Christmas Gifts to Sew



A gift guide of beginner-friendly sewing patterns

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Welcome

Handmade gifts are some of the most special to give and receive. They carry the time and care you put into them, and they're often the ones people keep for years.

I've put together ideas from my pattern collection for the people on your list, from the grandkids to the book lover and others in between. Many of the patterns suit more than one person, so it's worth browsing them all.

Every pattern is beginner-friendly, with clear written instructions and photos for every step, so you can take your time and enjoy the process. Tap any pattern to see it in my Etsy shop.

Enjoy the making, and the giving,
Vicki

Making a few gifts this year? Buy any 3 patterns and get 20% off.
Discount automatically applied at checkout.

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SECTION ONE

For the grandkids

From car trips to bedtime stories, these are makes for everyday play, sewn in fabrics you choose just for them.





Car Play Mat BESTSELLER

A fold-up play mat with an oval road for small toy cars and a pocket to keep them in. It folds up and closes neatly, ready for outings.

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Doll Bassinet BESTSELLER

A bassinet for 12 to 16 inch dolls, with a mattress, pillow and blanket. Padded and interfaced so the sides stand up, with two carry handles.

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Doll Sleeping Bag

A sleeping bag with a matching pillow, sized for 12 inch slim fashion dolls. It rolls up and secures neatly with a decorative elastic strap, ready for dolly sleepovers.

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Book Pillow

An envelope-style cushion with a pocket on the front for a favourite book, and a handle for carrying around. Lovely for bedtime stories or afternoon naps.

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SECTION TWO

For little bag lovers

From pocket money to favourite treasures, these are bags and purses sized just right for little ones to carry their own things.





Kids Tote Bag

A lined tote, sized just right for kids to carry their own snacks and toys. Includes two sizes - big sister and little sister options. Pairs well with my Coin Purse pattern.

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Coin Purse

A lined and padded purse with a contrasting fold-over flap and velcro closure. Handy for holding money, gift cards or treasures.

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Kids Handbag

A small shoulder bag for kids, with an easy to manage flap and velcro closure. Lined and lightly padded.

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Ballerina Bag

A kids tote with a tulle ballerina skirt and a big bow. Fully lined and lightly padded. A sweet gift for little dancers.

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SECTION THREE

For teachers

From the classroom to the staffroom, these are useful makes for saying thank you at the end of the school year.





Quilted Tote BESTSELLER

A fully lined, roomy tote with vertical quilting, padded handles, a tie closure and optional pockets inside.

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Market Tote

An everyday tote with a front slip pocket and cotton webbing handles. Fully lined and lightly padded.

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Notebook Cover Set

Notebook covers in three sizes, including A4, A5 and composition, with pockets and an elastic closure.

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Zip Pouch with Pockets

A zipper pouch with outside pockets on both sides, for pens, sticky notes and all the little things a teacher reaches for. Lined and lightly padded, with covered zipper ends.

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SECTION FOUR

For makeup lovers

From the handbag to the bathroom bench, these are pouches that keep makeup and skincare tidy and easy to find.





Clam Zipper Pouch

A quilted, structured pouch with a curved zipper and a flat bottom. Three sizes that nest inside each other.

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Basic Zipper Pouch BESTSELLER

Four zipper pouches in different sizes, with covered zipper ends and a boxed bottom. A lovely first zipper project.

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Makeup Brush Roll

A fabric pouch with slots for brushes, that rolls up and ties to keep them clean and protected. Handy at home or in a travel bag.

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Boxy Pouch BESTSELLER

A roomy zipper pouch in four sizes, quilted or plain. Deep enough for brushes, palettes and skincare.

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SECTION FIVE

For book lovers

From bedtime stories to favourite paperbacks and e-readers, these are makes for readers of every age.





Quilted Kindle Sleeve BESTSELLER

A set of four quilted zipper sleeves for Kindles, e-readers, tablets and books. Lined, quilted and padded.

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Book Sleeves

A set of four padded book sleeves, each with a flap and velcro closure. Keeps books safe from bumps and scratches in a handbag, or while travelling.

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A5 Journal Cover

A cover for an A5 journal with pockets inside and out, and an elastic strap to keep it closed.

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Book Pillow

A soft cushion with a pocket for a book or two, and a handle for carrying it from room to room. A cosy reading spot for young book lovers.

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SECTION SIX

For students & workers

From the morning commute to the desk, these are practical makes for laptops, notebooks, glasses and cables.





Quilted Laptop Sleeve BESTSELLER

A padded, quilted sleeve in four sizes for 13 to 16 inch laptops, plus a guide for custom sizing.

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Notebook Cover Set

Notebook covers in three sizes, including A4, A5 and composition, with pockets and an elastic closure.

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Glasses Case

A glasses case with a fold-over flap, plain or quilted. Lightly padded, lined and quick to make.

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Envelope Pouches BESTSELLER

Three flat pouches with a fold-over flap and velcro closure. They sit flat in a bag, for organising cables and other tech gear.

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SECTION SEVEN

For travellers

From weekend getaways to long-haul flights, these are pouches and organisers that keep a suitcase in order.





Boxy Pouch BESTSELLER

A roomy zipper pouch in four sizes, quilted or plain. Fully lined and padded, with a boxed bottom.

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Envelope Pouches BESTSELLER

Three flat pouches that slip easily into a suitcase or handbag. Handy for keeping jewellery, cables and travel bits sorted and easy to find.

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Passport Cover & Luggage Tag

A matching travel set: a lined and interfaced passport cover and luggage tag with a clear name window.

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Clear Vinyl Zipper Pouch

A see-through zipper pouch for toiletries and travel bits. My free YouTube tutorial shows every step.

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SECTION EIGHT

For the organiser

For the person who loves everything in its place. These are baskets and drawstring bags for tidy, pretty storage.





Fabric Basket

A reversible fabric storage basket in two sizes. Sew it in Christmas fabric to store ornaments, or fill it with treats to give as a gift.

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Quilted Baskets

Three quilted round baskets that nest inside each other. Handy for sewing supplies, toiletries or little treasures.

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Drawstring Bags BESTSELLER

Lined fabric bags in three sizes, with a double drawstring, a boxed bottom and a contrast panel. Handy for storing toys, craft supplies or anything that needs a home.

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Round Baskets

A reversible, round fabric basket, in two sizes, lined and lightly padded, with a fold-over top edge.

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SECTION NINE

Thank-you gifts

From stockings by the tree to gifts wrapped in fabric, these are makes for a handmade Christmas morning.





Fabric Basket

A reversible fabric basket in two sizes, lovely in Christmas fabric. Fill it with homemade treats or small gifts to say thank you.

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Wine Tote

A lightly padded carry bag for a bottle of wine. A thoughtful way to wrap a thank-you gift, and one that can be used again and again.

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Quilted Flat Pouch BESTSELLER

Four flat, quilted zipper pouches in different sizes. Make a matching set for makeup, skincare and all the little things.

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Dachshund Pouch

A zipper pouch with a dachshund applique that wraps from the front to the back. Lined and lightly padded, it's a fun little thank-you for a dog lover.

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SECTION TEN

For Christmas morning

From stockings by the tree to gifts wrapped in fabric, these are makes for a handmade Christmas morning.





Christmas Stocking

A classic Christmas stocking with a fold-over cuff. Lined and lightly padded. Sew one for everyone in the family.

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Felt Christmas Ornaments

Six little ornament designs with fabric fronts and felt backs. For the tree, on gifts or at the table.

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Christmas Drawstring Bags BESTSELLER

Fabric gift bags in three sizes with a double drawstring, contrast panel and a boxed bottom. Gift wrap that can be used year after year.

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Reusable Gift Pouches

Lined and lightly padded gift bags in five sizes with a fold-over top and ribbon tie. Sized for everything from jewellery to bigger gifts.

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Want to try a free pattern first?

My glasses slip case pattern is free when you join my email list. It's a quick, beginner-friendly make, with the same clear written instructions and photos for every step as all my patterns.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Sewing!
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