

# Fetal Demise Pouch

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The fetal demise pouch is used for early losses, or infants that are too small or fragile to be dressed. On request, nurses take pictures of the babies before burial for the families.

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- \* Cut two 10 x 10 inch squares of any fabric, cotton, cotton blend, flannel, batiste, small pastel print or even darker colors (does not have to be white).
- \* Cut one of the 10 x 10 inch squares diagonally (corner to corner) on the bias for the pouch. This will give you one square and two triangles. Lay one triangle aside for the next pouch.
- \* On the triangle, serge or sew the bias edge first (the long edge) and zig-zag on lace.
- \* Lay the pouch (triangle) on to the square, serge or sew all around the four sides.
- \* Add lace, or embellish the way you like.
- \* Option: you can line the entire pouch with the same, or a different, fabric or insert vinyl inside the pouch.



Sample ones made by Elba.



## Elba's Instructions for Pouch Construction

**Note:** Use 2 layers of printed or colored flannel and one layer of white flannel. You may use the white flannel for the lining and the other 2 for the backing and pocket. We do not cut the triangular pocket in half, but use it folded. In the sample photos, the pocket is white; the lining and backing are printed. I use 10" squares and Elba uses 12" squares. Ribbon: 18" of 1/4" or 3/8" ribbon for ties.

1. Layer the printed and white fabrics wrong sides together and pin. This will be referred to as the square.
2. Fold the other piece of flannel for the pocket in half and iron.
3. Optional:  
Add lace or trim to folded pocket edge. Side lace will be added later.

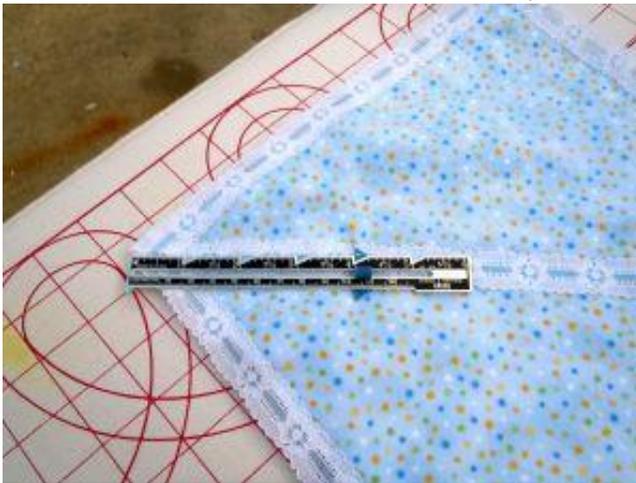
Optional:  
Serge cut edges of pocket to hold in place for later step where you add pocket to square (step 5).



4. Add the pocket to the square and pin in place.
5. Serge around all 4 sides catching the pocket.



6. Add lace or trim all around the sides of the pouch. This is topstitched in place. Corners are eased so that the lace or trim lays flat. You may also miter the corners if using a flat lace.
7. Measure 3-4" in from both sides and mark placement for ribbon ties with pin



8. Add ribbon ties for closure at the 4" pin mark. Optionally, you may add ribbon bows to cover the stitching for the tie ends, and at the bottom point of the pouch.