Pockets are a girl’s best friend! When searching for the perfect dress or skirt you may be disappointed to find it doesn’t have pockets. Don’t worry about the ‘perfect’ dress or skirt at the department store not having pockets! You can now add your own custom pockets to any skirt or dress!

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ★ ★ ★
Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

- A Favorite Dress or Skirt that lacks pockets
- Scrap Fabric
- Scissors and/or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- Coordinating Thread
- Straight Pens
- Sewing Machine Needle - Size 90 Universal
- Marking Pen
- Seam Ripper
- Pocket Pattern Piece Provided
Project Steps

1. Gather your supplies.

2. Fold your coordinating fabric in half to have **two** layers. Trace your pocket pattern piece twice onto your fabric.
3. Cut them out using your scissors or rotary cutter and cutting mat. You should have 4 total pocket pieces cut out.

4. Put your dress or skirt on and measure from the seam under your arm or the horizontal seam below your bust or waist the distance you would like your pocket to be at.

5. Turn your dress or skirt inside out and measure from the seam you marked (from when you tried it on earlier) to the distance where you felt best for your pocket to start and mark it with a pin. Take your pattern piece and line point A up with your marked straight pin, lining up the straight edge of your pattern piece with the seam of your dress or skirt, and add a pin to mark point B.
6. Take your trusty seam ripper and take out the stitches between your straight pins, also taking out the stitches an inch below and above them for some wiggle room when sewing your pocket pieces on.
   a. **Important Tip:** Do **NOT** take the pins out; they will be your guidelines for step 7 when adding your lining.

7. Take one of the coordinating pocket pieces and place the right side of the fabric to the right side of the dress or skirt fabric, lining up the raw straight edges. You will be putting your pocket piece into the opening you made. Pin in place with your straight pins. Your point A and B should line up with the straight pins you made in Step 5.

8. Sew along the raw edge with a ¼” seam allowance to hold in place, remembering to backstitch at the beginning and end of the pocket piece.

9. Repeat the same process with the second coordinating pocket piece.
10. When you pull the fabric to the wrong side of your dress or skirt you should have the example below.

11. Line your two pocket pieces up along the raw edges pinning all the way around to hold in place. You are still working with your dress or skirt turned inside out.
12. Start where you took the stitches out of your side seam, an extra inch or so, and sew to your pocket piece going around the pocket and finishing at the end of the other side--where your stitches were pulled out further than needed for the pocket piece wiggle room. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and end.

13. Turn your dress right side out and enjoy the perfect spot for lip gloss the next time you go out!