

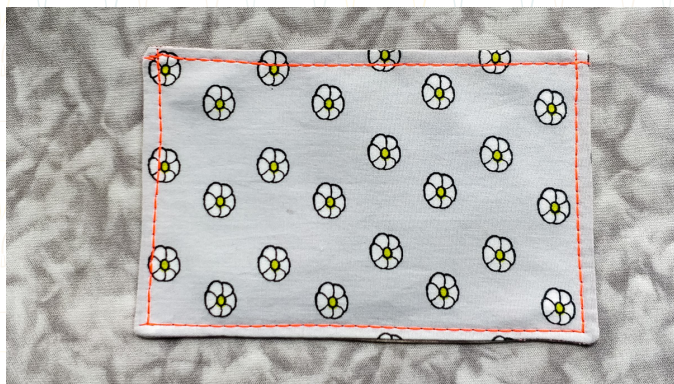


HOW TO REINFORCE CORNERS ON A POCKET

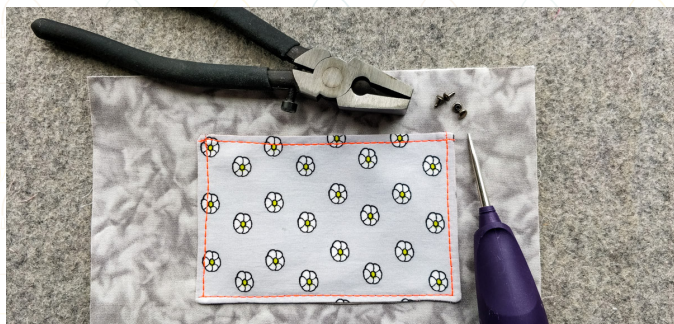
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When sewing a slip pocket on the lining, you should always reinforce the top corners. The top stitches will have to endure lots of force and will eventually rip. With the next techniques you can prevent that..



REINFORCING WITH A SMALL RIVET
the layers we are going to rivet will usually be very thin. So we need small rivets with a short pole. For that reason I bought a bunch of 5x5 rivets.



For that same reason, we are making the hole through the layers of fabric with an awl and not with a punch. The benefit of an awl is that you do not damage the fibers. You are only pushing them aside.



Put your rivet through the layers (lining and pocket) and place the cap onto the pole.



You don't need a rivet press for this. A pair of normal flat nose pliers works fine. Yes the rivets will end up flat and not domed, that is the only downside.



You can fold your fabric until you can reach the rivet.



REINFORCING WITH A STITCH

A second way of reinforcing the corner is with a stitch. After edge stitching the pocket onto the



fabric, sew an extra diagonal line (starting $\frac{3}{8}$ " down from the side and $\frac{1}{4}$ " inwards on the top. This will give enough extra strength when you constantly grab stuff in and out the pocket.