Adding Front Pockets to Jalie Pattern #3461

You'll need the pattern pieces for the front and the front yoke. If you lengthened the rise, be sure to use the altered front, not the original.

Make the pattern:

Lay a piece of pattern paper over the front so it extends at least to the waist and about an inch beyond the side seam.

Trace the curve where the yoke would have been sewn to the front. This will become our pocket lining top.

Trace along the front waist for 2 inches, and down the side seam by 3 inches. Mark the notch.

Measure down 6 inches from the straight part of the pocket top and make a mark. Complete the pocket lining pattern piece as shown and set aside for now.

Pin the yoke pattern to the front pattern, overlapping the seam allowance as shown. I like the flat flower pins for this. Pin the pocket lining pattern piece in position on top, matching the notch.

Lay another piece of pattern paper on top, making sure to cover the pocket lining, AND the front yoke piece that’s pinned to the front.

Trace the pocket lining all the way around, including the notch, but omit the curve and trace the waist edge instead.

Label your new pieces pocket lining and pocket bag. Cut 2 of the lining in a lightweight fabric, and cut 2 of the bag in your main fabric.

Sewing:

- With right sides together and matching the notches, pin the pocket lining to the jean front, then sew the curved seam. Clip the curve, turn the lining to the inside, press then topstitch.
- Pin the pocket bag to the pocket lining, matching the notch, side seam and pocket bottom. Sew around the outer edge of the pocket, leaving the side seam and top unsewn.
- Edge finish, then proceed with the rest of the pants, skipping the part for the front yoke. When you sew the side seams and add the waist band, the pocket will be completed.