



BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Craft & Sewing Classes

Reading Cushions – A Beautiful Things designed pattern

Materials required:

100% Quilting cotton 1 metre of outer fabric and 1 metre of plain contrast lining.
Matching threads

Cutting guide:

Outer - Cut 1 long piece that is 38.5 inches long by 16.5 wide from outer fabric (if you have a directional fabric the design needs to go across the width)

Lining - Cut 1 long piece that is 38.5 inches long by 16.5 wide from lining fabric

Pocket main – 11" deep x 16.5' wide from outer fabric

Pocket lining - 11" deep x 16.5' wide from lining fabric

Use a ¼" / Edge of presser foot seam allowance throughout unless stated otherwise. Seam allowance is included in the pattern.

Instructions:

- 1) Place pocket panels Right Sides together and sew along top edge with a back tack at either end.
- 2) Press seam allowance down towards the lining
- 3) Bring fabric Wrong Sides together and press leaving approx ½" of the lining fabric showing at the top of the main fabric (a faux binding)
- 4) Top stitch down to secure
- 5) Bring bottom edges right sides together and sew with a back tack at either end
- 6) Turn pocket panel in the right way and press.
- 7) Measure up 6" from the bottom of the long outer length, draw a line with chalk or a removable pen and place the bottom edge of your pocket along the line, pin in place
- 8) Sew down both side with a 1/8" seam allowance to tack in place
- 9) Top stitch along the bottom edge to secure it to the main outer
- 10) (optional element) If you want to create segments on your pocket for glasses or knitting needles etc, mark these with a REMOVABLE pen and sew them in place now.
- 11) Place main fabric and lining fabric right sides together and clip or pin all the way round.
- 12) With the wrong side of your main fabric facing uppermost and the bottom edge closest to you make a mark on the stitch line from the base of your pocket 1/4 " in on both sides.
- 13) Along the very bottom edge measure in 2" on either side and make a mark
- 14) Draw a line connecting your 1/4" mark and your 2" mark diagonally
- 15) Along the bottom edge measure in 3 inches from the line on either side. (this is where you will stop and start sewing to leave an opening in the bottom)
- 16) Sew with an edge of presser foot seam allowance all the way around. When you reach your diagonal lines sew ON THEM. Pivot on the corners
- 17) Cut away excess fabric from your flap corners (where you sewed your diagonal lines) leaving a ¼" seam allowance
- 18) Remove the bulk from any other corners

- 19) Turn in the right way and press well
- 20) Top stitch along the bottom edge of the flap to close
- 21) Bring cushion right sides together down to the bottom edge of the pocket
- 22) Sew down both sides with a 1/8" seam allowance
- 23) Turn in the right way
- 24) Place a cushion inner inside and mark the placement of snaps or button holes
- 25) Add snaps or button holes to finish
- 26) Take a picture of your project and share it on our social media pages!

