# How to sew a Pirate 1676/1 Pocket Panel

1676/1 Pocket Panel / Toy Tidy

Picture of finished sewn panel

- First iron your panel very carefully and straighten it if necessary.
- Separate the background panel and the section with the pockets.
- Stiffen your pockets with an ultra-light weight fusible interfacing. Do this before you cut out the pocket sections. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the interfacing.

**Pockets**

1. Cut out the pocket sections - only cut along the solid lines!
2. Press under the seam allowance on both ends of each pocket section.
3. Now press under the seam allowances along the top and the bottom of the pockets.
4. You can either stitch along the top edge to hold it in place or use a ¼" wide strip of Bondaweb to fuse it down.
5. Now create the box pleats by bringing the edges of neighbouring pockets to meet at the dotted line. Press.

**Background**

1. Layer up your backing, the batting and the panel.
2. Baste, pin or spray baste the layers.
3. Quilt along the printed border lines.

**Assembly**

1. Lay a pocket section in place matching the images.
2. The first seam you will sew is the line dividing each individual pocket from the next.
3. Match up the dotted line on the pocket section with the printed line on the background panel and stitch from top to bottom, back-stitching at the ends. Repeat this for all the lines between each of the pockets.
4. Now pin the end of the pockets in place matching up with the lines on the printed background.
5. Pin the box pleats in place (the stitching will hold the pockets nicely for you to do this).
6. Stitch down the sides of the pocket sections, along the bottoms (holding the box pleats in place) and up the other sides. Back-stitch at the beginning and end for strength.
7. Trim excess fabric, batting and backing back to the edge of the printed background panel.

**Finishing the Toy Tidy**

1. If you are using the single length method of binding, find the total measurement around the outside edge of the project and add 10" to this measurement. Now cut enough lengths of binding strips to make up this length. Join them into one long length using mitred seams.
2. If you are adding the binding to each side separately measure the length of each side and add 2" to this measurement. Cut these lengths.
3. Cut 2" wide strips of binding fabric for a double binding (press the strip in half length-wise) and 1 ½" wide strips for a single binding.
4. Sew the binding to the Toy Tidy, turn to the back and hand stitch in place.
5. Make a sleeve or loops to be able to hang your Toy Tidy and attach to the back of the Toy Tidy.

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