



Simple pouch for joeys

The best all-round pouch is as follows. (You can alter the size for different size joeys)
There are four different size pouches.

	Outer pouch	Liner
Large	43cm x 46cm	43cm x 51cm
Medium	36cm x 39cm	36cm x 45cm
Small	30cm x 35cm	30cm x 41cm
Pinkie	24cm x 25cm	24cm x 30cm

The outer pouch

Cut two pieces of polar fleece or any warm material (as long as it is not fluffy). Place right sides together and round out the bottom two corners. Sew up the sides and around the bottom. Zig-zag a line around the raw edge for outer strength.

The liner

Cut out the liner the same way as the outer pouch using cotton, a soft t-shirt, or some soft and non-fluffy material. The skin of a little joey is very easily damaged, and joeys can inhale fluff, causing breathing difficulties. The liner is a little longer than the outer pouch, but the same width. Sew it up using the same process as the outer pouch.

Put the cotton liner inside the outer pouch, wrong sides together, so the seams of both pieces are on the inside. This is necessary because joeys will suck on the seams and potentially ingest threads.

Make a 2cm fold at the top of the liner and then fold the liner outwards. You will now have a band of the inner cotton liner showing on the outside of about 4cm. You should next sew a row of stitching around the top of the fold and the bottom of the fold. This will give the pouch a lot of stability for Joey to climb in and out.

If the pouches are not stable enough around the top, the pouch will collapse as the joey tries to roll in, and the joey will change their way of entering the pouch by climbing in. This can be detrimental to their development as they need to build and strengthen their muscles from when they are very little, so tumbling is an important exercise. Please ensure pouches are stable enough for the joey to tumble correctly.

► **Once your pouch is ready, please send it to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary,
593 Briggs Rd, Brighton TAS 7030**

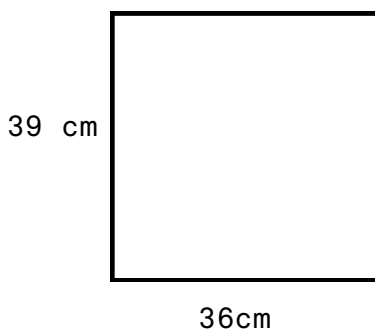
How to make a simple pouch for joeys

These measurements are for a medium size pouch. The sizes can vary as the need arises.

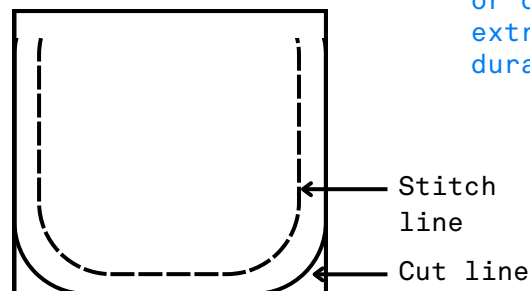
Things to consider when making pouches:

- ▶ Joeys have little sharp front nails that can catch in any open weave fabric and nails can be pulled out or broken off. This is why it is important that any material you use on the inside of the pouch is suitable. Cotton pillowcases that are cut down to size are usually suitable, and also a great to recycle old pillowcases. Alternatively, second-hand sheeting can work, as long as it is not too thin. You could also use flannelette or a standard t-shirt.
- ▶ Joeys also have very sharp, heavy duty back feet nails that can rip material, so any material that has started to wear before being turned into pouches will not last long as a pouch.

1. Cut two pieces of fabric.

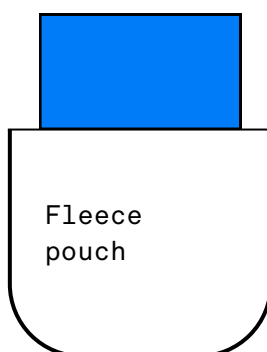


2. With right sides together, cut off the corners to round the pouch at the bottom and then stitch sides and bottom. Zig-zag seams of the liner.

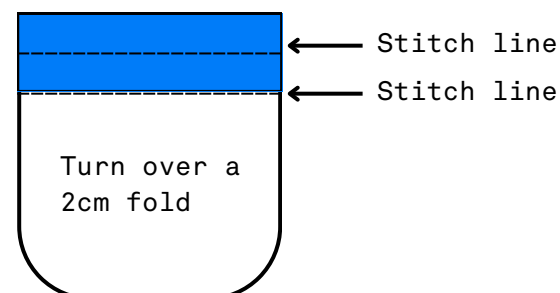


* As Joeys are tumbling in and out of these pouches over and over again, all seams on the liner need to be stitched and then zig-zagged or overlocked for extra strength and durability.

3. Insert liner into outer pouch, wrong sides together making sure the liner fits right to the bottom of outer pouch.



4. Fold the inner layer out over the top of the outer pouch. Stitch two lines for stability.



* The attached liner can be hung out of the fleece pouch for washing and quick drying.