

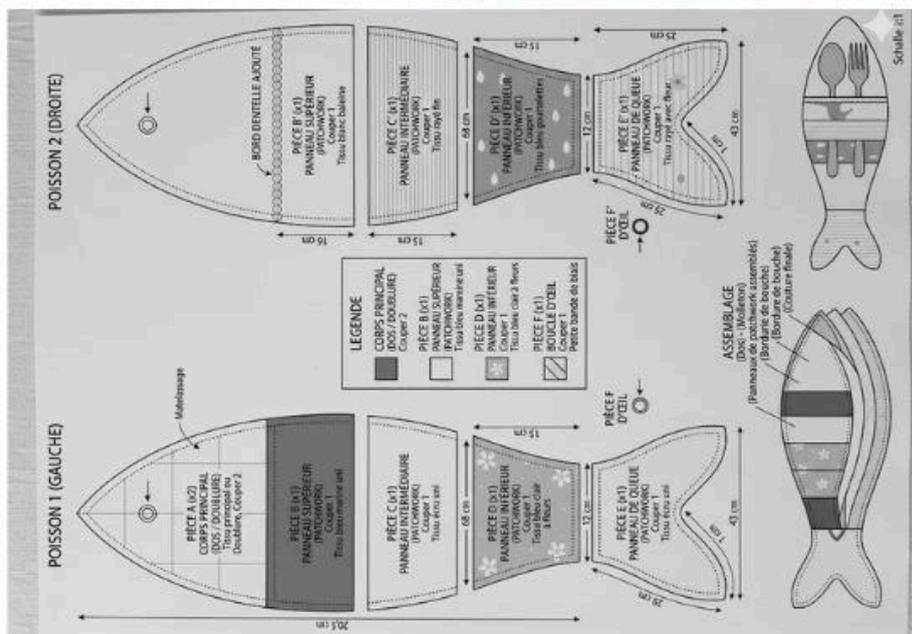
Fabric Fish-Shaped Cutlery Holder Pattern

Easy Sewing Pattern – Beginner Friendly

Skill Level: Beginner

Finished Size: about 28–30 cm long (11–12 in)

This decorative **fish-shaped fabric holder** is designed to hold a knife, fork, and spoon inside a pocket. It's perfect for **table decoration, parties, holidays, or themed dinners**. The body is made with patchwork panels and a soft padded lining.



- Total length: **30 cm (12 in)**
- Body width: **12–14 cm (5–5.5 in)**
- Tail width: **10 cm (4 in)**
- Pocket depth: **16–18 cm**

Pattern Pieces

Cut the following:

1. **Fish Body Front (2 pieces)**
Main fish shape.
2. **Fish Body Back (1 piece)**
Same shape as front.
3. **Patchwork Panels (3 pieces)**
Horizontal sections for decoration.
4. **Tail Piece (2 pieces)**
5. **Lining Piece (1)**
Same shape as fish body.
6. **Optional batting/interfacing (1)**
For structure.

Step 1 – Prepare the Patchwork Body

Take the **3 decorative fabric strips**.

Sew them together **horizontally** to create the fish body design.

Press seams flat.

Place the **fish body template** over the patchwork piece and cut the shape.

Step 2 – Make the Tail

Place the **two tail pieces right sides together**.

Sew around the edges leaving the top open.

Trim corners and turn right side out.

Press flat.

Step 3 – Attach Tail to Body

Place the tail between the **front and back body pieces** at the narrow end of the fish.

Pin securely.

Sew across the seam to attach the tail.

Step 4 – Sew the Fish Body

Place **front body and back body pieces right sides together**.

Insert the tail between them.

Sew around the outer fish shape, leaving the **top open**.

Clip curves.

Turn right side out and press.

Step 5 – Create the Pocket

Fold the **upper section of the fish body** downward to create a pocket.

Pocket depth should be about **16–18 cm**.

Sew along the **side edges only**, leaving the top open for utensils.

Step 6 – Add the Lining

Place lining fabric inside the pocket area.

Stitch along the pocket edge for a clean finish.

Step 7 – Add the Fish Eye

Options:

- Sew a small button
- Use a felt circle
- Embroider a simple eye

Place it near the fish head.

Step 8 – Final Press

Press the entire holder.

Insert **knife, fork, and spoon** into the pocket.

The utensils should fit comfortably inside the fish body.

Optional Decorations

You can personalize the fish with:

- Embroidery scales
- Fabric appliqué (whale, snowflakes, dots, etc.)
- Decorative ribbon or lace
- Quilting lines

Tips for Best Results

- Use **contrasting fabrics** for a beautiful patchwork effect.
- Add **light batting** for a more structured holder.
- Use **holiday fabrics** for Christmas table décor.