

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida

The following patterns have been published for your use in making comfort items to bring a little cheer into the lives of our hospitalized veterans.

Don't forget, the time spent making these items can be recorded and reported as: "Service to Veterans".

Items with patterns specifying sizes, means this is the finished size unless otherwise noted.

COMFORT ARTICLES

Valuation:

Kit bags \$5.00 each; Lap Robes, cloth \$25.00 each, hand-knit or crocheted \$55.00 and up each, hand-knit or crocheted Adult Booties (pair) or Caps \$10.00 each.

I have included additional comfort item patterns. Please check with the VAMC Rep. to see if items are needed prior to sending them.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans.

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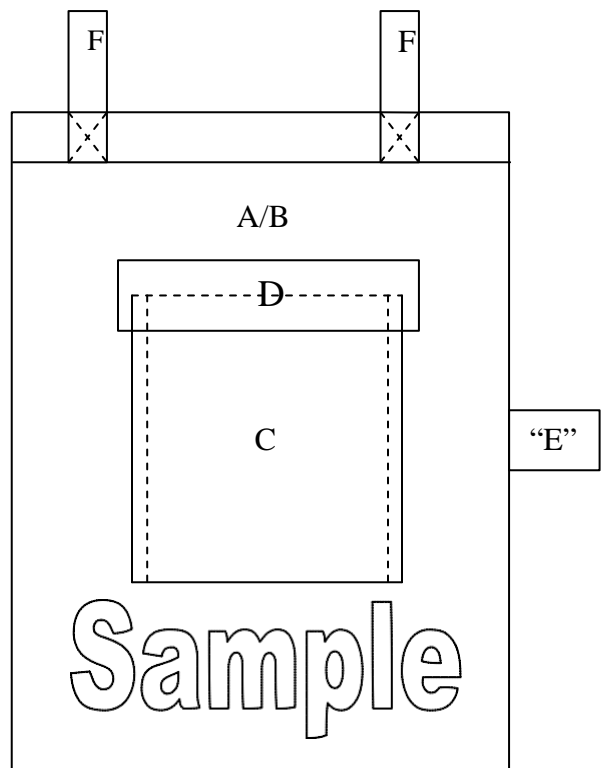
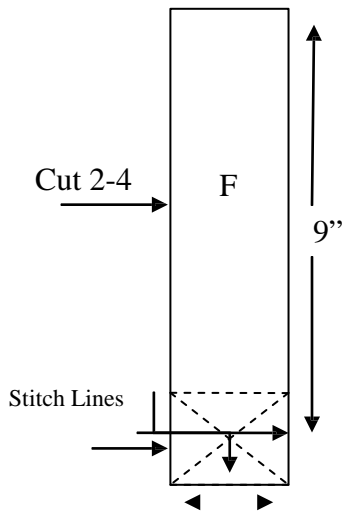
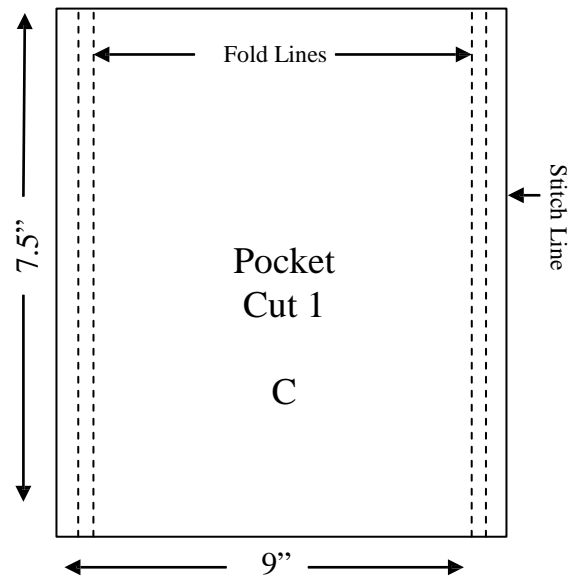
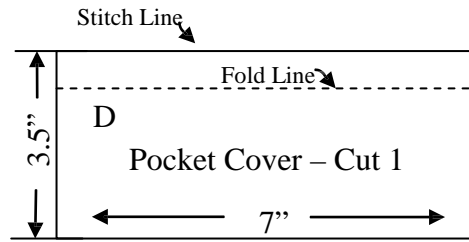
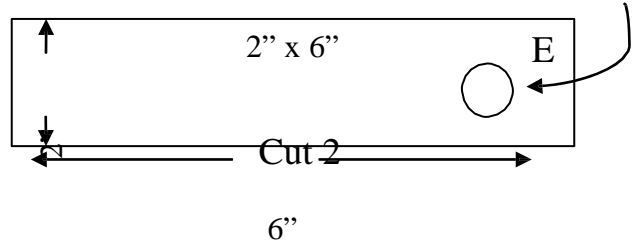
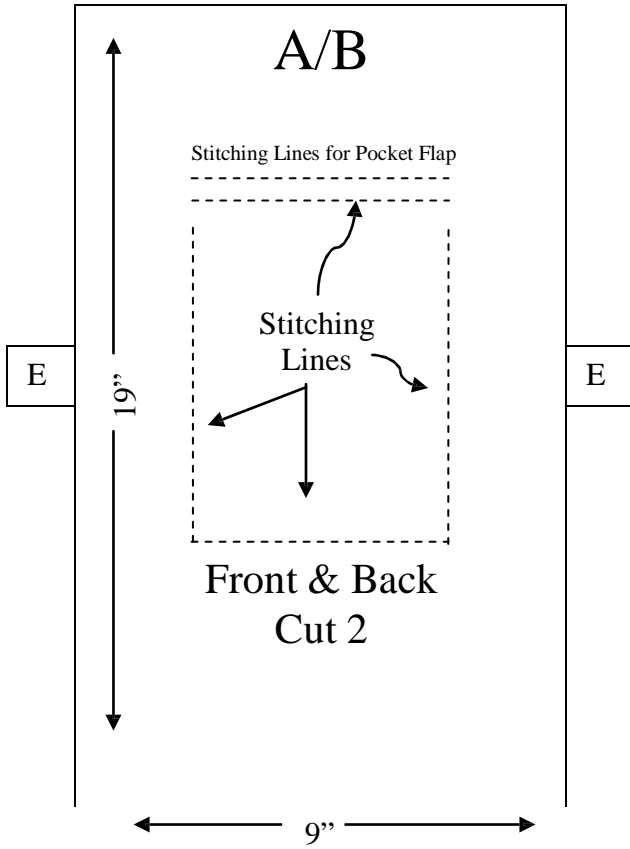
KIT BAGS:

Bright cotton print cut 27 x 13 inch. Fold material in half; sew - in - side seams. Sew 1-inch hem at top. Leave opening each side for drawstrings. **MUST BE TWO DRAWSTRINGS.** Each drawstring must go completely around top of bag, starting and ending at same opening. Twill tape or sewn bias tape is best material for drawstrings.

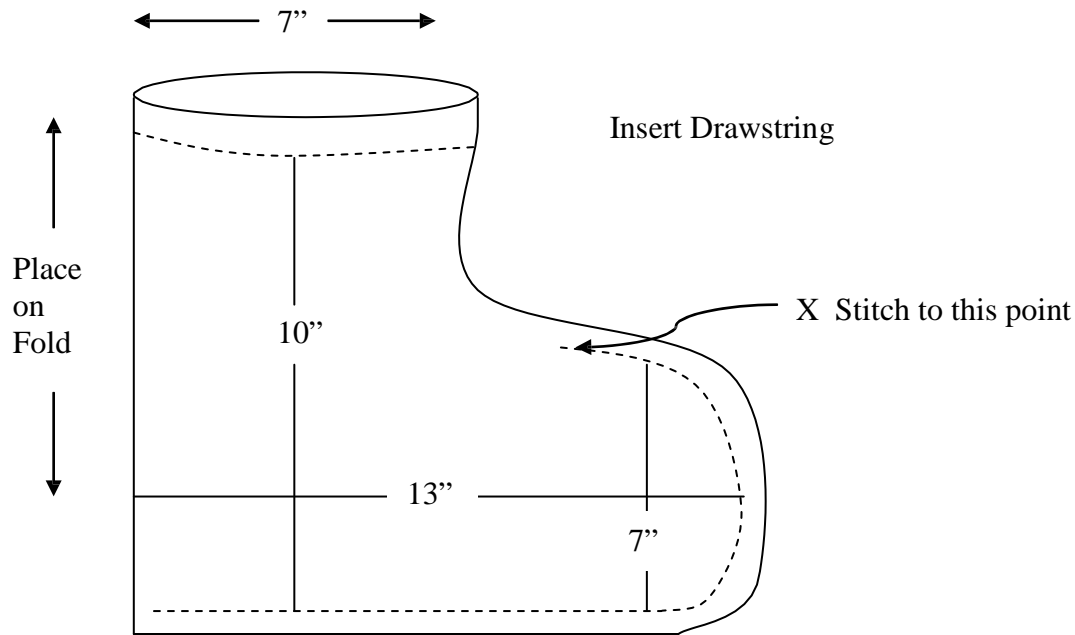
DO NOT SEND WITHOUT TESTING DOUBLE DRAWSTRINGS.
Complete bag measures 12" x 12".

CRUTCH BAG

Add small
Velcro dot



BOOTIE PATTERN



1. Cut 4 pieces to make 1 pair.
2. Open up two pieces – sew together across top – Fold Seam over – Finish side together.
3. Stitch from fold to point shown.
4. Turn one inside out and insert the other half inside to form one bootie. You will have a finished seam in and out.
5. Finish open edge – outside stitching – leave room for the drawstring opening.
6. On top of Bootie Stitch $\frac{3}{4}$ " from edge.
7. Make drawstring 2" x 20" or 36" - finish width of string – $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
8. Run drawstring through top – after string is in, sew in center on fold to keep in place – may also be tacked at heel seam.
9. Repeat as above for other two pieces.

CROCHETED SLIPPER-SOX WITH NON-SKID SOLES

MATERIALS:

4 oz. Skein 4 ply yarn
Crochet hook – size 11
Tapestry needle

MOLESKIN or similar leather – type material for 2 soles as per pattern. (Non-skid soles)

Loosely chain 50 st – cast on loosely

Row 1: DC in 4th st from hook; DC 43

Row 2 – 9 – CH 3; DC across making a total of 9 rows or approx. 5". Break yarn.

Begin in 9th DC from end. CH 3; DC in 27 DC.

Rows 2-7 – CH 3 and DC across.

On rows 8-9-10-11 decrease one DC on end of each row, ending with 24 DC on 11th row, and approx. 6"; making a total length of approx. 11". Break yarn.

FINISHING

With tapestry needle and double yarn, gather 12 DC in middle of beginning (44 st). Pull tightly together for heel, secure and proceed to sew up back.

With tapestry need and double yarn gather up the 24 DC for toe, tightly pul together, secure and proceed to sew up sock to within one row next to top of instep to allow enough room to easily get foot into slipper.

TO PREPARE SOLE FOR FINISHING

Cut soles from pattern and with small punch holes approx. 3/8" apart and in approx. 3/8". Work 2 SC in each hold around the sole. Place slipper on sole, pin front, back and sides and with tapestry needle and yarn sew sole unto slipper.

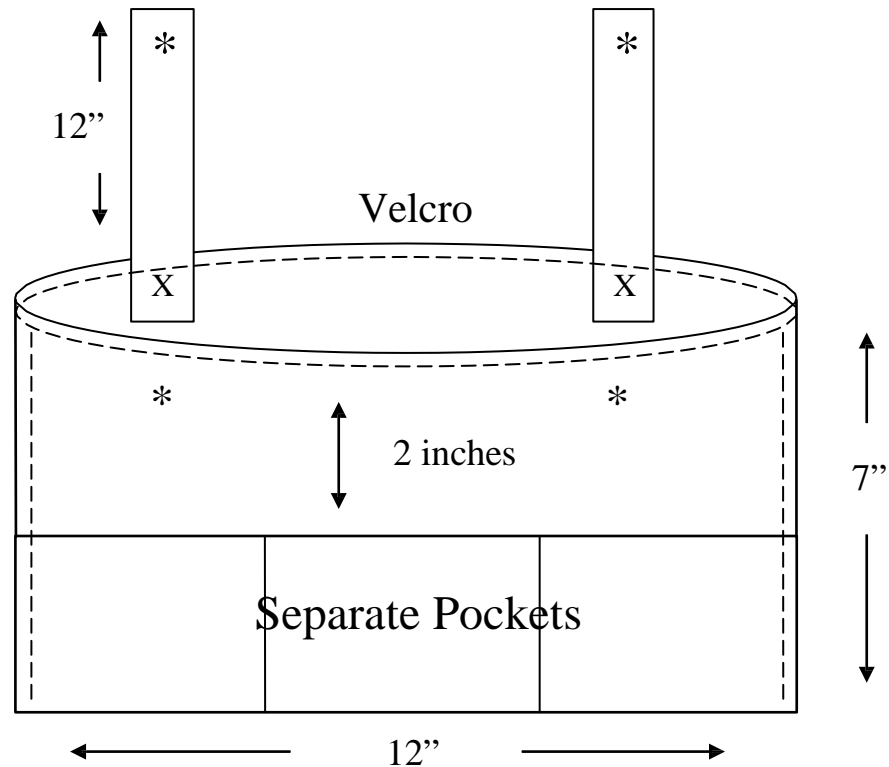
Crochet chain of yarn 29" long and lace from instep to top of slipper or lace tie around ankle and turn.



WHEELCHAIR BAG

Used to attach to wheelchair to hold personal items – can also be used on walkers.

MATERIAL: May be any heavy type of material.

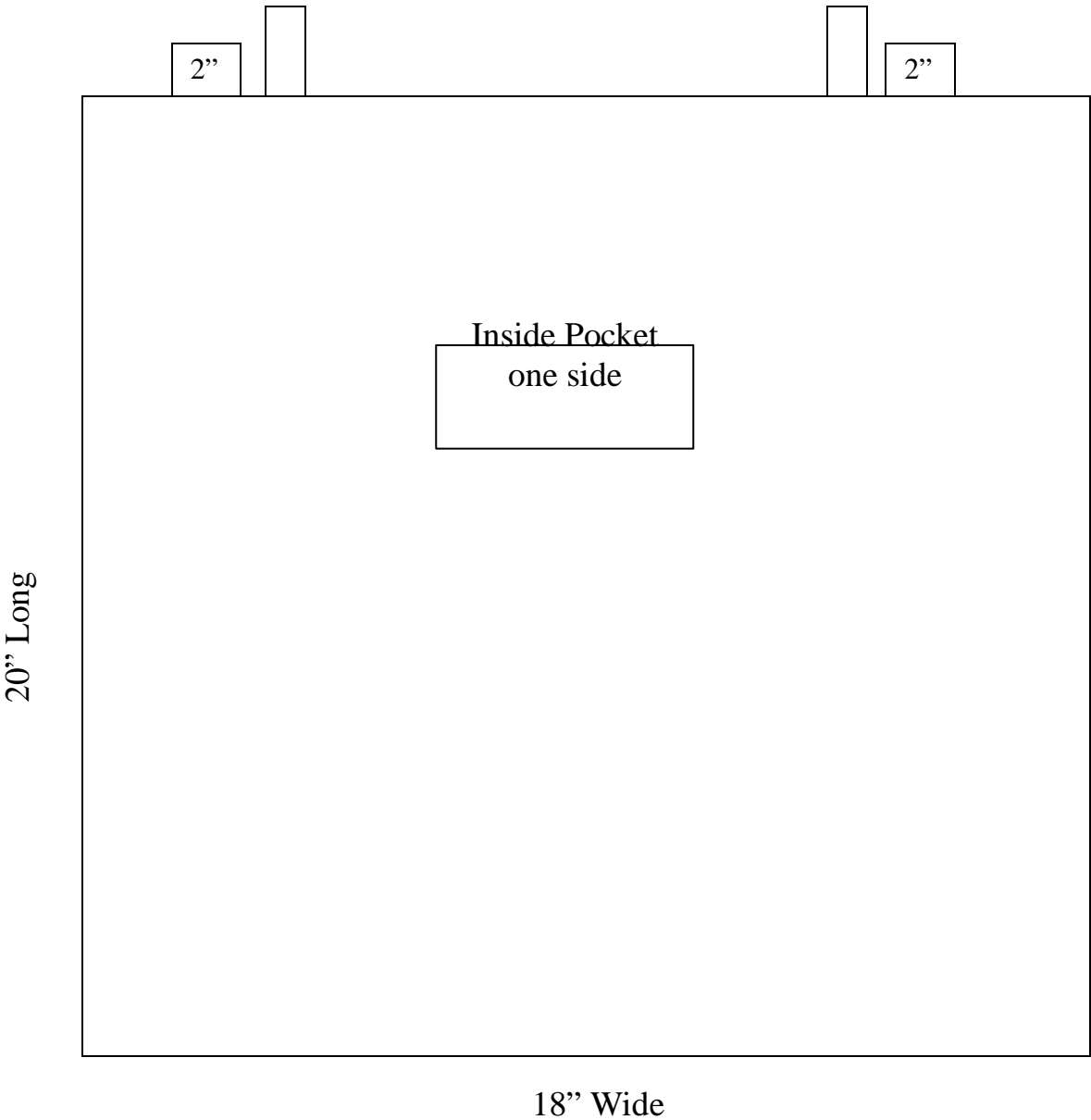


CONSTRUCTION:

- Finished size 7" x 12"
- 1" x 12" straps attached on side at the top
- Strap is made of a double thickness of material the same as the material used for the pocket.
- Seams on inside both sides and at the top of the pocket
- *Attach VELCRO fasteners to strap and top of pouch

WHEEL CHAIR LAUNDRY BAG

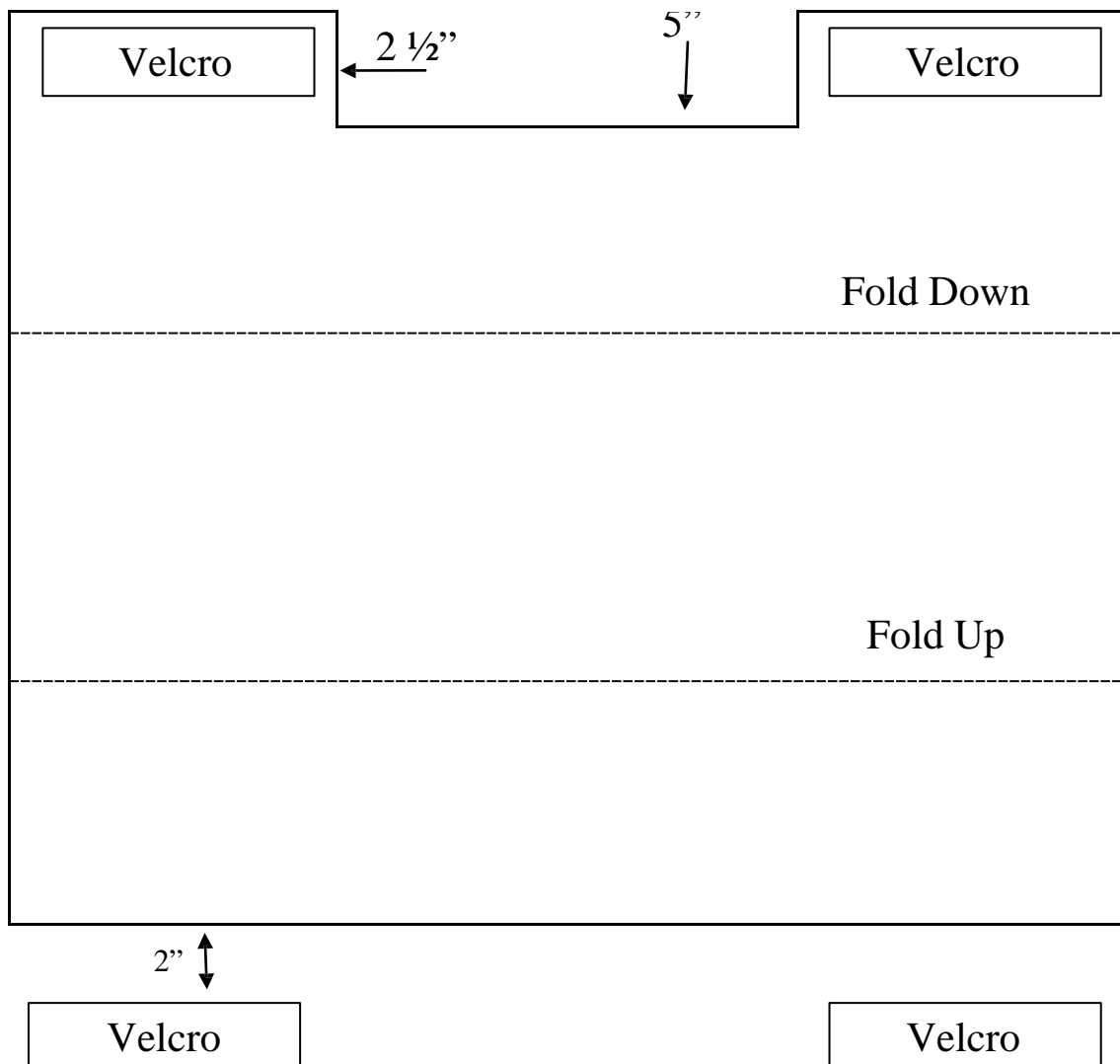
Inside pocket – 6” x10”
Use 1” wide elastic for handle
10” long elastic folded over to make handle



FOLEY BAG

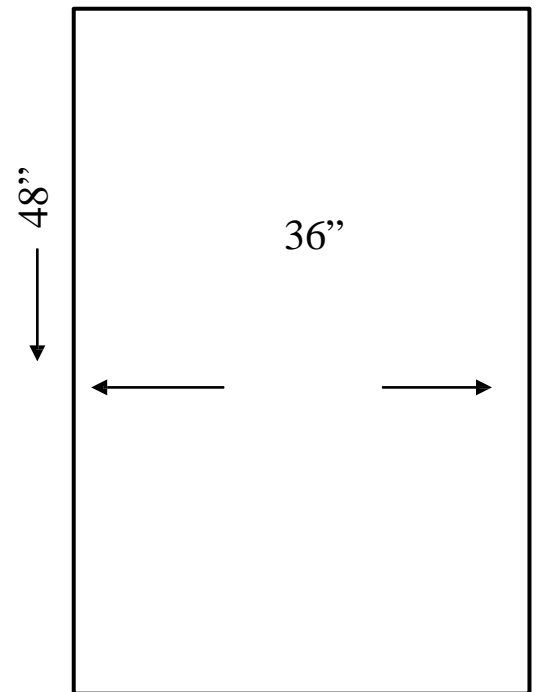
MATERIAL: Can be made out of cotton or flannel material

- Cut Material 30" x 15"
- Cut facing to match 6" x 15"
- Turn hem up 2 ½ " to make 2" hem - sew
- Turn facing ½ for hem – sew
- Bring bottom up 11 ½ right side to right side
- Place facing on top right side to right side
- Sew ½ "seam all around
- Turn right sides out
- Sew Velcro on top and on hem line for closing
- Closes like a purse
- Finish side 12" x 14"



LAP ROBES / AFGHANS

Bright, colorful flannel, or cotton washable material. Absolutely no slippery material. One side print, one side plain. May be pieced, patchwork, knitted or crocheted. **DO NOT USE BATTING OR HAND TIED KNOTS.** Completed robes should measure 36 x 48 inches.



AFGHAN – Bed Size

5 x 6 ft. – This size is popular with the Veterans as it covers the entire bed

May also be knitted or crocheted.

Be sure to make to size.

