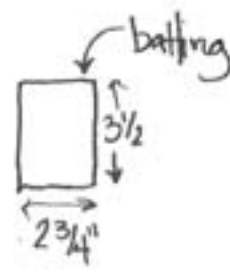
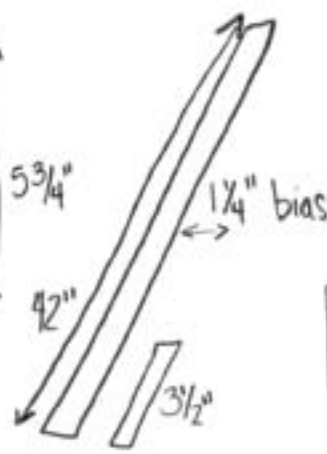
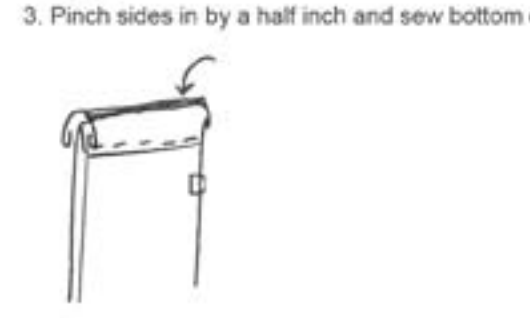
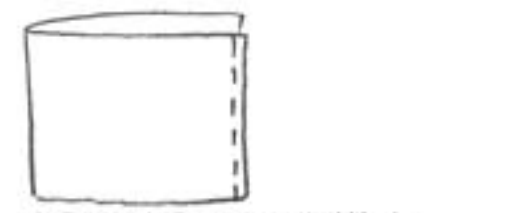
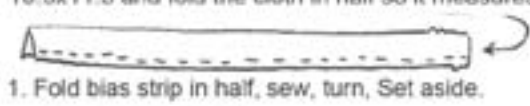


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My main pouch piece was hand stitched and the top edge folded over before I began making my pouch.  
 Alternatively, you might cut the Main Pouch to be 10.5x11.5 and fold the cloth in half so it measures 10.2x5.75.



4. Using 3.5" strip of bias, cover and sew bottom closure to neaten. I did not worry over the raw edges at each end of the neatened closure.

5. Place batting on top of 'flap' (or pinbook'). Fold and press excess flap around batting, baste in place. I left the batting 'raw', as it is intended to hold needles. You might decide it needs to be finished.

6. Find a gorgeous button, Cut a 6" piece of spaghetti strap, fold in half and sew the two ends together, just to the point where the button will slide through.



7. Turn pouch right side out. Tuck pinbook flap into the pouch, right side showing. Decide strap length. Tuck raw edges of spaghetti strap between the pinbook flap and the pouch, spaghetti straps should be placed at outer edge of pinbook flap. Hand sew.



8. Center button closure at middle back of pouch, whip stitch embroider in place. Untuck pinbook flap, place button in appropriate place, sew. This button and loop are not intended to be functional.

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