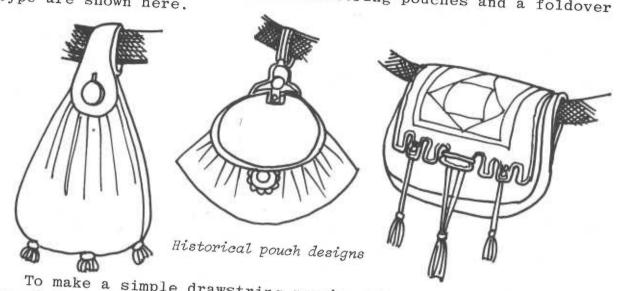
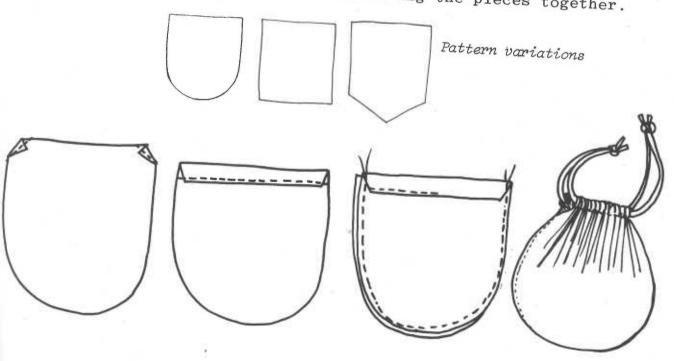
ACCESSORIES

Pouches

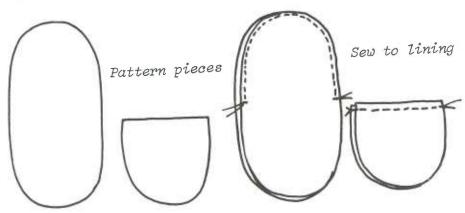
Pouches were the pockets of the Elizabethans. They were suspended from belts and were made in many different styles out of fabric and leather. Some basic drawstring pouches and a foldover type are shown here.



To make a simple drawstring pouch, cut your fabric, using one of the patterns illustrated, or make up your own. Turn down the top edges of each piece to make a casing after turning under the corners. Then with the right sides together, sew around the pouch, leaving the casings free. Turn, press, and put the drawstrings through the casings and tie knots in them. If you want to decorate the pouch, do so before sewing the pieces together.



For a foldover pouch, cut the fabric and lining, using the pattern pieces like the ones shown. Cut them large or small as desired. With the right sides together, sew the fabric to the lining along the lines shown.



Turn and press, then zig-zag along the raw edges to finish them and keep them from raveling. With right sides together, sew the pieces along the raw edges. Turn and press. Sew one large or two or three small belt loops at the back of the top edge and sew a decorative button and button loop on the front flap to fasten it with.

