

Small Memory Envelope

Indianapolis Chapter



Small Memory Envelopes are keepsakes given to the grieving parent(s) after a miscarriage. Hospitals tuck inside a prayer card, contact information for bereavement services, and/or other small mementos of the pregnancy. The construction and fabric should be of the highest quality, as it will be a long treasured keepsake for the parent(s). Suggested colors are white and ivory, with pastel or pastel baby print lining. Some prefer a color exterior, with a neutral lining. Suitable fabrics include weavers cloth, linen-look, satin, and fine cottons. The flap may be closed with either Velcro or a wrap-around ribbon, which is more decorative and versatile.

1. Cut a piece of fabric and a piece of lining 7" x 15" (can be the same or different). Also, cut a lightweight interfacing or cotton batting the same size- fusible or sewn in. Sew or iron the interfacing to the wrong side of the lining. If sewn, use 1/4" seam around the entire lining
2. Right sides together, pin the lining to the fabric all around. Sew together almost all the way around, leaving a 4-inch opening on one long edge to turn right side out. Clip the corners.
3. Turn the whole thing right side out. Press, squaring corners and folding under the raw edges of opening. Top stitch 1/8 inch from edge along one short end. Fold this end up 5 inches, lining inside, fabric outside, to create the envelope pocket. Pin in place. Stitch 1/8" from edge, starting at fold, going up the envelope side, across top (which will be envelope flap) and down to bottom fold.
4. Add embellishments to envelope flap as desired - Lace, appliqué, embroidery, buttons, ribbon, etc.

*This pattern is a modification of the pattern by Peg Eldredge, Sugar Hill, GA Chapter.

(Prayer for card inside)

Never to have seen
but to have dreamed

Never to have held
but to have felt

Never to have known
but to have loved

In time, may there be healing and acceptance.

Suggestions for mementos:

- * Birthstone angel
- * Ceramic Ornament: heart, angel,
- * Small sea shell