

A Book of Pockets by Kate Overton

I love rainbows, so I decided early on that I would have seven pages arranged in 'rainbow order'. I'd understood that the books were for blind and partially sighted children but not knowing exactly what 'partially sighted' meant I chose bright colours and made sure that the pockets were a good contrasting colour.

Each pocket is made of a fabric with a different texture, each has a different way of fastening and most importantly each pocket contains a different item on a strong thread so that it will not get lost.

First pocket	the beads are all different shapes and colours,
Second pocket	the mouse is furry with a tail, a bead nose – and a squeak!
Third pocket	the red felt flower is daisy shaped with french knots in the centre for extra texture
Fourth pocket	the circular sponge is squashy
Fifth pocket	the fish is basic fish shape, covered with sequins overlaid like a fish's scales
Sixth pocket	the bells are different sizes and tinkle
Seventh pocket	the pig has big ears which cover its tiny bead eyes, a 'ring' in the end of its nose and a curly tail made of plastic which can be pulled and 'twanged'.

The basic construction is plastic canvas covered with wadding. The outer cover is certainly wipeable/washable but I don't think the entire book would survive much washing. I had most difficulty with the hinge of the book otherwise I thoroughly enjoyed making my design.