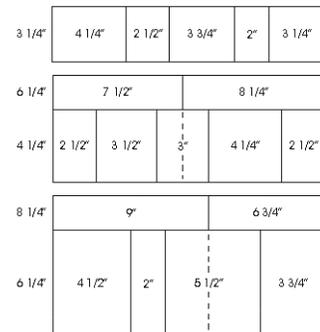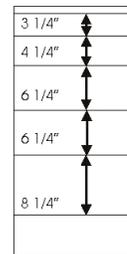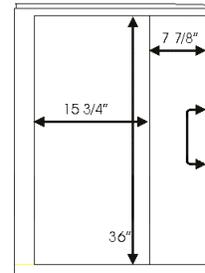# Embroidered Gadgets Caddy

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Materials:

1. Sturdy fabric (such as denim or upholstery fabric), 60" wide: 1 yard.
2. Extra-wide double-fold bias tape: 1 3-yard package.
3. Optional: Jumbo rickrack: 2 1/2 yards.
4. One metal or plastic **coat hanger**: the base must be at least 15" wide and have no vertical divisions.
5. **Hook and loop tape**, 3/4" wide: 14".
6. All-purpose thread.
7. Optional: decorative thread for stitching pockets.

Cut and Mark **Gadgets Caddy**:

1. Cut three **caddy** pieces. HINT: These rectangles will fit on the fabric side by side. Cut one on the fold (7 5/8 from fold" by 36" long), and the remaining two (15 3/4" wide by 36" long) beside the first.
2. For directional prints, mark the tops of each pattern piece.
3. From one of the **caddy** pieces, cut **caddy pockets**: 8 1/4", 6 1/4", 6 1/4", 4 1/4", and 3 1/4". (NOTE: You will have fabric left over.)
4. Mark **pocket placement lines** on the *right* side of these **caddy** pieces:
   a) Along the bottom of the 8 1/4" **pocket** and one 6 1/4" **pocket**, mark lines 1 1/4" from the raw edge. These will be back pockets on the double pockets.
   b) On the **caddy front**, mark lines parallel to the bottom edge: 1 1/4", 12", and 20 1/2" from the bottom.
5. Mark **pocket stitching lines**. You may use the suggestions provided here or as you desire. In order to prevent sagging on the double pockets, at least one line should stitch the pocket to the caddy. For each of the double pockets, the taller pocket is shown behind the shorter, as they will appear on the finished caddy. The height of each pocket strip is shown to the left of that strip. The pocket stitching lines shown on the back pockets will be stitched through front and back pockets, but for now just mark them on the back pockets as shown.
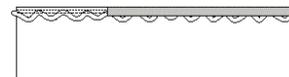
General Information:

1. Pockets are attached with a 1/4" seam/overcast stitch.
2. All other seams are 3/8".
3. When indicated, finish seams or raw edges with a multi-step zigzag.

Directions for applying optional rickrack:

1. Use utility (zigzag) presser foot with channel carved out of bottom.
2. Butt rickrack against the top raw edge of a pocket. Fold the double-fold seam binding over the rickrack. If you are satisfied with the amount of rickrack that peeks out from under the binding, then you may stitch the rickrack directly to the edge. If you prefer to have more of the rickrack show, then mark a line parallel to the top edge and align there instead. Since the double fold binding is about 1/2" wide, you may want to plan for the center of the rickrack to be 1/2" from the raw edge.

Diagram measurements

Caddy piece: 7 7/8", 15 3/4", 36"

Pocket strip heights (top to bottom): 3 1/4", 4 1/4", 6 1/4", 6 1/4", 8 1/4"

3 1/4"	4 1/4"	2 1/2"	3 3/4"	2"	3 1/4"

6 1/4"	7 1/2"	8 1/4"

4 1/4"	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	3"	4 1/4"	2 1/2"

8 1/4"	9"	6 3/4"

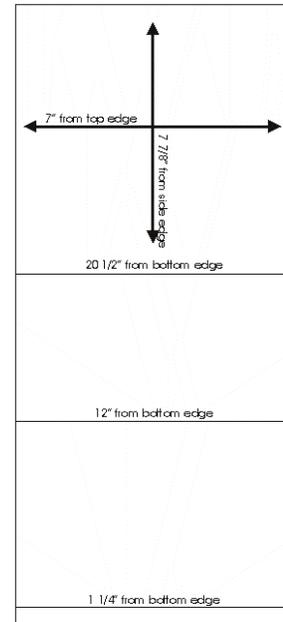| 6 1/4"	4 1/2"	2"	5 1/2"	3 3/4"

3. Pin the rickrack as decided above to the top edge of the pocket (right side of fabric). Stitch to the pockets within the area that will be covered by the binding.

Directions for applying double-fold seam binding:

1. Use utility (zigzag) presser foot with channel carved out of bottom.
2. Select left needle straight stitch, multi-step zigzag or decorative stitch.
3. Notice that one side of the double fold bias binding is slightly wider than the other. Place the wider side to the *wrong* side of the fabric. When you stitch through the narrower side you will be sure to also catch the wider side.
4. Set the top edge of a pocket inside the binding.
5. Place the binding and fabric under the presser foot with the binding positioned to the right. The left edge of the binding should be just inside the left toe of the presser foot. (OPTIONAL: Move needle position slightly to the right for stitching slightly away from the fold.) Sink the needle into the binding. NOTE: If available, use sewing machine's "needle down" feature.
6. With your fingers, make sure the next few inches of pocket are properly aligned inside the binding.
7. Stitch to your fingers, and then align the next few inches. Remember to sink the needle before lifting the presser foot.
8. Continue until you have completely bound a pocket top edge.
9. Take a few stitches after the pocket, and then position the beginning of the next pocket.
10. Continue until all pocket top edges have been bound. This saves binding as well as time!

Directions for embroidering `caddy front`:

1. Please look at the photograph provided above. Leaving a few inches above the top pocket and a few inches below where the caddy drapes over the hanger, there are about 6 vertical inches available for machine embroidery or other embellishment. The caddy is 15" wide after side seams. Leaving space on the sides to avoid crowding the design, the largest practical size for an embroidery design is about 6" x 12".
2. The embroidery shown in the photograph was "jumbled" (arranged) from my Fancy Jumbles alphabets (©2007). The alphabets are available at www.AnnTheGran.com (see alphabets).
3. The vertical center of the design area is 7 7/8" from one side edge.
4. The horizontal center of the design area is about 7" from the top raw edge. This allows a little more space at the bottom of the design so that it appears balanced.
5. Mark these centering lines with chalk or some other removable marker.
6. Hoop stabilizer and spray-baste fabric to it, or hoop stabilizer and fabric, as you prefer, making sure the design is centered appropriately and the design will face the proper direction.
7. Stitch design.
8. Remove marks, trim jump threads, trim excess stabilizer from wrong side of fabric.

7" from top edge

7 7/8" from side edge

20 1/2" from bottom edge

12" from bottom edge

1 1/4" from bottom edge

Directions:

1. At top edge of **caddy front** press 2" to the wrong side. (HINT: On wrong side mark a line 4" from the top edge. Fold the top edge to meet this line, then pin and press the crease.)
2. At top edge of **caddy front** and **caddy back**, press 3/8" to wrong side. Allow hems to fall open.
3. Bind top edges of all five **pockets** following above instructions.
4. Create **double pocket**:

a) Place 6 1/4" **pocket** on table, right side up.

b) Place the 4 1/4" **pocket** with marked **pocket stitching lines** right side down on the larger **pocket**.

c) Align the smaller **pocket** so that the bottom edge is on the marked line and most of the **pocket** extends beyond the bottom of the larger **pocket**.

d) Stitch the **pocket**, using an overcast stitch and an overcast presser foot.

e) Press the **pocket** into its proper position.

f) Beginning at the bottom of the **upper pocket**, stitch on the first **pocket stitching line**. Backstitch at both ends.

5. Repeat these steps for the 8 1/4" **pocket** and the second 6 1/4" **pocket**.

6. Attach the pockets to the **caddy front**:

a) Stitch the largest **pocket** to the lowest **pocket placement line**. (Stitch pocket upside down, press upright.)

b) Stitch the other **double pocket** to the second **pocket placement line**.

c) Finally, stitch the smallest **pocket** to the remaining **pocket placement line**.

d) On the two **double pockets**, extend the **pocket stitching line** from the **back pocket** onto the **front pocket**. Stitch through both **pockets** and the **caddy front** these lines, beginning at the bottom of the **double pocket**.

e) On the smallest **pocket**, stitch to the **caddy front** on all **pocket stitching lines**. Stitch from the bottom of the **pocket** to the top.

7. Add **hook tape** to **caddy back**:

a) On the right side of the **caddy back**, mark a line parallel to the top edge and 2 5/8" away. Mark a second line 3/4" below that.

b) Center the **hook tape** between these lines and between the side edges of the fabric. Pin or tape in place, or hold in place with basting glue.

c) Stitch **hook tape** to **caddy back** with narrow zigzag stitch: zig on the **hook tape** and zag off.

8. Complete the **caddy**:

a) Place the **caddy front** and **back** on the table, right sides together.

b) Pin the side seams only. Stitch. Press seams open.

c) Pin the bottom seam. At the side seams, fold both seam allowances toward the **caddy front**, and pin in place. Stitch the bottom seam. Trim the corners diagonally. Press the seam allowances apart by pressing one toward the **caddy**.

d) Turn the **caddy** right side out. Press flat.

e) Turn under the 3/8" hems you previously pressed. Pin through all layers and stitch the opening near the fold.

9. Add **loop tape** to the **caddy back**:

a) Press the top hem (formerly 2" but now 1 5/8") toward the **caddy back**.

b) Pin, tape or glue the **loop tape** 1/4" from the outer fold of of the top hem. Center it between the side seams.

c) Stitch the **loop tape** with narrow zigzag stitch: zig on the **loop tape** and zag off.

10. Fold top hem around base of hanger and fasten in place.

11. Load your favorite sewing tools into the **pockets** and hang the **caddy** in a convenient spot.