

# Interchangable Circular Knitting Needle Case







## Final Dimentions

(excludes seam allowance)

Main (make 1 Outer, 1 Pocket Background and 1 Interfacing): 16.5cm x 41.5cm

Pocket Top (make 1): 7.5cm x 41.5cm

Needle Retainer Flap [NRF] (make 1 Top and 1 Bottom): 8cm x 37.5cm

Lining (make 2): 16.5cm x 20cm

Zipper: 16.5cm

Zipper Tabs (make 2): 4cm x 3cm

## Pocket sizes

15 pockets:

- 5 - 2 cm wide
- 5 - 2.5 cm wide
- 5 - 3 cm wide

This allows extending the collection by a few and allowing for larger needles to fit, without making the small ones waste too much space, and crochet hooks.

The pockets should start 2cm from either end (not accounting for seam allowance). This is to leave space for the press studs. The needle retainer flap is thus also shortened by that much to avoid interfering.

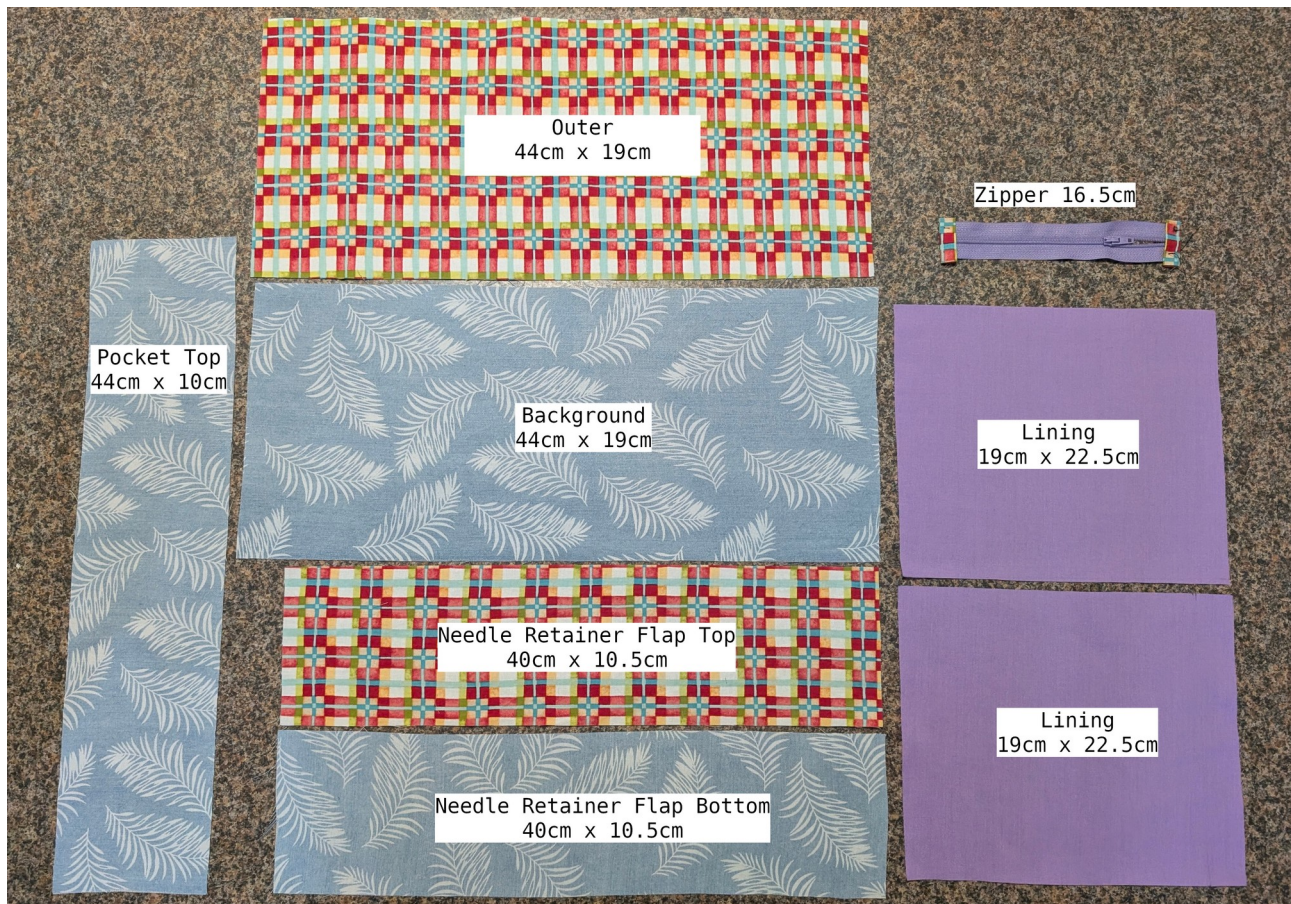
# Construction

## Cut Pieces

Cut all the pieces with appropriate seam allowance.

I have used: 1.25 Seam Allowance.

Iron the interfacing to the back of the Outer material.



## Zipper Tabs

Fold in half length-wise and iron.  
Fold in ends to the centre, just shy of the centre crease, and iron.  
Tack onto the ends of the zipper.



Top stitch to the zipper cross-wise close to the edge closest to the middle of the zipper.  
Trim the sides of the tabs to align with the width of the zipper.



## Needle Retainer Flap

Sew wrong sides together along both short and 1 long side. Leave the other long side open.



Cut off the corners of the seam allowance. Invert and iron.



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| <p>Sew closed.<br/>Make sure it's with a much smaller seam allowance, so it isn't visible in the finished piece.</p> |  |

## Needle Pockets

Hem one long side of the Needle Pocket Top material by the seam allowance with a top stitch, 0.8 cm from the edge (distance between right and left notches on the presser foot).



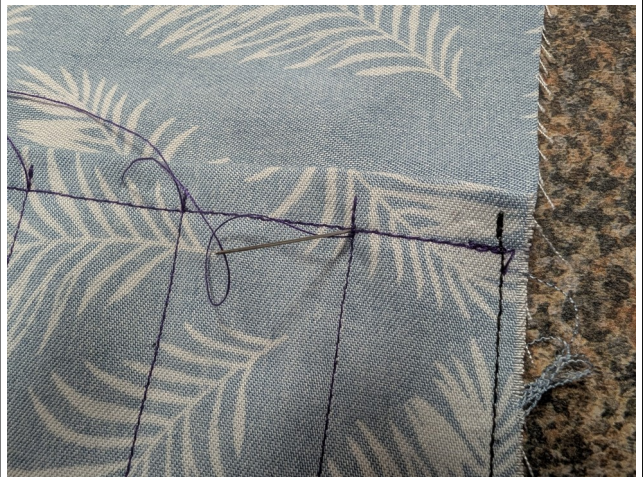
Sew (along the bottom and sides only) the Needle Pocket Top to Pocket Background, pockets on top, right sides facing up. Use a reduced seam allowance.



Mark pocket sizes and sew top and background material together to create the pockets. Pocket-creating stitches should end half way between hemming top stitch and top edge of the pocket.



For a very clean look, **don't** pull the ends taught and cut, but hand sew the top thread to the other side and tie the ends together with a square knot. This prevents any loose threads remaining exposed on the top of the pockets.



Line up the Needle Retainer Flap, top-side up, along the top edge, such that it is above all of the pockets. Sew on, using a reduced seam allowance.

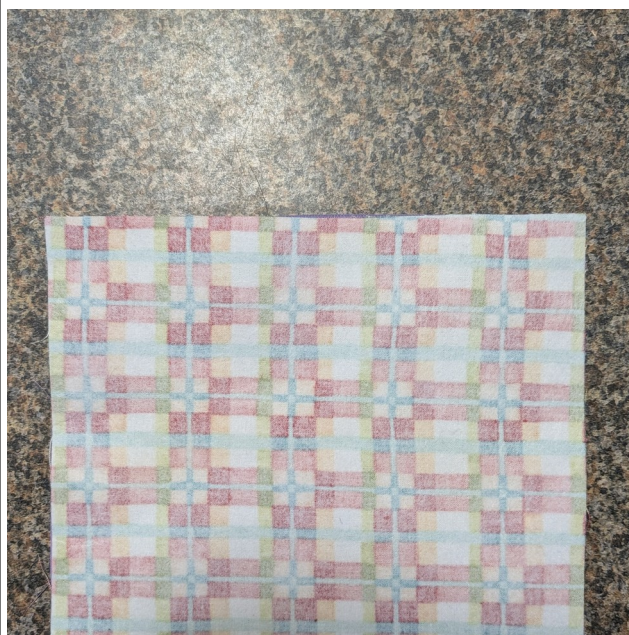
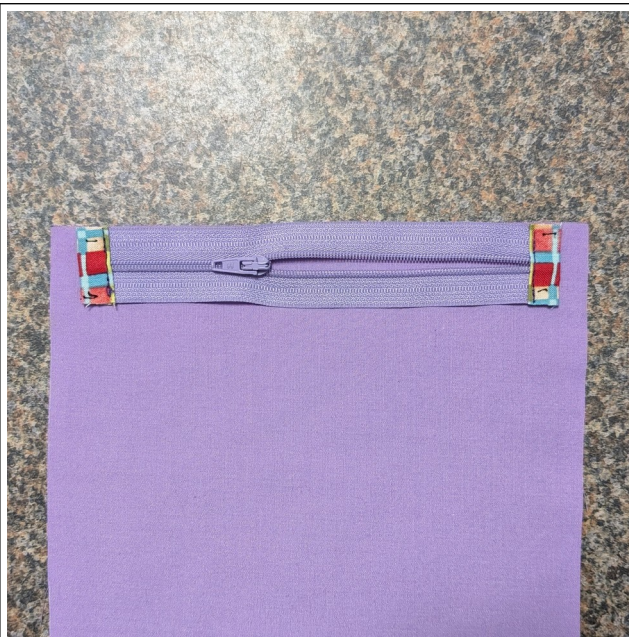


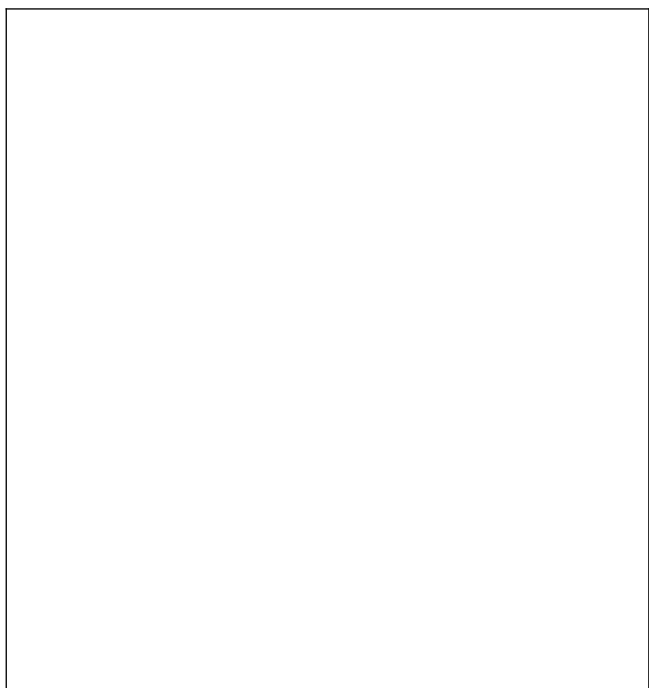
Consider this piece as one of the Outer pieces in future steps, with the pockets being on the "right side".

## Zipper

Sandwich the Zipper between the Outer and Lining, fully covering the zipper but along it's edge, centering the zipper along the edge (so there is a SA width on either side).

Layer it thusly: Lining right-side up, Zipper right-side up, Outer right-side down.





Sew as close as possible to the Zipper, use a zipper foot if possible.  
Fold both Outer and Lining back, iron and top stitch.  
Repeat for the other side.  
**IMPORTANT:** When sewing on the pockets, this is the point that determines which side of the piece the zipper is on. Pin/clip and test before sewing to be sure you are happy.



## Lining and Outer

Invert the piece, so the Lining is right sides together, the Outer is right sides together, and the Zipper is facing inwards to the Outer material.

Sew up the whole way around, thus sewing up the Lining and the Outer.

Make sure:

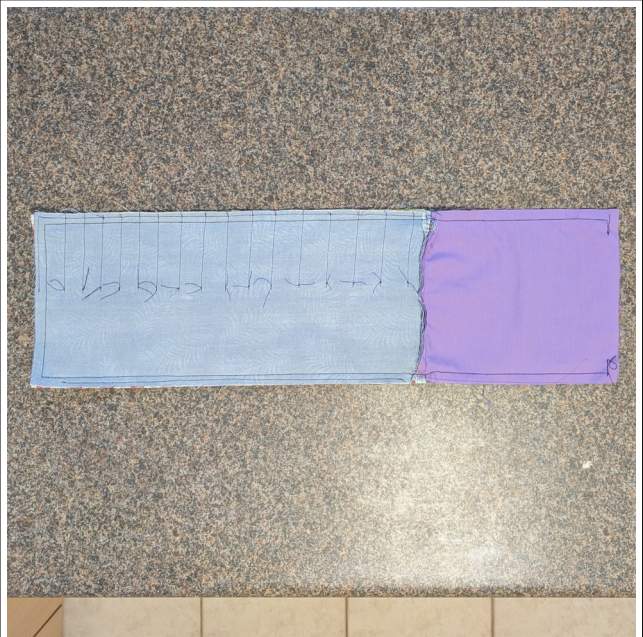
- The sides are properly lined up, folding the zipper in the process.
- Don't sew the Lining up completely, leave a generous opening in the Lining for inverting the piece.
- Don't sew over the tabs (that is why you left the SA gap either side when attaching the zipper to the Lining and Outer).

You may benefit from using a zipper foot when sewing near the tabs to get close but not over them.

Alternatively, hand sew that part.

**IMPORTANT: Make sure the zipper is open before sewing.** When inverting, you will be pulling through the zipper, but the tabs are on the opposite side and it'll be a pain to open.

Cut the corners off of the seam allowance on the Outer, cut away excess bulk around the zipper. Invert. Iron.



Iron the end of the Lining pocket as well to make a nice seam to ladder stitch later.



## Press Studs

Using the gap in the Lining, insert the anvil into the piece to make the holes next to the zipper in the corners on the pocket side of the piece. These should be the male-side to the stud.



Next to zipper (inside)

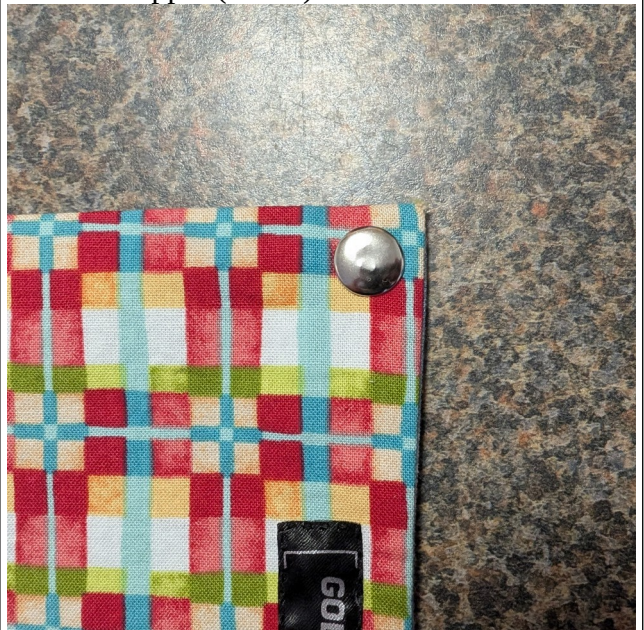


Next to zipper (outside)

The corners furthest to the zipper goes through the whole piece.  
These should be the female-side of the stud, with the receptical on the pocket side of the piece.



Far from zipper (inside)



Far from zipper (outside)

Hand sew the gap in the Lining closed with a ladder stitch and push into the piece.

## Appendix A – Prototype

Some photos of the prototype.

