Serger/Sewing Machine Cover

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Spring clean your sewing room and protect your most valued equipment from further dust and lint with a sewing machine cover. Easily change the dimensions of the cover to create a cover for a serger, too! Add a front pocket to hold your favorite scissors or thread spools for the project at hand.

Read all instructions before beginning the project.

Supply List

- Sulky **Soft 'n Sheer Extra™ Stabilizer**
- Assorted quilting cotton fabrics–(amount determined by measurements plus the following:)
  - o Solid fabric (for embellished pocket; 7 1/4"x 12 3/4")
  - o Assorted 3"-wide print fabric strips (featured: **Art Gallery Fabrics Color Master No 20 Tangerine 10 HY Box**)
  - o Backing fabric (or more fabric strips)
  - o (4) 1 1/2" x 20" fabric strips for ties
- Batting (amount determined by measurements)
- KK 2000™ Temporary Spray Adhesive
- Narrow double-fold bias binding (premade bias tape or self-made; 1/2" finished width)
- Thread: **Sulky Clear Invisible**, **50 wt. Cotton**, **Rayon** (colors according to chosen embroidery design) & **Bobbin**
- Needles: Size 70/10 Universal & **80/12 Microtex Organ Needles**
- Machine Embroidery Design (**12449-07 Sparrow with Needle Tattoo** 4.93 X 5.41)

Measuring

Measure the sewing machine or serger length and up over it, from the front lower edge to the back lower edge around the area of widest girth.

Record the measurements and add 1" to each. These are the rectangle dimensions to cut for the cover.

Embroidery

Wind a bobbin with Sulky Bobbin Thread.

Install a size 80/12 Microtex needle.

Fuse the Soft 'n Sheer to the entire solid fabric rectangle.

Fold the rectangle in half widthwise to mark the center. Press, and then unfold.

Mark the desired embroidery center on the right half of the rectangle.

Hoop the fabric, centering the desired embroidery placement inside the inner hoop notches.

Embroider the chosen design, switching Rayon thread colors according to the design or using colors that match the chosen fabrics.

Note:

The featured embroidery design has a different color sequence than shown.

Embroidery cont.

When embroidery is complete, remove the fabric from the hoop.

Gently press from the wrong side, avoiding the embroidery and being mindful of the fusible stabilizer.

Pocket Construction

Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

Set the machine for standard sewing.

Install a size 70/10 Universal needle. Thread the machine with 50 wt. Cotton Thread.

Pocket Construction cont.

Fold the pocket in half widthwise with wrong sides together.
Stitch the upper edge.
Clip the upper-edge corners being careful to not cut through the stitching.

Turn the pocket right side out.
Topstitch 1/4" from the upper folded edge.

Press the pocket. There are now raw edges along the right-side edge and lower edge that will be covered by the binding later.

Set aside the pocket Measure the sewing machine or serger length and up over it, from the front lower edge to the back lower edge around the area of widest girth.

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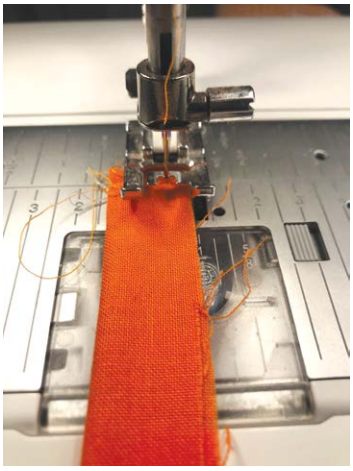
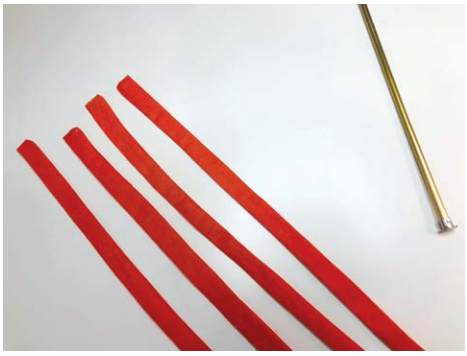
Creating Ties

Fold each fabric strip for the ties in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch one end and the long edge.



Turn each strip right side out using a chopstick, knitting needle or turning tool.

Press the ties flat, and then set aside.

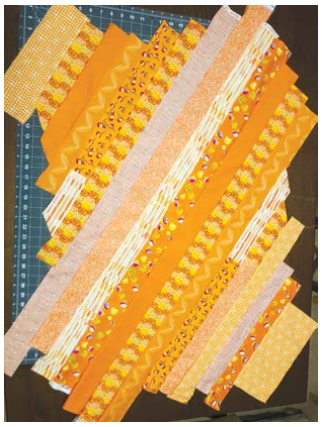


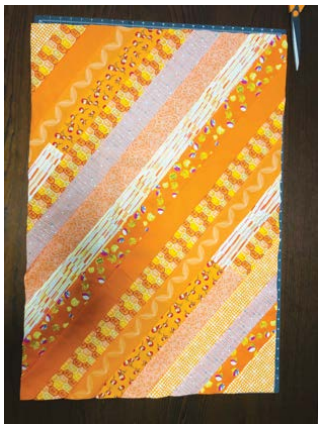
Piecing

Piece the 3" strips along the long edges with right sides together. Press the seams toward the darker fabric.

Piecing cont.

If desired, set the pieced strips on point (at an angle) and trim to the rectangle measurements.





If creating a strip-pieced back for the cover, repeat to piece enough strips set on point for a second rectangle. If using one fabric for the back, cut the needed rectangle.

Quilting

Wind a bobbin with Invisible Thread. When winding a bobbin with Invisible Thread, slow the machine speed and wind only 1/3 of the bobbin.

Thread the needle with 50 wt. Cotton Thread.

Place the backing wrong side up on a flat work surface. Place a rectangle of batting over the backing, using KK 2000 to secure. Place the pieced front (with pocket) right side up over the batting, using KK 2000 to secure.

Quilt in the ditch of each strip seam, starting from the center of the rectangle and working outward.

When quilting is complete, trim the rectangle edges so they're even.

Construction

Set the pieced rectangle right side up on a flat work surface. Position the pocket right side up over the rectangle right lower-edge corner, aligning the raw edges. Use Wonder Clips to secure the pocket for stitching.

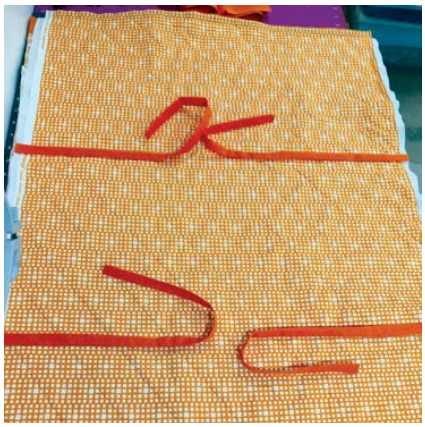
Baste the pocket right and lower edge to the pieced rectangle using a 1/8" seam allowance and a 5.0mm stitch length.

Stitch the left pocket edge to the rectangle using a standard stitch length of 2.5mm.

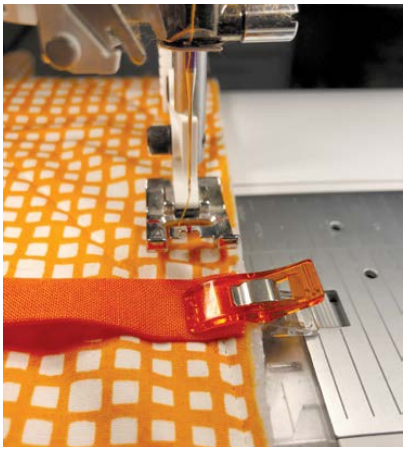
Backstitch several times at the pocket upper edge.

Construction cont.

Turn the rectangle over so the backing is facing up. Place two tie raw ends along one rectangle long edge, a third of the way up from either short rectangle edge. Use Wonder Clips to secure the ties. Repeat to clip the remaining tie ends along the opposite rectangle long edge.



Baste the tie ends to the rectangle wrong side.



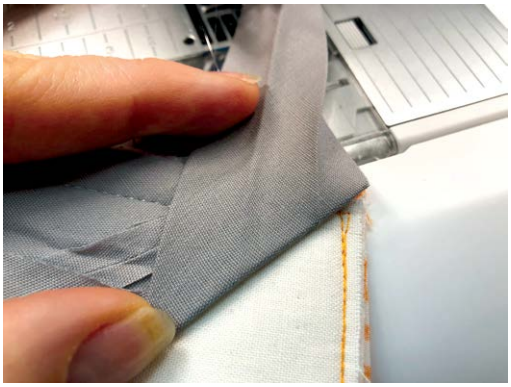
Binding

Unfold one binding end a bit. Fold the end at a 45 degree angle toward the wrong side, tucking the uppermost corner down and out of the way.

Binding cont.

Refold the binding long edges. This is the binding beginning.

Center the binding beginning along one rectanglelong edge. Pin or use Wonder clips to secure one binding long folded edge to the rectangle perimeter. At each corner, fold the binding length up over itself, and then align the edge with the adjacent rectangle edge to miter the corner.



When you reach the binding beginning, extend the binding end 3" beyond the beginning fold; trim. Unfold the long edges at the binding beginning and wrap them around the binding end. Pin or clip to secure.

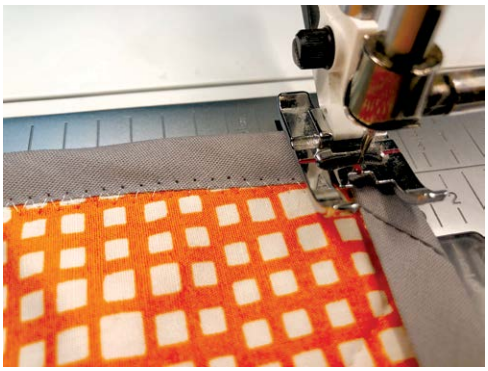
Binding cont.

Stitch the binding long-edge to the rectangle. At each corner, end the stitching 1/4" from the end. Pivot the work, placing the needle back into the binding along the adjacent mitered edge. Continue stitching the binding until you reach the beginning.

Wrap the binding around the rectangle raw edge, concealing the tie raw ends as well.

Thread the needle with Invisible Thread in the needle.

Set the machine for a narrow, wide zigzag stitch. Stitch the binding fold to the rectangle. The zigzag stitch ensures that no binding edge is.



How to Use

Place the cover over the machine with the pocket facing forward.

Tie the ties in a loose knot or bow.

Store scissors, a ruler or other supplies you like to have at hand in the pocket.