Envelope Clutch Bag

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I wanted a bag for nights out that was nice and small and had spaces for cards and cash so I didn't have to take my whole wallet out, and space for the usual essentials – mobile, keys, and lip gloss of course!! So this is what I came up with… It folds down on itself like an envelope and closes with two poppers, inside it has a zipped section for coins, 4 card slots, a note slot, and a pouch for mobile etc. Haven't done it yet, but I will also add a wrist strap to make it easier to keep hold of at the end of a long night out!! =) Two more versions at the bottom, both made for friends birthdays. The outers are both Liberty cord fabrics, the top one has a hot pink silk lining and the bottom one has a bright blue silk lining. Both friends were very happy with them!!

Materials

More of the Liberty 'Lauren' print, cotton lining, interfacing, zip, poppers and a piece of cardboard

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Step 1 — Materials

You will need:

0.5m Outer fabric,
0.5m Lining,
1m Interfacing,
15cm Zip,
2 Snap fasteners,
18cm Thin elastic,
Piece of card

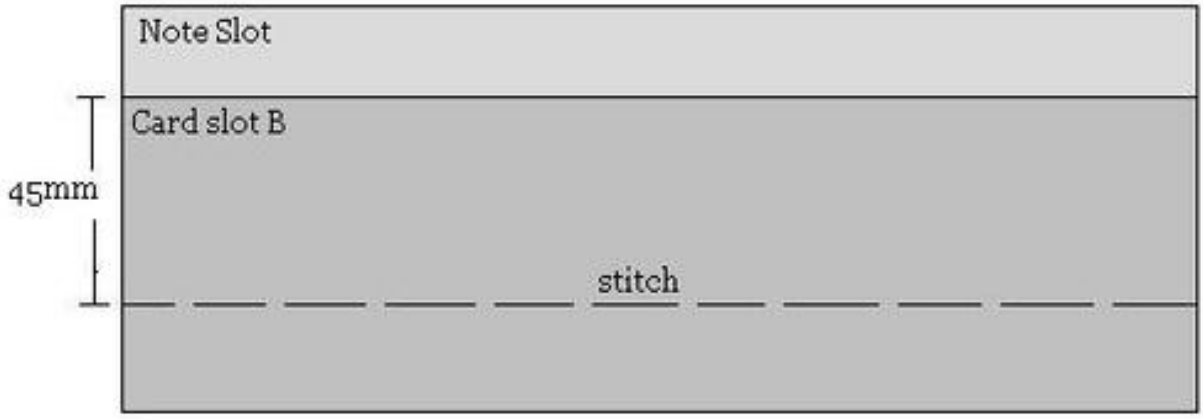
Step 2 — Prepare Pattern

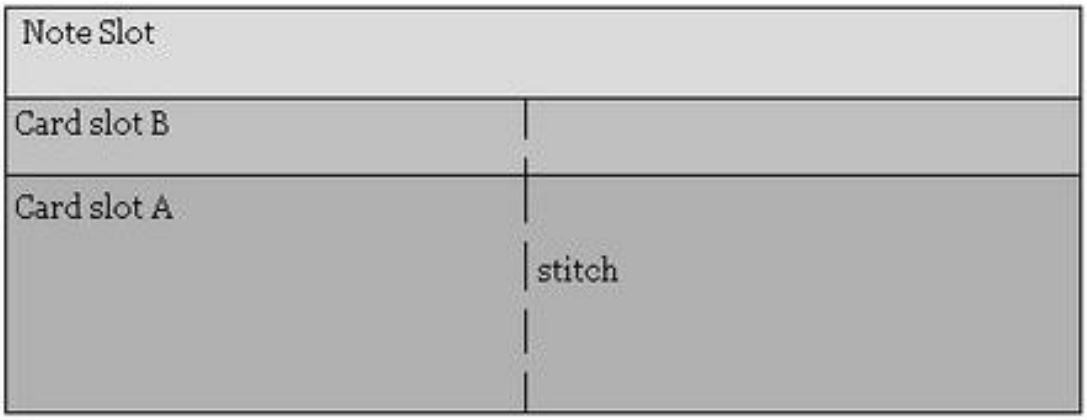
Print out the pattern with your printer set to 'fit to page'.
Stick pages together lining up corresponding triangles at the edges of the pages (except the last page which does not need to be joined to the other four). Cut pieces out (seam allowance is not included).
Pin (or trace) peices on to your fabric and lining, and cut out adding a 1cm seam allowance to all sides.

Step 3 — Interfacing

Apply iron on interfacing to the wrong sides of all pieces except the inner pocket and the change pocket.

Step 4 — Card/note slots





Fold the peices for the two card slots and one note slot in half horizontally, wrong sides together. Top stitch the upper folded edges of each.
Place card slot B on top of note slot with bottom raw edges lined up, stitch horizontally across the pieces about 45mm down from the top edge of card slot B.
Place card slot A on top of card slot B with bottom raw edges lined up, stitch vertically down the middle from the top edge of card slot B to the bottom edge.

Step 5 — Change pocket

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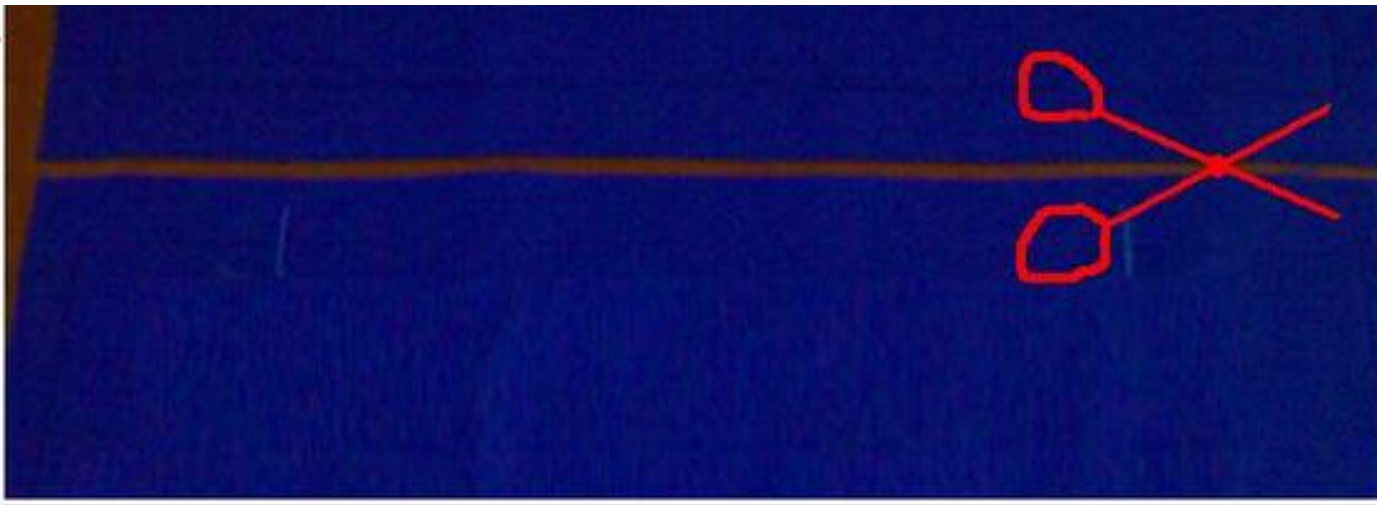

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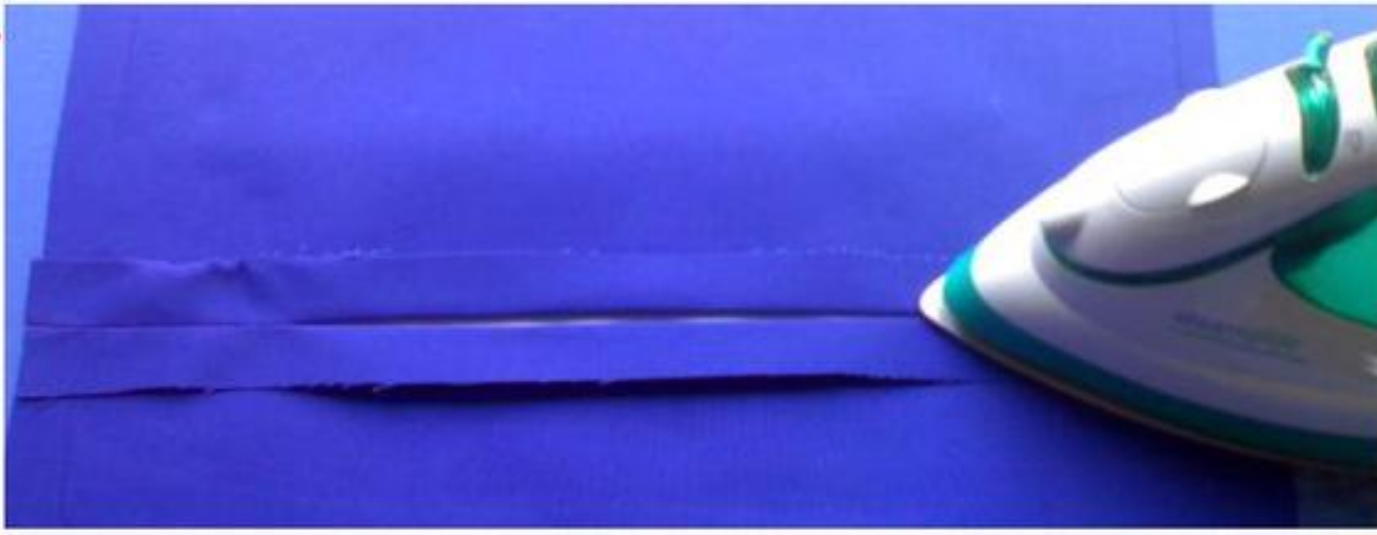

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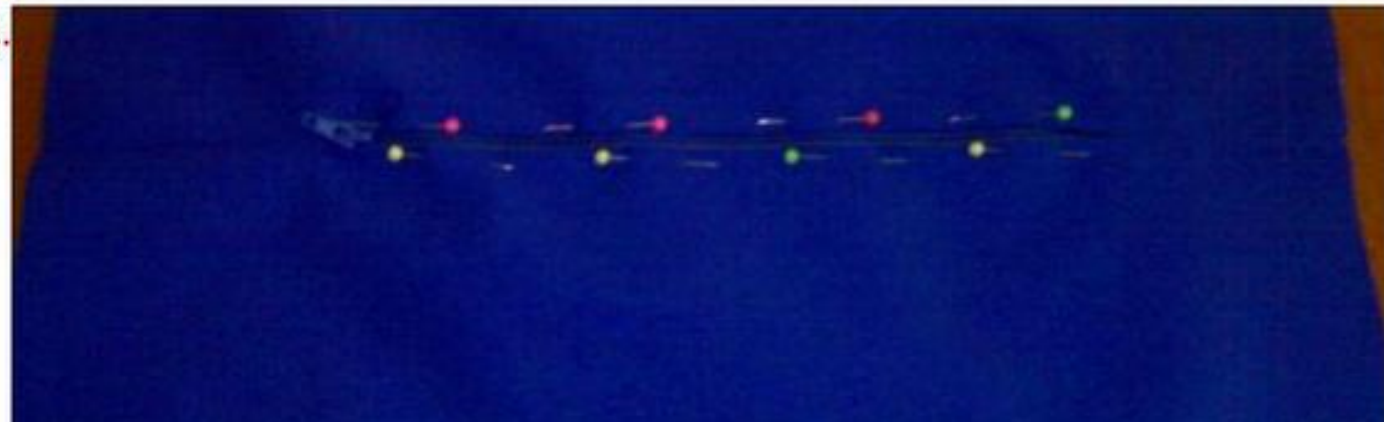
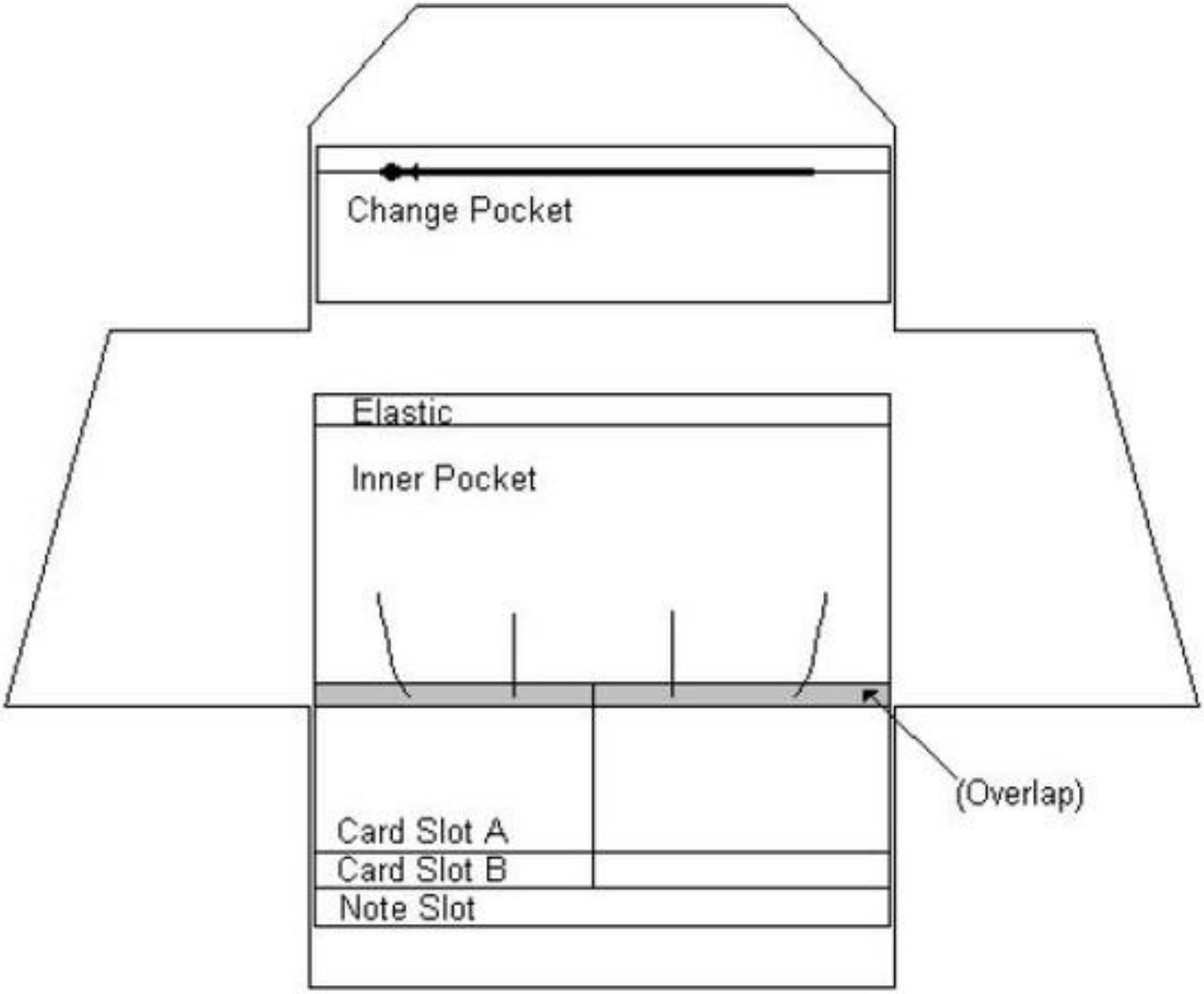


Cut along the marked cut line of the change pocket. Place the two peices together right sides together cut edges lined up. Sew 1cm away from cut edge at either side, just 15mm in from each edge (leaving an open the length of your zip). Press seam allowances open. Sew zip in place in the opening.

Step 6 — Inner Pocket

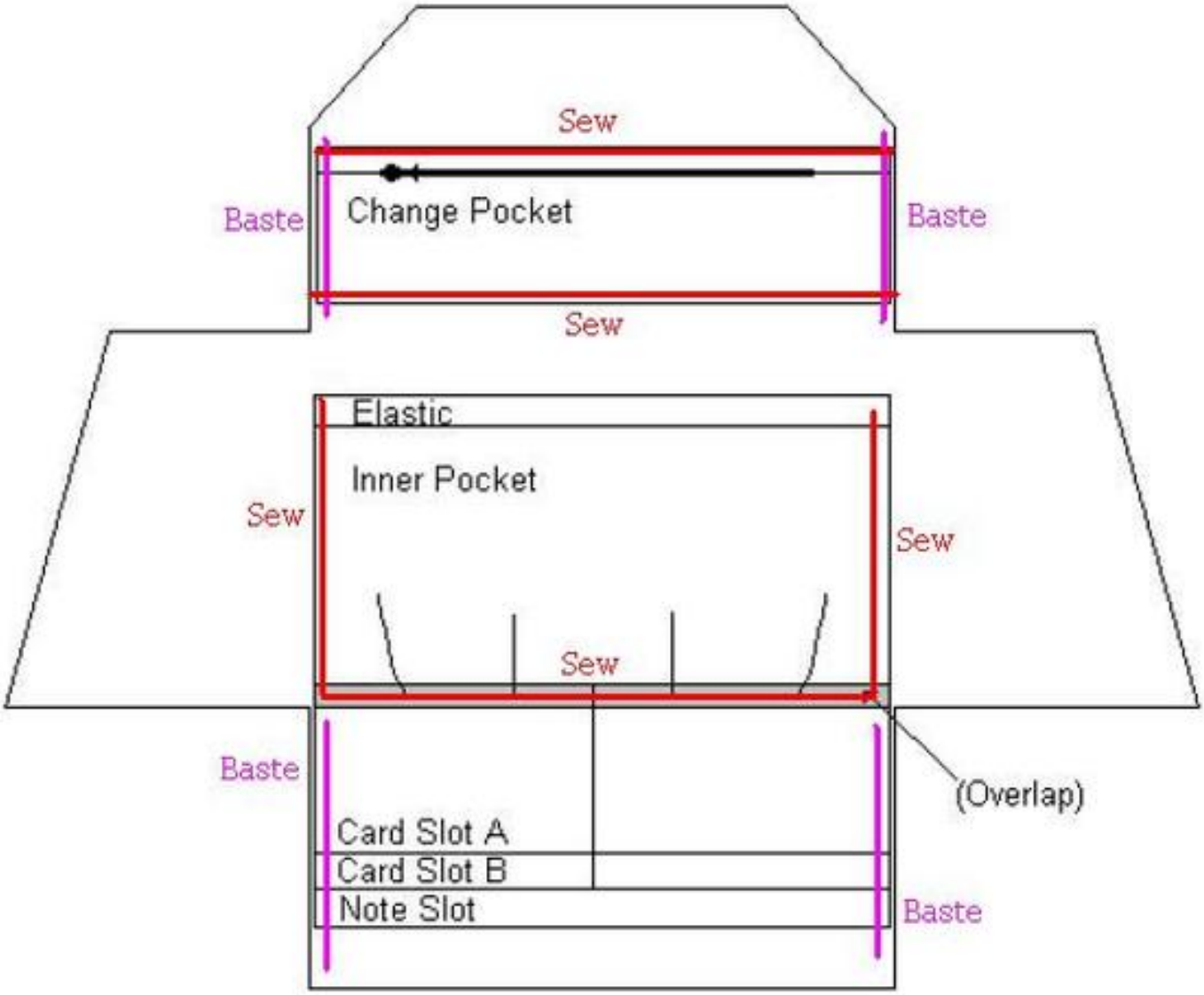
Sew two long rows of basting stitches along bottom edge of inner pocket. Fold upper edge over, wrong sides facing. Sew a channel as wide as your elastic. Feed the elastic into the channel and secure it at either end. Pull the basting stitches to gather the bottom edge of the pocket to about 20cm long.

Step 7 — Add pockets to lining



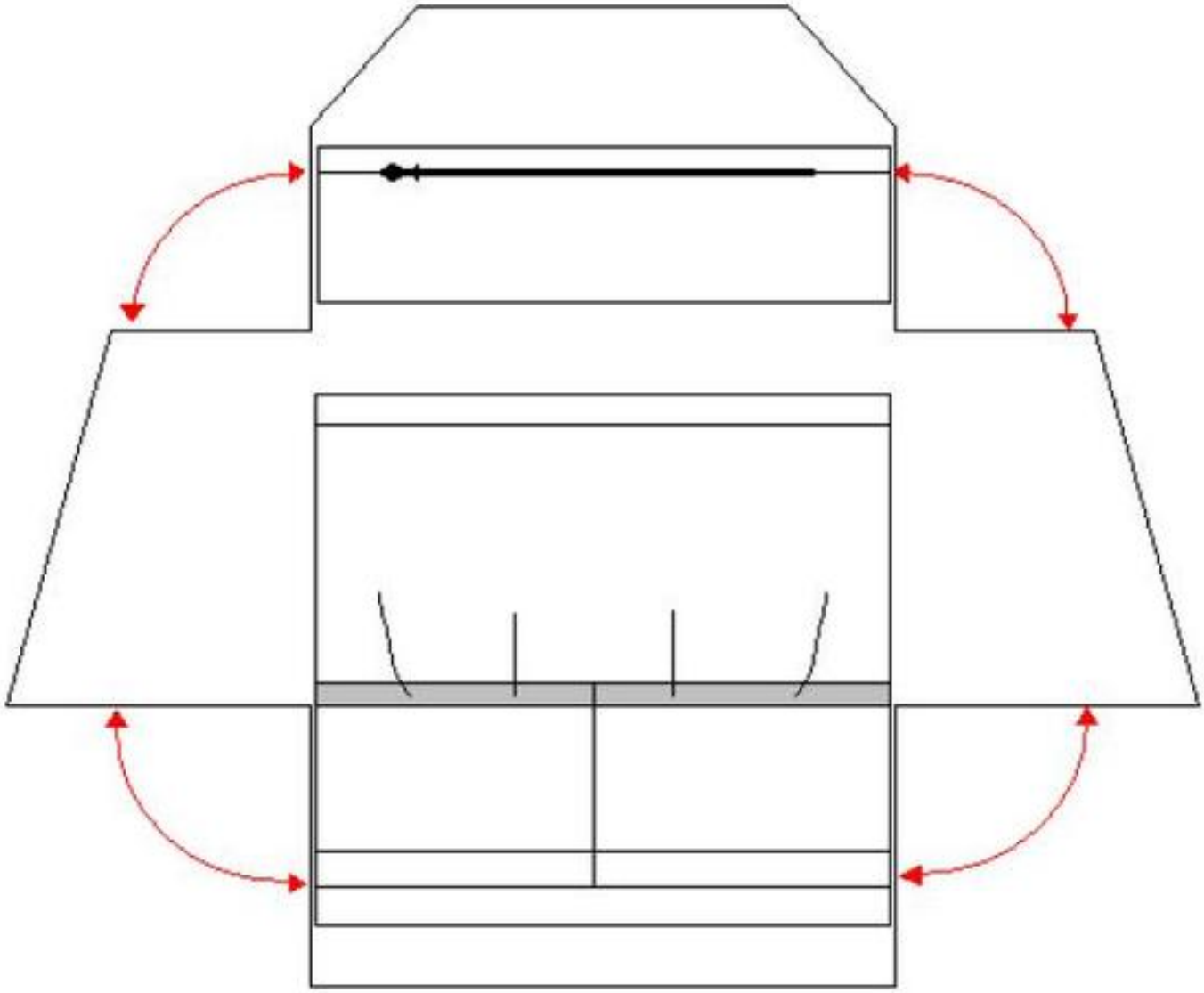
Take your main lining piece and place the pockets in place as shown in the diagram

Step 8 — Stitch pockets



Baste card and note slots in place. Fold the seam allowance of the three raw edges of the inner pocket under and topstitch in place, with lower edge covering bottom raw edge of the card slots. Fold upper and lower seam allowance of change pocket under and topstitch in place. Baste the side edges in place.

Step 9 — Sides



Fold all sides of the outer lining piece up so you get a ‘box’ shape with right sides together (as shown in diagram). Stitch from the bottom corners to the top edges on all four corners. Trim seam allowance. Do the same with the outer pieceto make another box shape – turn this one right side out.

Step 10 — Card

Hand sew (or use fabric glue) a piece of card that is slightly smaller than the bottom of your ‘box’ on the underside of your lining. (this is optional, but it helps the bag keep its shape a little better)

Step 11 — Finishing

Pull the outer piece over the lining piece with wrong sides together. Fold in seam allowance, press, pin. Topstitch all the way around the upper edge. Add one side of the snap fasteners to the closure flap as marked on the pattern. Close the bag folding the sides in neatly and press flat. Mark on the outside of the bag where the snaps fall and attach the other half of each of the snaps where your marks are.