

# Wonderful Wallaby

## Picking up Stitches for the Pouch

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The Wonderful Wallaby was created by Cottage Creations. You may purchase the patterns (older and updated versions) at <http://cottagecreationspatterns.com/>.

This example will use the Adult size large (Wilbur Wallaby) to explain where to begin picking up stitches for the pouch.

There are 200 stitches on the needle. We need to work on the front 100 stitches. According to the instructions you will pick up 82 sts.

$100 - 82 = 18$  stitches /  $2 = 9$  stitches in from each marker. Therefore, you should have 9 unworked stitches on either side of the pouch.

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Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> stitch from the left as directed. Insert the crochet hook in this stitch and draw the yarn to the inside of the sweater. Pull at least 24" of yarn toward the right and, from the outside, insert the hook in the 10<sup>th</sup> stitch (not the 9<sup>th</sup>) and pick up a stitch.

Now work across as instructed. Note that your last stitch will come up in the 10<sup>th</sup> stitch on the left side. The working yarn comes up from the center of the 9<sup>th</sup> stitch; there is **no stitch** here.

You have 82 stitches on the needle perfectly center.