

Making Boat Pockets

Customer Instructions

Materials Needed:

- Sunbrella Fabric
- Webbing
- Nylon Thread
- Heavy-Duty Velcro
- Ruler
- Marking Pencil / Chalk

One of our first projects with our new Sailrite Ultrafeed LSZ-1 machine was “Yacht Pockets” to organize and hold all the little things that end up in the bottom of a drawer! It was very easy to custom design and sew. It took approximately 20-30 minutes to cut, sew, and finish a medium-sized pocket. We have four pockets total: two in the galley to hold plates, utensils, and spices, one in the head to hold toothpaste, brushes, and combs, and one in the salon for the EPIRP, spare handheld VHF, chargers, and walkie-talkies.



MEASURING: Determine the finished dimensions of the pockets based on available hanging space. Measure Sunbrella backing leaving a 2 1/2" seam allowance all the way around the backing piece. (Figure 1).

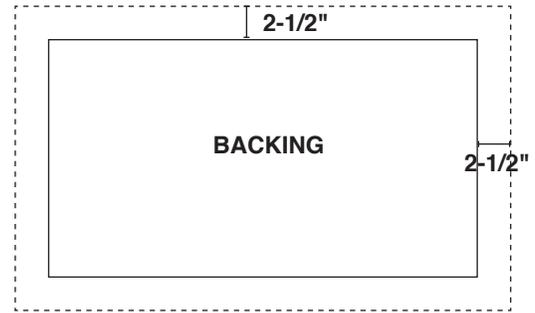


Figure 1

Cut the facing piece about 3/4 longer than backing and shorter since the pockets will not come up to the top of the backing (Figure 2). The best way to determine the length is to place the items you want to store on the backing piece and simply wrap them one by one, perhaps tacking down in between, roughly creating the pockets.

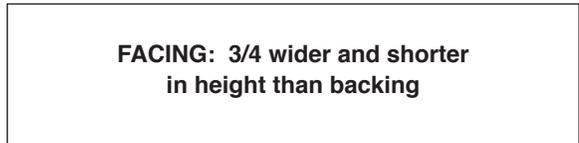


Figure 2

Sew a 1" hem all the way around the backing piece. Sew a doubled 1" hem across the top of the facing piece before sewing onto the back. Start on one end of the pocket and sew down the side of the facing piece onto the back. (Figure 3).

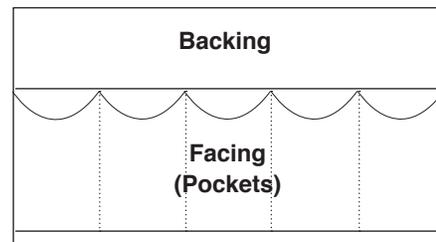


Figure 3

Sew up from the bottom to create the pocket, stopping just before the top edge of the hem on the facing.

Finish sewing up the other side after the last pocket is stitched. Cut off any excess material so that edges match up. Cut enough webbing to go around the sides and bottom of the finished and tack down with large pins. To strengthen the edges, fold webbing in half around each edge and sew down. Use a butane lighter to burn ends of threads to minimize fraying.

Either sew on heavy duty Velcro to the top hem or attach hardware for hanging. We attached the salon pockets to our sliding storage doors using stainless washers and screws through existing holes in the fiber-board doors. We attached the galley pockets to the fiberglass liner using Velcro.



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Nancy & Jann sailed their Alberg 35, SAGA, from San Francisco Bay to Mexico and into the Sea of Cortez for several seasons. After a 6-8 month break replenishing the cruising kitty, they will return to SAGA and head south.

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