

A red fabric bobbin holder is shown, filled with numerous colorful bobbins. The bobbins are arranged in two rows, with the top row showing the ends of the bobbins and the bottom row showing the full bobbins. The bobbins are made of wood and are decorated with various colors and patterns, including solid colors, stripes, and floral designs. The red fabric has a vertical crease down the center, and the bobbins are held in place by the fabric's folds.

MAKING A BOBBIN HOLDER To fit a zipped file

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The following fits into a three or four ring zippered file folder (\$12.95 from Australia Post)

The extra rings prevent the bobbin holder from sliding about or slipping down. The reason for the zippered file folder is that it secures the bobbins inside. No more lost bobbins as they are all in the one place, secure and neat.

The following are basic instructions on how I made the sample one on the front page. It holds 20 pairs of bobbins, you would only need to make between 5 and 100 of these to hold our complete collection of bobbins.

FABRIC

Duck or strong fabric 18 inches (½ metre)

Rivets

DIRECTIONS

Cut a piece of fabric 19 x 12.5 inches (base fabric) (48 x 32 cm)

Cut a piece of fabric 18 x 5 inches (pocket fabric) (46 x 13 cm)

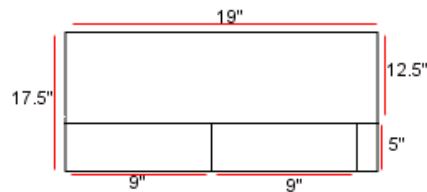


Diagram 1:

BASE

Pin a fold 1.5 inches (3cm) wide along the short side on the left, right side out.

Pin a fold .5 inches (1.5cm) wide along the short side on the right, right side out.

Top and bottom of the wide fold, fold in the ends (see diagram 2)

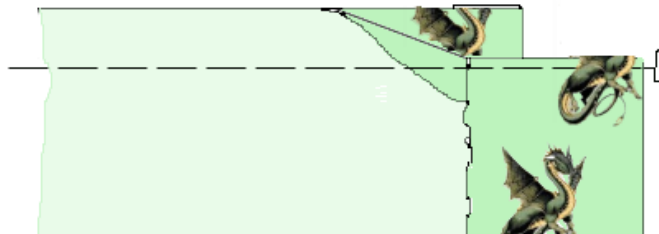


Diagram 2:

Fold the piece right sides together so that the wide fold sticks out (this is what we will add the punch holes to later)

Hem both top and bottom of this piece. Lay it aside.

HOLDERS

The 18 x 5 inch (46 x 13 cm) piece will be used to make the two holders.

Add a narrow hem to one long side of the piece of fabric.

Cut the hemmed fabric into two pieces – each 9 inches (23 cm) long. Any leftover is waste.

Fold a 1.2 inch (1 cm) hem along the long bottom edge, centre pin it to the centre base, with the right side fold butting against the right side of the base. Tuck the left side under until it lines up with the fold on the left.

Repeat with the top holder, line it up with the centre of the base matching the bottom edge of the holder.

Sew around the entire edges as in diagram 3.

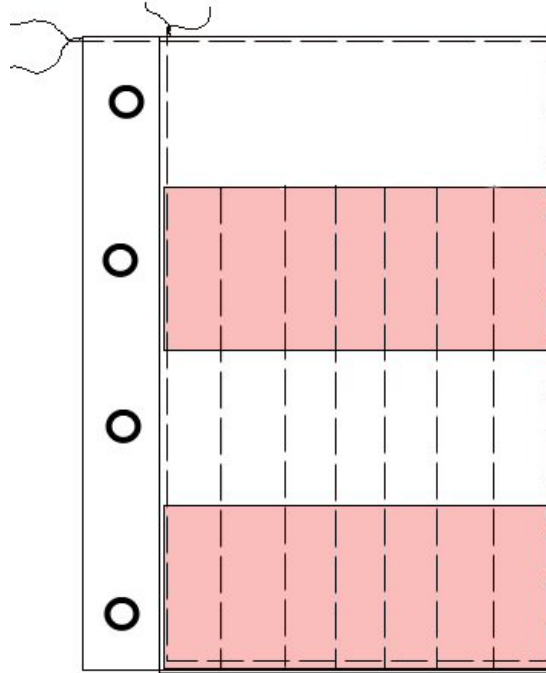


Diagram 3: stitching guides

Mark out the pocket seams every $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (2 cm) measured from the right edge.

You will notice that the stitching has continued over the base – this adds stability to the whole. Remember to reverse sew the top of each pocket seam for strength.

Canvas eyelets need to be added for the ring holes and then it is finished.