Circular Knitting Needle Holder

Materials:

* Fabric—at least 45-inch wide sturdy fabric (i.e., denim weight). It would be nice if it was reversible, but if not, you could buy double the amount for the main piece and double it with wrong sides together. In that case you might want the fabric to be lighter weight.
* Matching or contrasting thread
* Tailor’s chalk
* Optional: Blanket binding for edges

Directions:

1. Cut one main piece the entire width of the fabric: 45 inches by 15 inches. Cut 5 pieces 13 inches by 14 inches. (If you use binding for the edges, you can make the main piece and smaller pieces the same width.)
2. Machine stitch a ½ inch hem on one short end of the main piece and lay out flat with the wrong side of the hem on top.
3. Fold each of the 5 smaller pieces in half so they each measure 13 inches wide by 7 inches deep.
4. Place the first smaller piece so the fold is on top and the bottom is 7 inches from the bottom of the main piece and centered so each side is 1 inch from the edge of the main piece.
5. Pin the cut edge of the first smaller piece where it’s placed on each end (I also pinned it in the center). Stitch across the bottom (cut) edge of this piece from side to side.
6. Position the next smaller piece under the first one so that 2 inches show above the fold of the first piece. Fold the first piece back down toward the bottom of the main piece. Now pin the cut edge of the second smaller piece and sew it across.

7. Continue with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th pieces. (You can actually pin them all before beginning stitching—that’s how I did it.)
8. Flip up all 5 of the smaller pieces into position.
9. Fold up the lower edge of the main piece to measure 6 inches and pin at the side edges.
10. Measure 4 1/4 inches from each side and mark several places along the length of the project. Draw a line using a yardstick and tailor’s chalk.
11. Sew each of these lines from the bottom to the top of the top-most fold. Make another row of stitching about a half inch away from the first row of stitching on the side closest to the edge of
the project. (My lines are only about a quarter inch apart, but I think the project will fold better if the stitching lines are a little farther apart.

12. Now fold over a half inch on the top of the main piece (other short end) and hem it.
13. Fold over and pin a hem on each long side of the project and stitch these. If your fabric frays a lot, it would be a good idea to make a small hem in the fabric before fold it over and stitching it. (If you are using blanket binding for the edges, you will stitch this on instead of this step.)