

# Craft Caddy

Keep your craft goodies neat and tidy with this colourful organiser. You'll find numerous other uses for this handy holder too – try making it using oilcloth for a wipe-clean finish, or make a matching picnic mat and use it to carry your food, plates and cutlery for a stylish summer picnic. You could make the caddy larger in size, but you may need to use interfacing to stiffen the panels.

## *What you need*

Four pieces of cotton fabric, each measuring 5 x 6in (13 x 15cm)

Four pieces of contrasting cotton for lining, measuring 5 x 6in (13 x 15cm)

One square of each fabric for the base, measuring 5in (13cm) square

For the pockets, four pieces of lining fabric measuring 6½ x 8in (16.5 x 20cm)

20in (51cm) of bias-binding tape

8in (20.5cm) of ribbon or cord for the handles

Four buttons





1 Place the two main pieces of fabric together, wrong sides facing. Place the coat hanger centrally, ½in (1cm) from the top of the fabric. Draw across the arc of the hanger, leaving a gap where the hook goes.



2 Cut the arc shape.

3 Sew bias binding along the top of the pocket fabric. Pin this to the lower part of one of the main fabric pieces, with the right side of both pieces facing up. Sew down the sides of the pocket piece, leaving the top of the pocket open.



4 Divide the long pocket into four quarters by creasing with your fingers, then straight stitch to make four compartments, back-tacking at each end to secure.

5 Place the two sides of the tidy together, right sides facing, and sew up the two sides and across the top, leaving a gap for the coat hanger hook. Leave the bottom open.

6 Turn the piece right sides out, and press. Insert the coat hanger and push the hook through the hole in the top seam.

7 Fold the bottom edges inwards and pin, then topstitch straight across to finish.

