Student Handout 2: Colonial Woman’s Pocket

In colonial times, pockets were not built into women’s clothing as they are today. So women had pockets that could be tied on and removed, much like an apron. In their pockets they kept important tools and supplies that they used regularly.

You are going to make a colonial woman’s pocket that will help show what you have learned about the lives of women in Colonial America.

Directions:
1. Use the pocket pattern to cut out a pocket, using a large sheet of construction paper.
2. Look back at handout 1 and your answers to the questions about the jobs women performed. Brainstorm a list of tools or supplies that women would have needed to use while doing these jobs and chores. Think about any items that were mentioned in the diaries or images.
3. After you have completed your list, start making the items. Use construction paper to draw and cut out the items. Make sure the items will fit in the pocket!
4. Glue the items to the pocket.
5. Punch holes in the top of the pocket and string yarn through the holes. These will be the strings to tie on the pocket.