



Handcrafted Fabricworks For Hospitals

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Children's Hospital Needs, Crib Catch-Alls

Crib Catch-Alls are attached to the end of the crib. They are tied to the top bar and hold a variety of items from diapers to personal items for the baby. All cribs need a catch-all and they are being used by all staff.

Fabric Requirements:

Crib catch-alls can be made from regular cotton or cotton upholstery fabrics. The colors need to be infant colors. The catch-alls are washed in commercial grade washing machines so there will be very vigorous washing involved. That is the reason that I recommend pre-washing the fabrics at a high temperature to make sure that they are preshrunk and hold up well. I also suggest a 1/2" seam allowance so items do not come apart at the seams. When using regular cotton I recommend a double layer of fabric to make sure that the catch-all is sturdy enough for daily use.

Sewing Requirements:

The sewing needs to be such that items can be put in easily and that the pockets hold up to the frequency of use. That is why it's best to reinforce the seams of the pockets at the top to prevent them from tearing away from the backing fabric.

There are two design currently being used. The catch all on page 2 is the favorite of one of the nurses but there was one other design in use and I have put that on page 3. Please note that these pictures are not to scale.

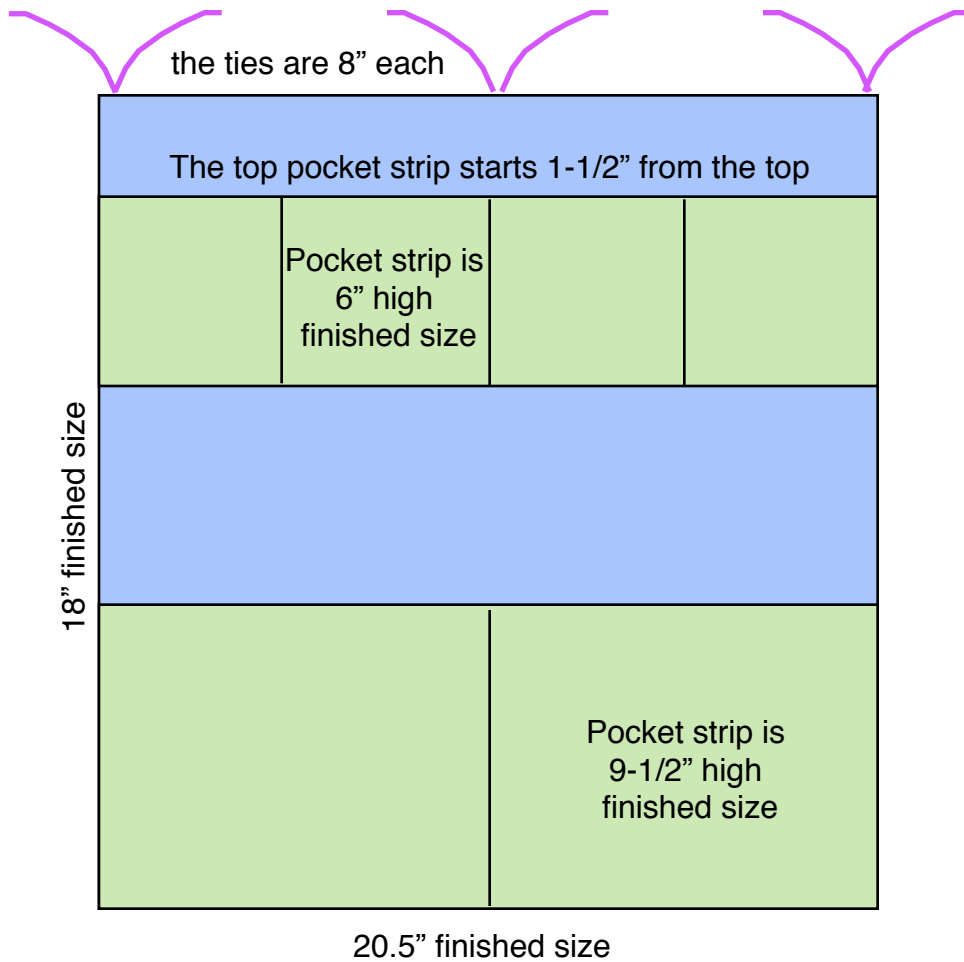
Since we will all be using different techniques to sew the catch-alls, I have only added finished sizes. Doubling up on fabric via folding will give you very different fabric measurements compared to using two single layers.

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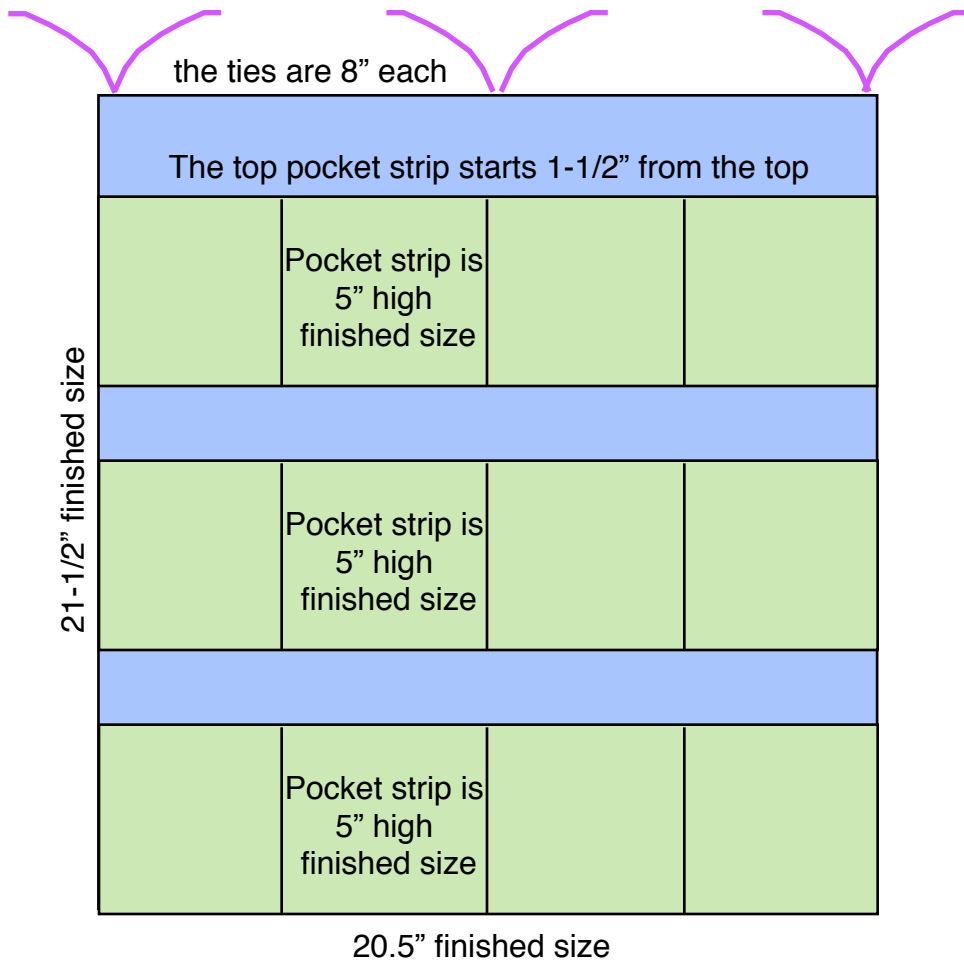
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