

Sew an Efficient Three-fold Checkbook Cover

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This efficient three-fold checkbook cover will hold your check register, checks, small notepad/sheets, your pen and your receipts. No more pen searching before check writing because it will be there at your fingertips! A pocket hidden underneath your check register will neatly hold your receipts from your bank's automated teller machine and/or your shopping ventures. This piece can be made from material leftover from another project you have completed or maybe a print of your favorite team. Backing is used to keep your three-fold checkbook cover crisp yet flexible. Also your efficient three-fold checkbook cover may be washable depending on the type of fabric you choose.



Wallet Size



Holds Receipts



Holds Register Page



Suggested Fabrics

- **Cover:** Lightweight to Heavyweight fabrics, not suitable for large prints.
- **Lining, pocket-liner & pen-holder:** Cotton and cotton blends, solid color preferred.

Materials Needed

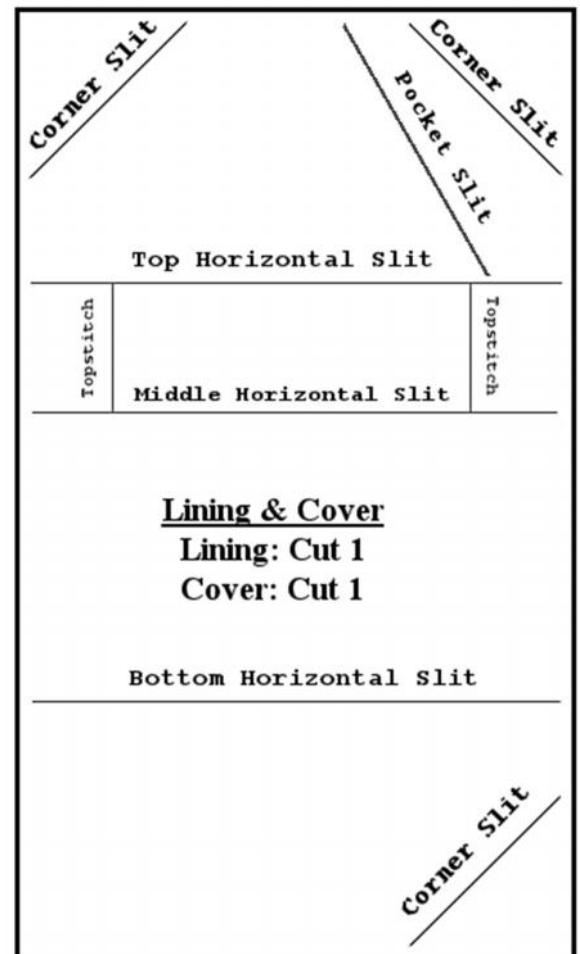
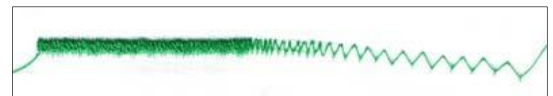
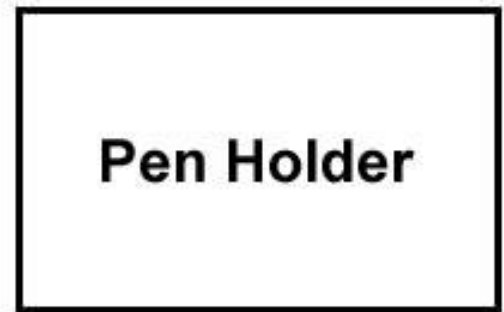
- **Cover:** 11 x 14" fabric
- **Lining, pocket-liner & pen-holder:** 11 x 24" fabric
- **22" wide Tear-away Stabilizer:** 1/8 yard
- **22" wide Crisp Iron-on Backing:** 2/3 yard
- Matching Thread

Miscellaneous Items

- sewing machine
- scissors
- iron
- marking pen (air or water soluble)
- straight pins

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out fabric for pocket-liner, set aside.
2. Apply iron-on backing to remaining fabric for pen-holder, lining and cover, cut out.
3. **Pen-holder:** Fold each end of pen-holder $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Using a straight stitch, topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from folded edge.
4. Trace all lines onto right side of lining fabric with marking pen.
5. Cut tear away stabilizer into 1" wide strips. Using a medium width zigzag stitch approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide and a short stitch of approximately 24-26 stitches per inch, zigzag stitch sides of slit lines on the right side of lining fabric piece with the tear-away stabilizer underneath in the following order.
 - Both sides of corner slits and bottom horizontal slit.
 - Left side of pocket slit. Snip $\frac{1}{2}$ " on center of slit line with scissors. Pin wrong side of lining to right side of pocket-liner matching left top and side edges.
 - Right side of pocket slit. Trim off the small fabric side of pocket-liner to $\frac{1}{4}$ " of pocket slit stitching.
 - Above top horizontal slit covering the lower end of pocket slit stitching. Trim off fabric of pocket-liner below stitching.
 - Below middle horizontal slit.
 - Center wrong side down of pen-holder fabric piece flat onto lining between the vertical topstitch lines and overlapping



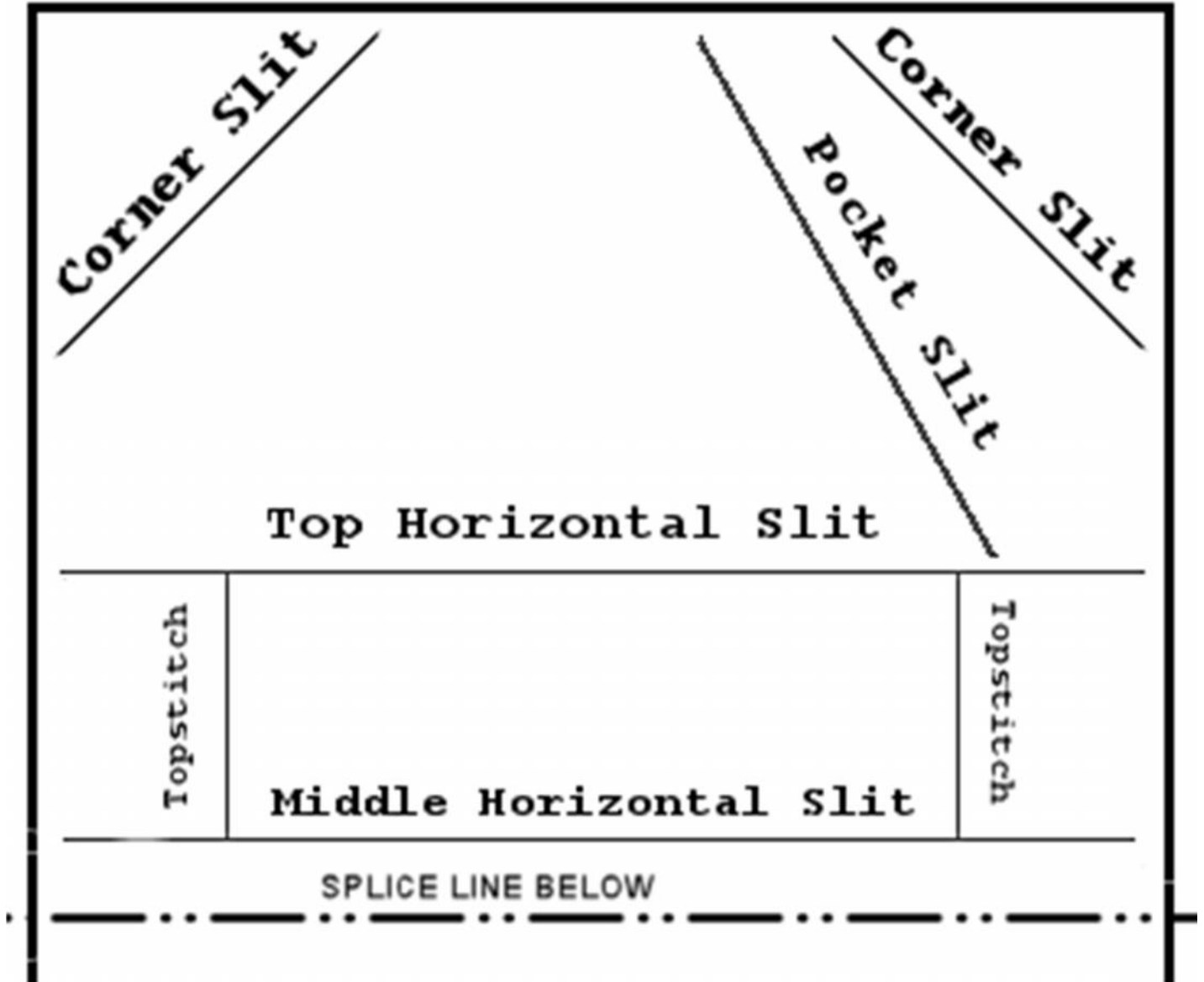
the top and middle horizontal slits, pin. Mark both horizontal slit lines onto pen-holder piece with marking pen.

- Below top horizontal slit, trim excess pen-holder fabric above stitching.
- Above middle horizontal slit, trim excess pen-holder fabric below stitching.
- Tear away excess stabilizer.

6. Snip $\frac{1}{2}$ " on center of the remaining slit lines between the zigzag stitches with scissors.
7. **Lining & Cover:** With right sides together, pin. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, straight stitch the entire rectangle. Grade seam allowances and trim corners.
8. Carefully cut the entire bottom horizontal slit of lining between the zigzag stitches with scissors. Turn the entire checkbook right side out through the bottom horizontal slit opening. PRESS. Cut the entire remaining slits of lining.
9. With lining face up, topstitch (with straight stitches) the following through zigzag stitches.
 - Below top horizontal slit opening.
 - Above middle and bottom horizontal slit openings.
10. Topstitch through Lining and Cover through vertical topstitch lines on each side of pen-holder.
11. Edge stitch checkbook.

PATTERNS

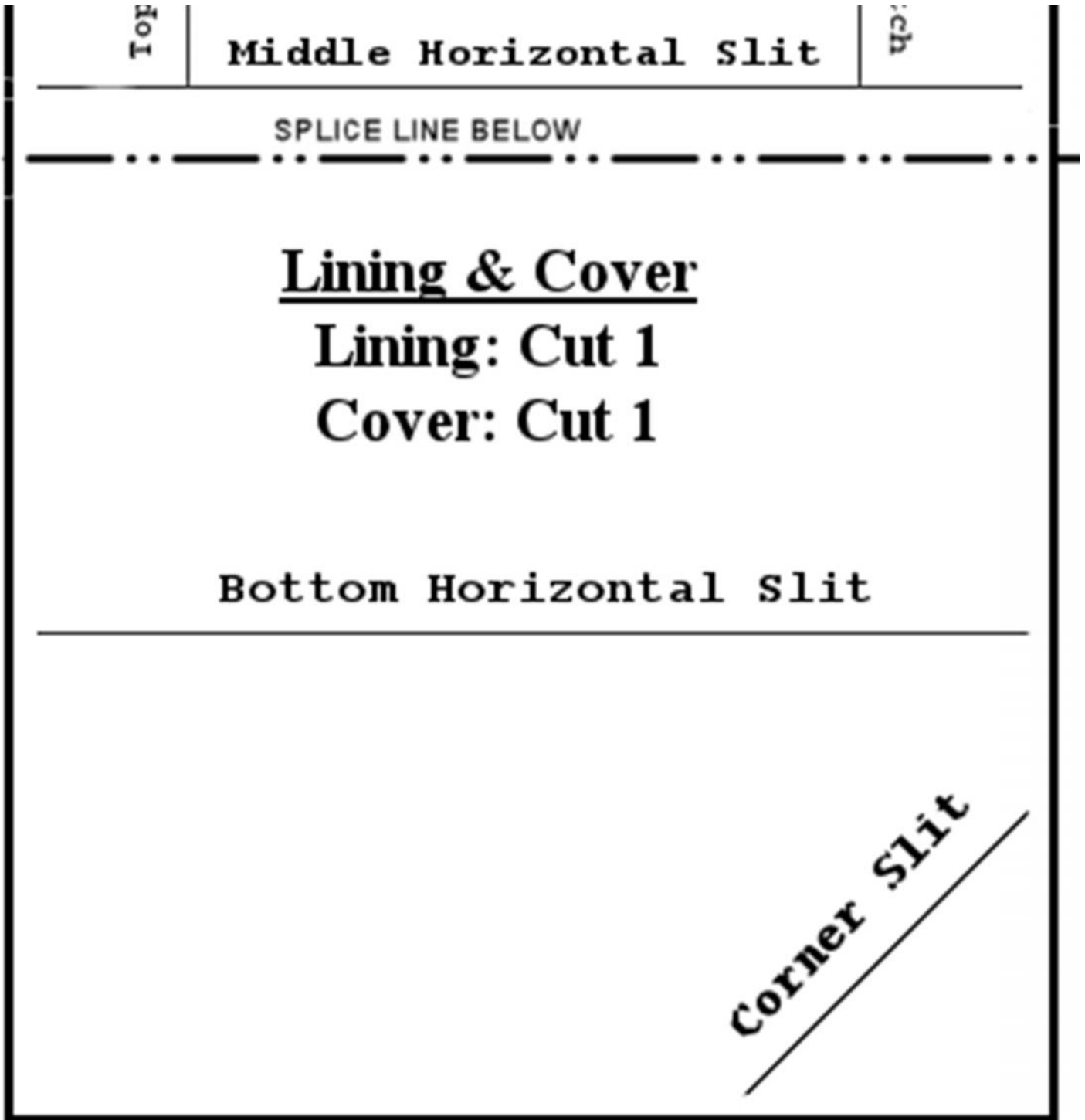
Top Part of Checkbook



Match splice lines together before cutting fabric!

1" x 1"

Bottom part of checkbook



Pen Holder

1" x 1"

Pocket Liner