

# TStitchesandCrafts

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## “It’s The Thought That Counts” Christmas Gifts On A Budget Free E-Book

Are you on a budget and can't afford to break the bank buying expensive Christmas Gifts? Give your Family and Friends gifts you created yourself. Yes handmade gifts often don't cost much to make but they are gifts from the heart. The time and love you put into making them makes them special. I love receiving handmade gifts and giving them. One of my favorite handmade gifts I received was from my Sister it was a photo. My Sister had my older nieces dip their hands in finger paint and place them on a sheet of white computer paper. My Sister then added my other niece's (baby) foot prints. She let it dry and then put it on her computer's flat bed scanner. Once the picture was scanned she added a daisy border she found in her computer's photo shop program and sent it to me and others via email. All my niece's are almost teenagers now and that picture is still hanging on my wall today! I treasure it.

Here is how this E-book is put together. The beginning pages of the E-Book are patterns you can make for very little money. The final page is my gift ideas. The patterns in this E-Book are part of my Gift Idea List. I hope you enjoy the book. Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!  
Hugs T =) Owner and Creator of TStitchesandCrafts.com



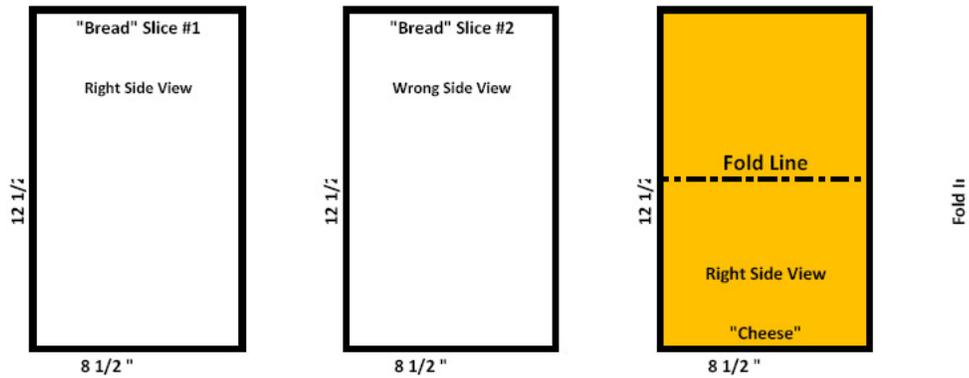
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Cut 1

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Cut 1 Fold In-Half

You should be seeing the right side (the best side) of the fabric once folded.



**T's Pocket Pillows**

If you have any questions or need help contact me at [tstitchesandcrafts@gmail.com](mailto:tstitchesandcrafts@gmail.com)

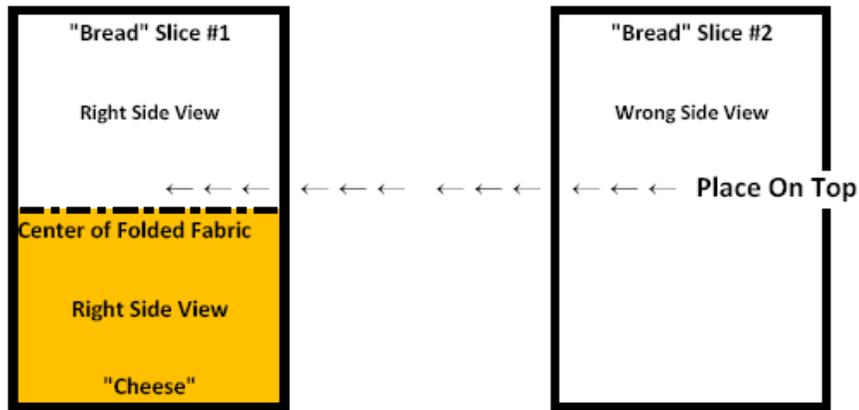
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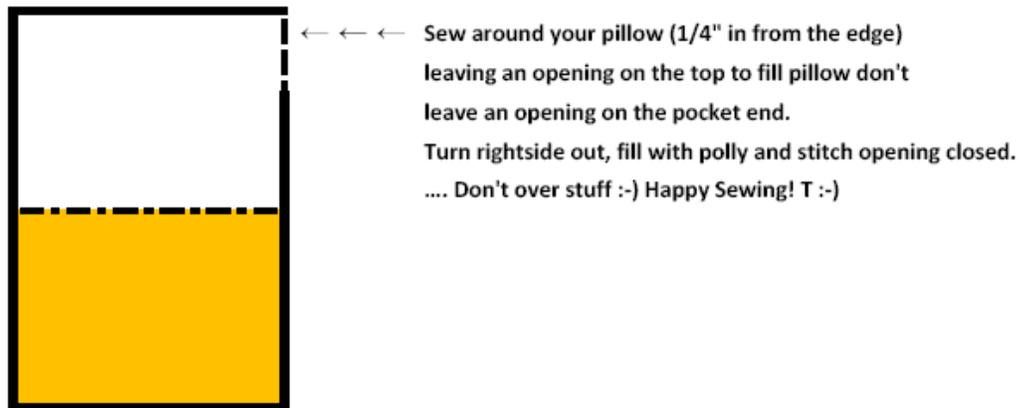
I hope my idea of building a sandwich makes it easier for you. :-)

Once you have cut your pieces out it is time to make a half cheese sandwich. :-)

Please ask before using this pattern for anything other than personal use. Thank You :-)



Place your last piece of Fabric ("Bread" Slice #2)  
 on top of both pieces of fabric you just put together  
 Be sure you are looking at the wrong  
 side of the last piece of fabric. Pin together  
 leaving a 1/4 " seam allowance.



# T's Tie~rific Towels



## Supplies:

1 Package of Face Cloths (WalMart sells a Multi Pack for around \$5 that are perfect)

Fabric

Buttons - Optional

Every year my Mom gets a new batch of her favorite kitchen towels. You know the ones with the cute little tops so you can hang them on the oven door, refrigerator door, cabinet draws, etc. Well this one is a little something different I came up with. I use a face cloth instead of a kitchen towel. The ones in the pictures haven't been washed yet the cloth is still new. When they have been washed they look much better hanging on the cabinet.

#### **Instructions:**

First cut a 4" wide 16 1/2" long square of your choice. Fold the Fabric in half (now 2" x 16 1/2"). You want to be sure the back of the fabric is what you see when you fold it half. Meaning the front side... the one you will want to see when you hang your finished towel is on the inside. Start sewing 1/4" from the top (standard stitches) on one of the ends being sure the side you start on is the side with the solid edge. Sew until you are 1/4" from the edge. Stop with the needle in the fabric. Lift the presser foot and gentle (without pulling on the needle) turn the fabric so you will now be ready to sew the raw edge. Lower the presser foot and continue to sew until you reach the end. I didn't mention it but just in case you are new to sewing when I start sewing I sew about 3 to 4 stitches. I then stop and press the reverse button to go back over them and then I stitch back over them one more time and continue sewing. Repeat this step when you get to the end to. This secures the stitches. Remove the fabric from the machine. With scissors trim 1/2 of the 1/4" (seam allowance) of fabric you have around the edge of your stitches. You may want to cut the point off the corner being sure not to cut too close to the stitches (I do). This ensures you have no puckered fabric in you corner. Now turn the fabric right side out. Use a knitting needle or something pointy to push out your corner. Press with a hot iron. On the open end fold the fabric in 1/4" inch and press with the iron. Stitch the open end closed on the machine (Sew roughly 1/8") from the edge. Now fold it in half. Place the edge with the stitches in the back of the cloth. I consider the back of the cloth the side I can still see traces of the tag I had to cut off. Pin it and stitch across the fabric. Take a look at my picture above you will get the idea. Add a button or some other form of decoration if you like. These towels can go on the refrigerator door handles but they will not look like the one in the picture. Now go to your draw handle or oven handle. Place the top of the towel fabric loop over the handle. Open the loop when it down past the back of the handle. Drop the other end of the towel through the loop and pull it through. Fix your Tie it's crooked! LOL I have a new oven with a chunky handle so I make the loops the size I gave you in these directions. My Mom's oven is older with a skinny handle so I make the loops a little shorter. You can adjust the length of the loops by using a scrap piece of fabric cut to the measurements I gave you and pin it in place to see what it will look like on the cabinet, oven etc. before you sew yours.

Yes they are not as thick as a kitchen towel but they do work great! I like to change my kitchen towels often so these work just fine for me. I go to Walmart pick up a no more than \$5 multi pack of some nifty colored wash clothes and a yard of fabric and I end up with 10 great hand towels for the kitchen for very little money. My Mom taught me to be frugal. LOL Happy Sewing! :-) T



## Hanging Kitchen Hand Towels With A Button



**These towels are not fancy but they work great. The best thing is they cost very little to make so you can have several of them on hand!**

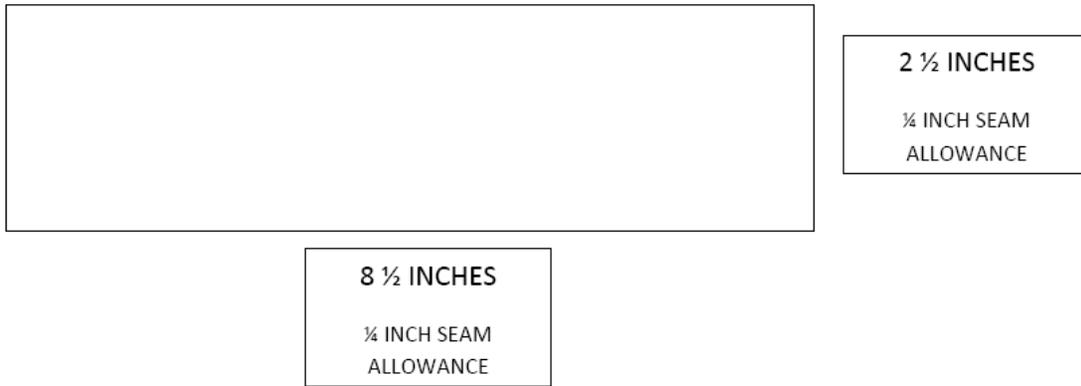
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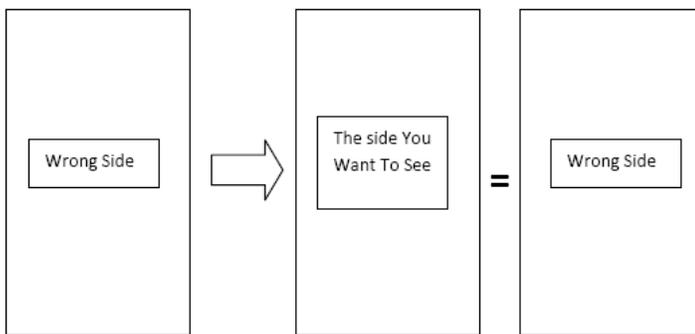
**Fabric & Buttons**

**This pattern is for ½ inch wide draw handles or a towel holder around a ½ thick. You may need to adjust it to your needs.**

Fabric: Cut Two (The size can be adjusted to suit your needs)



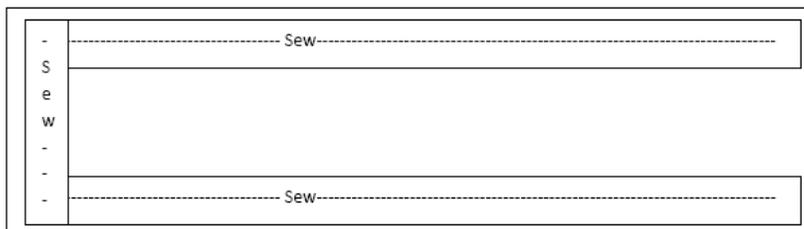
Put the two pieces together. You should see the wrong side of the fabric. The sides you want to see are hidden.



**Place On Top**

**Pieces Together**

Leaving a 1/4 inch seam allowances sew around these 3 sides:



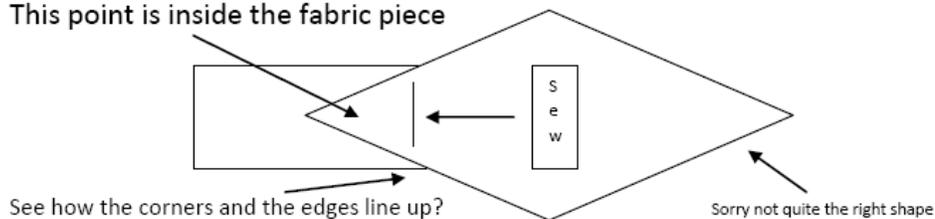
Trim your seam allowances down to about a 1/8 inch. Snip the corners off (close but not too close to the stitch) on the end you sewed shut only. On the end not sewn shut fold the fabric over a ¼ of an inch (when folded you will see the side you want to see) press with an iron. Go all the way around until both sides are done. Turn right side out. Press flat with an iron. On the end that is sewed shut you need to sew a button hole. I eyeball were to put it but you can measure if you like. Sew your button hole. Be sure to set your machine to the right button hole length for the button you want to use. I suggest you create one on scrap fabric to check if the button fits through the hole.



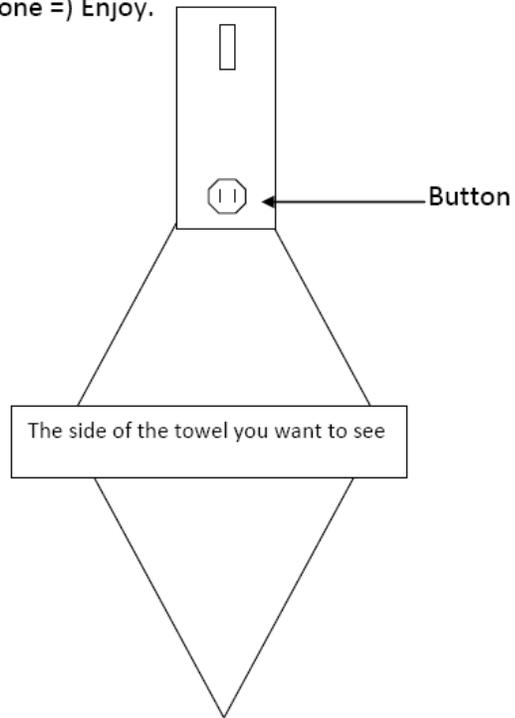
Now pick up your face cloth by the corner using your index finger and your thumb. Can you see the shape in the picture (above –Finished Towel) when you look at yours? Now lay it on a table so that you can adjust the two corners to your liking.

Place the open end of piece you created over the corner you were holding with index finger and your thumb. You want the corners of the piece you created and the edges of the wash cloth to line up. Adjust it so it looks ok. Pin and sew across the edge of the open end.

This point is inside the fabric piece



Now Fold The Piece you created over. Mark were to sew on the button. Sew on your button. Your Done =) Enjoy.



### Crochet A Hat:

This Hat Patterns was not created by me. The link for the original pattern location is at the bottom of the pattern. I just LOVE this EASY and Simple Hat pattern. Joy a TStitchesandCrafts Site Member and Creative Friend shared the link with me.

# How to Crochet a Hat

By [carmidb](#), eHow Member

User-Submitted Article

Have you ever been interested in crochet and wanted to make something simple? Why don't you try crocheting a simple [hat](#) as a beginner project.

**Difficulty:** Easy

## Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- Size G-I crochet hook
- Yarn (any kind, but an acrylic for practice if you would like)
- Someone's head you would like to make the item for.

1.

First you need to know how to chain, do a slip stitch, single crochet, and double crochet. Those are the basic stitches for the below pattern.

Sc=single crochet

Ch=chain

Dc=double crochet

Sl st=slip stitch

2.

Ch 4 and join them with a sl st in the first ch.

3.

Round 1: Ch 3, which represents a dc and then work 12 dc into the [ring](#) you created. You should have 13 dc stitches in the ring.

4.

Round 2: You are going to do two dc in each of the stitches till you get to your last stitch. This should give you 26 stitches.

5.

Round 3: Dc in the first stitch and then 2 dc in the next stitch. You are going to repeat this same pattern till you reach your last stitch. Now if you've been counting you should have 39 stitches.

6.

Round 4: Dc in the first two stitches and the 2 dc in the next stitch. Repeat this same pattern till you reach your last stitch.

7.

Round 5: Dc in each stitch around.

8.

Round 6-12: Repeat Round 5.

9.

Round 13: Dc in each stitch around, but at the last stitch join it with the first stitch with a sl st.

10.

Round 14: Ch 1 and sc in each stitch around. Do not join with first stitch.

11.

Round 15-16: Sc in each stitch and when done with the last round join into first stitch with a sl st.

Read more: [How to Crochet a Hat | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/how_4764481_crochet-a-hat.html#ixzz15P6YqUaB)

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Above Picture: Hats You Can Make From The Pattern Before The Pictures And Cloths You Can Make From The Pattern Listed After This Message.

### Knit A Cloth (Face or Dish)

Size 8 knitting needles

Cast on 25 stitches

knit until cloth is around 6 inches long, cast off and hide tails.

## T's Gift Idea List

1. Pocket Pillow(s) (Pattern Above) make great gifts. Put a new book or one you have read and want to share in the pocket. Add a note with suggestions like great for your TV remote, TV guide or your puzzle books.
2. Hanging Kitchen Towels (2 Patterns Above) make great gifts.
3. Kitchen Gift Basket: Hanging Towels (Pattern Above), A bottle of dish soap (they still sell dish soap that works great and cost no more than 99 Cents), Cloths (Pattern Above) and any other little extras you may want to add like SOS pads and zip bags.
4. A simple crocheted hat (Pattern Above) makes a great gift.
5. Face Cloths (Pattern Above) make great gifts.
6. Bath Gift Basket: Dove bath soap makes a nice addition to the basket but any soap, bubble bath or body wash will do, Cloths (Pattern Above), a new hairbrush, hair scrunchies or barrettes, Lip Balm, Etc. (Item that would go with theme but cost little)
7. Write your favorite recipe on a purchased or handmade recipe card. Many free templates online. If the recipe calls for a certain spice you could purchase a bottle of it and wrap it up with the recipe card and give it as a gift. Example: Cinnamon Coffee Cake Recipe with a bottle of Cinnamon.
8. Using Card Stock you can make a calendar with photos of family and friends. You can find free printable calendars online and you will just have to print a photo for each month and add to the calendar. Don't forget you don't have to do a monthly calendar. Print one for the whole year with one picture.
9. Print Photos onto to card stock cut them out and using a hole punch put a hole in the top left hand corner. Put them onto a piece of ribbon and tie a bow. On the back of each photo you could write a message.
10. Fresh Baked Cookies or Bars in a tin make great gifts.

As you can see the possibilities are endless! Have fun! Be Creative and you will make someone smile when you give them a gift you made just for them! T =)