BED POCKET

Materials
1 yard 44/45” fabric
Matching thread
1 pkg ½” double fold bias tape
1 20” x 10” sheet of rubberized shelf liner

Seam Allowance - ½” unless otherwise specified

Instructions
1. With right sides together, fold fabric in half lengthwise, line up selvages. For the backing – cut 2 pieces 20” wide x 15” long. For the pocket – cut two pieces 20” wide x 9” long

2. With wrong sides facing, pin the 2 pocket pieces together, finish the top raw edges by encasing them in the bias tape. (Remember, short bias tape to the front, and long to the back.)

With wrong sides facing, pin the 2 backing pieces together. Pin the pocket on top of the backing, and line up the sides and bottom edges. Sew the pocket sides to the backing with a ¼” seam.

3. The width of the pocket compartment is up to you. Mark the location of the dividing seam with a pencil line. Cut a 9 1/2” length of bias tape. Pin the bias tape to the bottom edge of the pocket and turn the top ½” to the wrong side. This should follow the pencil line you marked. Now sew down both sides of the line and the top of the bias tape. Stitch through all four layers of fabric.

4. Enclose the sides and bottom edges with bias tape and stitch.

5. Pin a 20” x 10” piece of rubberized shelf liner along the top edge of the backing. Pin the remaining length of bias tape on top of both pieces, concealing the raw edge. Stitch through all three layers.

6. Slip the rubberized section between your mattress and box spring and load it up!
Making and Using Bias Tape

Another great way to finish raw edges is to use bias tape, also called binding. Bias tape is made from a strip of fabric that has been cut along the bias. You can buy it prepackaged with a single or double fold. Both types come in a variety of widths and colors.

Single-fold bias tape is often used to finish neckline and armhole edges.

Double-fold bias tape is often used to encase raw edges. You will notice that double-fold bias tape is slightly off center, making one side a little wider than the other. This is for ease of application; the narrower edge always lies on top of the fabric, facing you as you sew, so that when you stitch close to the edge of the tape, you are virtually guaranteed to catch the back side of the tape on the other side of the fabric.

HOW TO MAKE BIAS TAPE

To make your own double-fold bias binding, follow the steps below. These instructions also work for making drawstrings or ties.

1. To find the bias of your fabric, place your fabric wrong side up and align the 45-degree angle line of your quilting ruler along the selvage edge of your fabric. Using your fabric pen, draw a straight line along the edge of your ruler to mark the bias. Draw a second parallel line that is four times the desired finished width of your finished bias tape. For example, your lines would be 2" apart to create ¼" bias tape. Determine how many strips to cut based on the length of bias tape required.

2. With right sides together, stitch two short ends together to make one long strip. Press the seam open.

3. With wrong sides together, fold the bias strip in half lengthwise, align the raw edges, and press.

4. Open the strip and press the raw edges on both sides in to the crease. (If you want finished ends for a belt or tie, press both short ends under ¼".)

5. Refold along the original foldline and press.

6. Use for binding the raw edges of a project, or topstitch closed to use as a belt, drawstring, or tie.