

Origami Traveler's Pouch*

This is multi-pocketed pouch, 5 1/2" wide x 9" long, with a shoulder strap.

Materials needed:

- 2 – FQ (or fabric pieces 18 1/2" square) Outside and Inside
- Hook & loop tape
- 1 Yard purchased decorative webbing, heavy ribbon or cord (for strap).
 - For a Cross-body bag, you will need a yard and a half long.
- Optional: Decorative trim such as ric-rac, fringe, beading

Image A:

Square up fabric to 18 1/2" square, place right sides together. Make a mark at 4 1/2" in from 2 opposite corners (both sides). Cut across this mark to trim off two triangles from opposite corners (Corner A & B)

Sew all around; leaving one triangle cut edge open for turning. Turn right side out, press, stitch opening closed (Corner A)

Image B:

On the outside feature fabric, make a Mark 5" down from opposite corners. This will be the placement of the hook & loop tape. Sew in place.

Image C:

With the fabric lying on point, feature side down, in front of you, the missing triangles at the top and bottom, divide evenly into thirds, horizontally. Mark these lines with chalk. Each section should be approximately 6 1/4" wide. Fold Corner A to the upper marked fold line, fold Corner B to opposite line. The edges should meet at the fold lines. Pin the upper section (only) together. Stitch the overlapping corner section (through the top two layers only) closed by hand or with a decorative stitch on a free arm machine. This creates outer pockets.

Image D:

Locate the centre vertically and stitch from edge to edge, double up the stitch line to secure this as the bottom seam. Fold over with the pockets facing inside. Make a mark at 1" from each fold edge (see image). Sew along the side seams, up to this line, ensuring that all layers are secured in your stitching. Turn inside out, press the side seams and extended corners (C & D).

Image E:

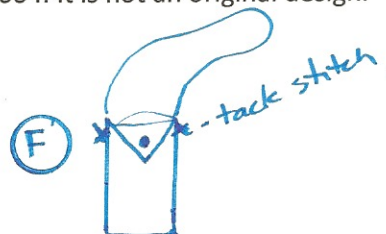
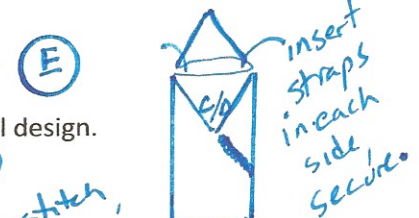
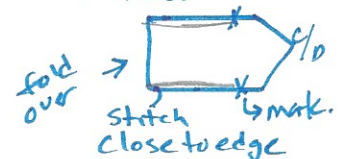
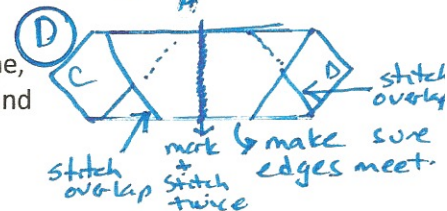
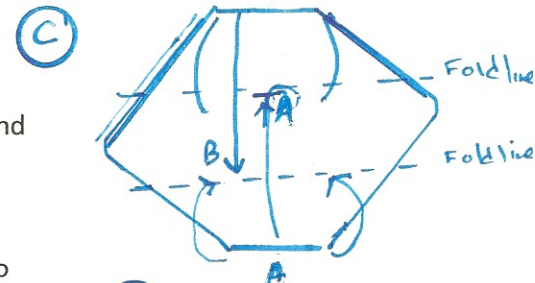
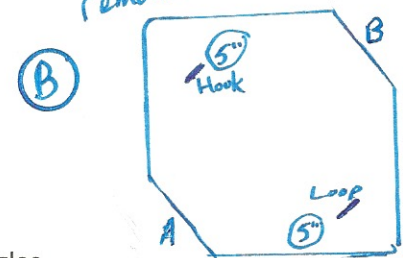
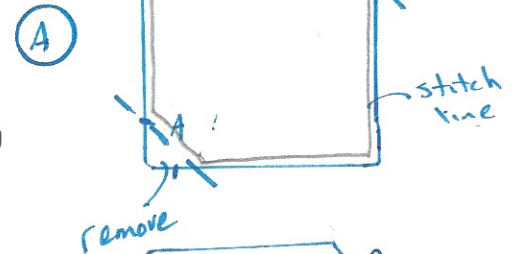
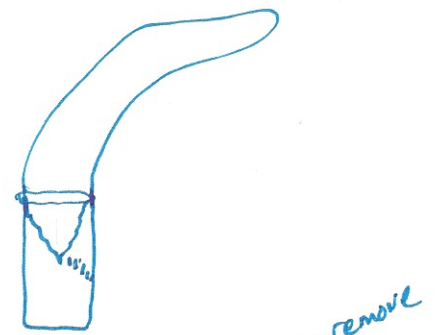
Place one end of the strap inside, on each side, inserting the end about 3 to 4" down each side. Hand stitch along both sides and across the bottom, attaching securely.

Image F:

Fold Top corners down so that they overlap the pocket opening, tack stitch securely at the top of each side.

Options: Add decorative trim along the corner flaps, or a button/snap at the corner (C & D).

*This pouch pattern was shared in online Yahoo Quilting Groups in 2004. It is not an original design.



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