



# HOW TO SEW PERFECT SHARP CORNERS

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If you ever have had to turn a slip pocket, you know how difficult it is to have perfect square corners. This trick makes making tidy corners so much easier and quicker.

In the next photographs I'm going to show this on a slip pocket. I'm using a 1/4" SA. The interfacing is cut 3/8" smaller than the fabric, so there is absolutely no interfacing inside the seam. I'm using a contrasting thread here to show the stitches better, but you would match your thread to your fabric.

Sew the first side.



Fold the seam allowance towards you along the stitch line on the right hand side and then press down.



Sew the other edge of your pocket, making sure the SA of your previous edge is sewn down too.



Fold the seam allowance down like you did before.



When doing this more often, you can just fold the SA instead of pressing. It's important to hold the seam allowances in place when turning the piece, so that the SA stay nicely stacked and won't get all ruffled in the process.



Repeat one last time for the 3rd corner.



Since we need to leave the bottom open for turning, we do it a little differently. Stitch the bottom corners of the pocket but leave an opening of 3" (8cm) to be able to turn the pocket.

Starting at the side: Back stitch and sew down 1" (2,5cm). Lift your presser foot and turn your fabric 90 degrees. Lower your stitch length, then stitch towards the raw edge. Back stitch to secure.



Trim the SA where possible.



Sew the 2nd corner the same way as the first.



Press the SA on the bottom of your slip pocket. This will help when closing the pocket after turning.



Trim the SA at the corners.



Turn the pocket inside out. Take a blunt object (like a chopstick or knitting needle) and carefully poke out the corners.

Roll the seams between your fingers and finger press.

When you're happy, press until you end with a perfect rectangle.



The best thing about making corners like this is that they're strong and durable because there's no need to clip the seam allowances at the corners, and the very tip of the corner is always nice and sharp.

From now on, all your corners will be perfect!