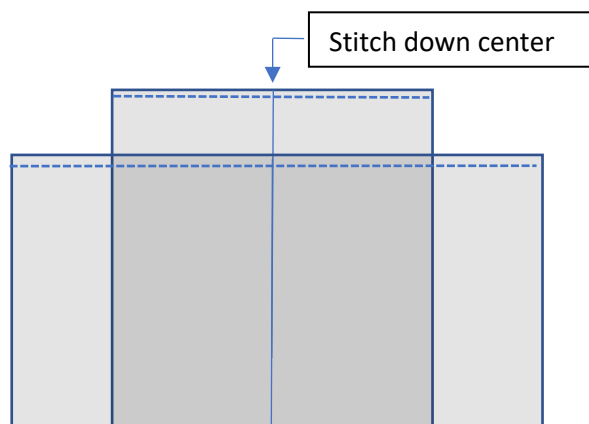
1. **Back fabric (6" X 40")** that goes over the 5 X 7 inch acrylic photo frame: Fold (on the 6" length) the wrong side of the fabric together so you see the right side of the fabric to make a 6" X 20" shape. Press, then stitch (1/8") on the 6" end with the folded edge. Set aside for the pockets.
2. **Front Pocket (7" X 8.5"):** Place a pin along the 7" right side of the fabric that you want to see in the front of the Pen holder. Fold the rectangle of the front pockets in half (wrong sides together), so you see the pin in the bottom opposite to the fold. This folded fabric will measure 7" by 4 1/4". Press the fold, then top stitch (1/8") on folded edge. Remove the pin. On the raw edge opposite the fold, stitch a basting stitch (this should be a large stitch for drawing thread to bunch fabric together later in assembly) leave extra thread on the ends for later to pull fabric. Draw a line perpendicular in the middle from the fold to basted edge (3 1/2" from either edge). See picture.



3. **Second Pocket:** Fold 6" X 10.5" second smaller pocket in half to measure 6" x 5 1/4" with the right side out (wrong sides together). Press and stitch along the folded side (5 1/4" side), then draw a perpendicular center line from folded edge to the other 5 1/4" edge (3" in from 6" sides)..

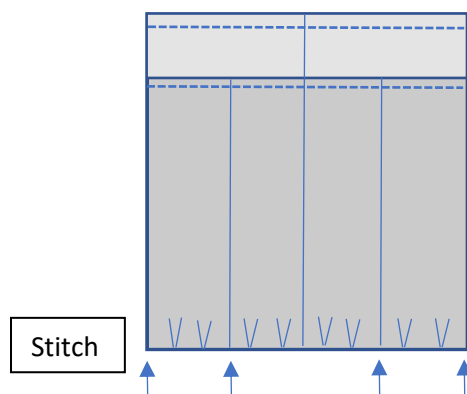


4. **Assembly of pockets:** Position the front pocket from step 2 above over second pocket from step 3 above, so the center markings line up. Be sure to place the bottom raw open edges lining up at the bottom, so the second pocket will be taller behind the front pocket. Also, the front pocket will stick out on either side past the second pocket.



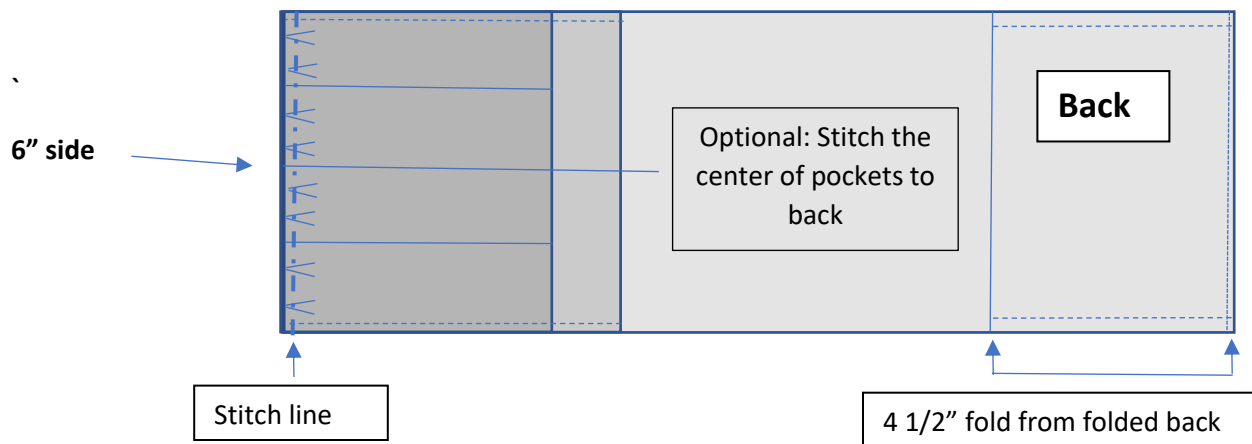
5. **Stitching pockets:**

- a. Sewing the pockets together down the center line.
- b. Then, sew the front pocket to the second pocket ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") by lining the left edge of the front pocket with the left edge of the second pocket and stitch. Repeat with the right edge pockets and stitch.
- c. Draw the front pocket basting thread at the bottom to make the front pocket bunch up in front and stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along bottom. Stitch two straight stitch lines to make four pockets all together if desired.



6. Assemble pockets to Back:

- Position the pockets from step 5c above with the raw edge of the pocket down along the open raw edge of Back (6" side). The **pockets must be face down** on the raw edge of the Back. Stitch (1/4") along the 6" raw edge.
- Flip the Pocket fabric over to the opposite side of the back** and press the folded seam.
- Optional (I don't do this step): Stitch through the center line of the pockets a little above the larger pocket and back stitch to re-enforce stitch. This will make two taller pockets.
- Make a fold 4 1/2" from the stitch fold of the Back. **Turn this fold up towards the pockets**, press and stitch 1/8" on folded edge, then stitch a scant 1/4" on the sides of the fold and on side of front pocket to the back.



7. Finish:

- Again, fold the right side of the Back to the stitched pocket edge to line up the 6" edges of the back and the stitched pocket edge. **This will be inside out**. Put clips or pins to hold together. Now the Back lays over the stitched pocket edge. **Stitch 1/8" on each of the sides** with backstitching to re-enforce the stitching. **Do not stitch the raw edge of stitched pocket or top of fold. Leave this end open so you can turn this right side out.**
- Cut the corners opposite to the open end, then turn right side out and press.
- You have a lovely sleeve to fit over the 5" by 7" picture frame.