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Tutorial Tuesday - #32 Sewing machine cozy



Here's a quick project to make for someone who loves to sew. With our easy to follow measuring instructions a custom fitting cozy can be easily sewn in an evening. This formula will work on anything you need to cover, sewing machines, sergers, toaster ovens - just about anything. Simply follow this easy to follow formula for a perfect fit every time. We have included the measurements for most BERNINA machines in our PDF instructions - we're thoughtful that way.

The full easy to print PDF instructions can be [downloaded here](#).

Let's get started.

Measuring your machine:

Machine Width (MW): Be sure to include the fly wheel in this measurement.



Machine Height: (MH) Measure from table top to very highest point of the machine. You can also make a cover for a machine that lives

in a cabinet. Just take your measurement from the top of the insert or machine bed to the top of the machine.



Machine Depth: (MD) Measure from the front to the back along the side of your machine.



Cut your cover, pockets and lining pieces using your measurements and the formula outlined in the PDF instructions [here](#).



Sewing your Machine Cozy:

All seam allowances in this project are 1/2".

With right sides together, sew the pocket lining to the pocket outside using 1/2" seam allowance across the top of the pocket.



Press the seam allowance toward the outside pocket fabric



and line the bottom edges of the pocket and lining up so as to create about a one inch band of lining fabric at the top of the pocket. (This is why your pocket lining was cut longer than the outside pocket fabric - so it will wrap around, creating that contrasting band at the top).



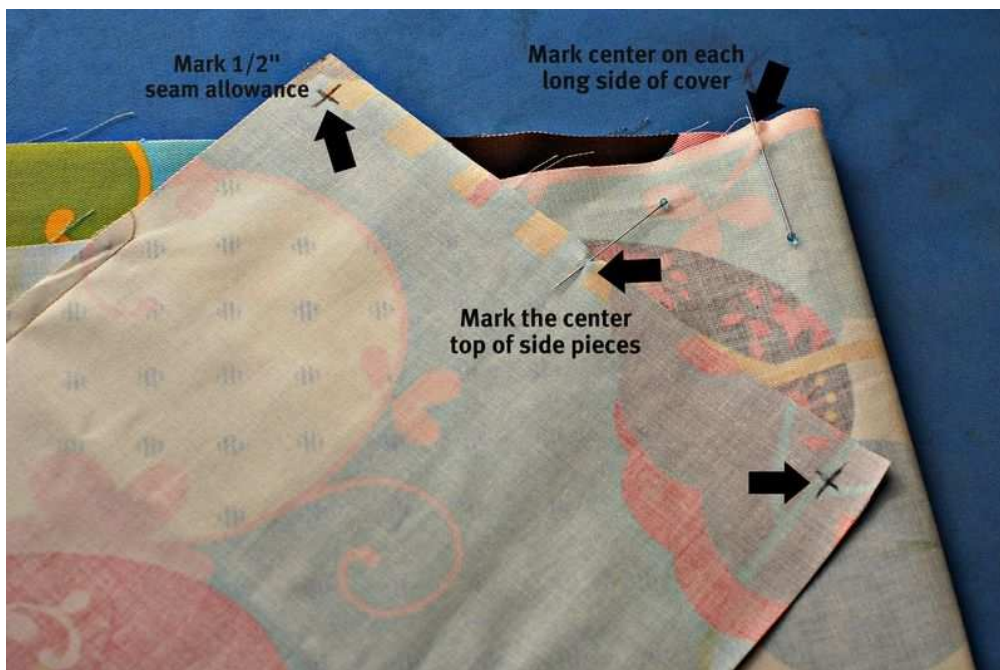
Repeat with the other pocket.

Layer one pocket piece with one of the outside end pieces and machine baste. Repeat with second pocket.



On the wrong side of the two end pieces measure and mark the 1/2" seam allowance intersections at the top as shown below. Mark the center of the top side pieces with a pin.

Mark the center of the outside fabric (cover) at each long side with a pin.



Place the basted pocket /end piece (right sides together) with the long outside piece pinning the bottoms together.



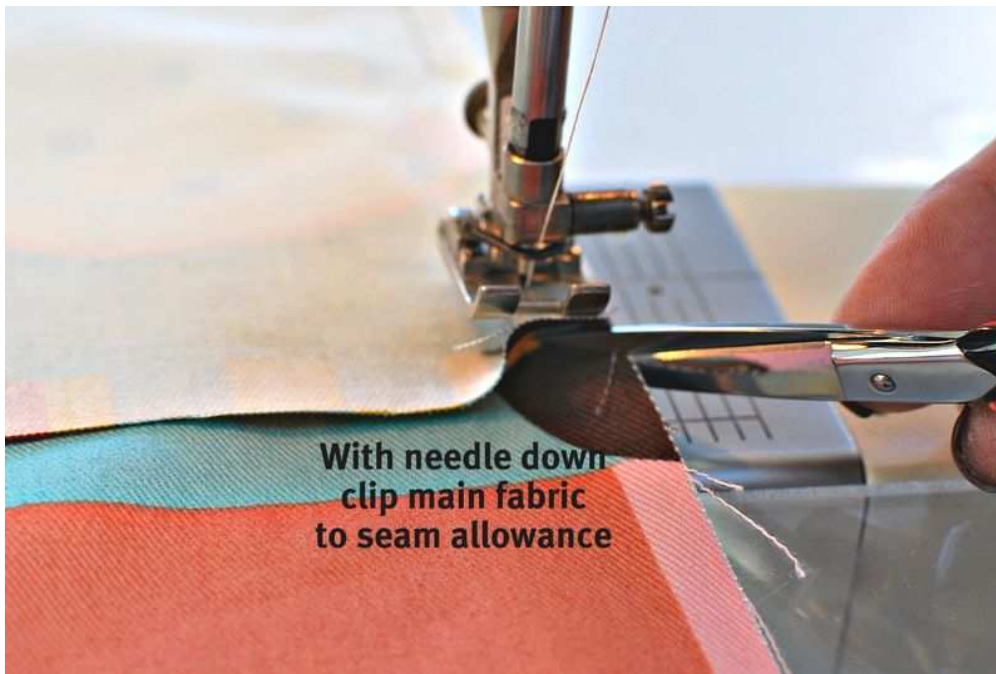
Sew from the bottom to the first marked 1/2" intersection. (It is easiest to sew with the end/pocket pieces on top of the main front piece during this step).



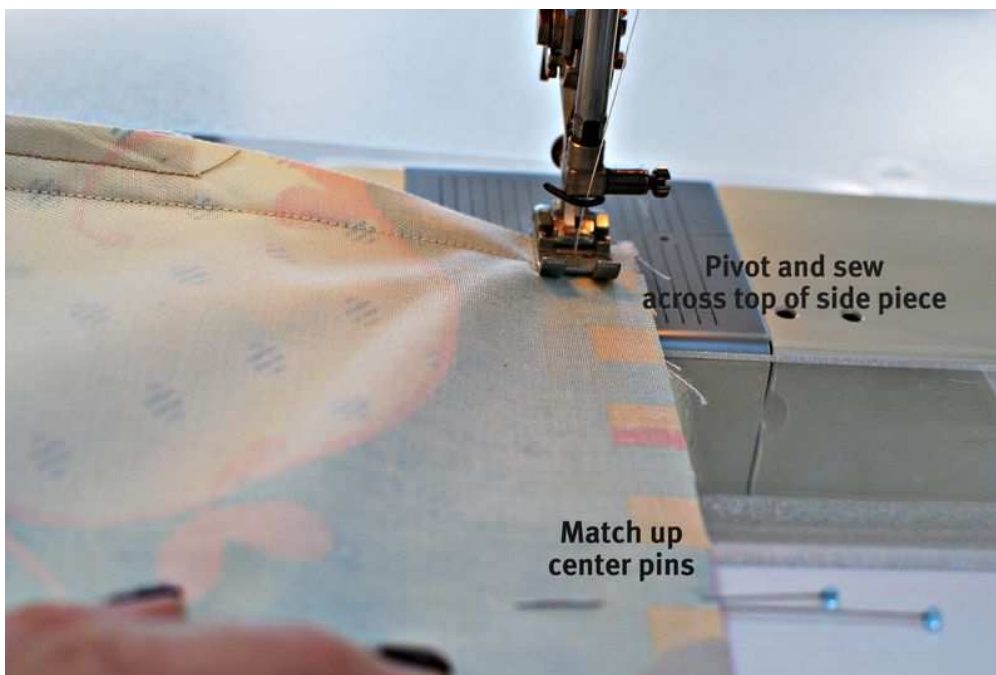
With needle down, raise the foot and



clip the main cover fabric up to (but not into) the seam allowance.



Pivot, line up raw edges and continue to sew across the top of the end piece matching up the pins that mark the center points.



Continue sewing across the top of the end piece to the other 1/2" mark, pivot and clip. Sew to bottom of cover.

Repeat with the other end piece.

At this point your cover will be unlined and will look like this (only probably in different fabric). =)





Construct the lining the same way as the outside, but omit the pockets. Leave a six inch opening in one of the lining side seams to turn your project through later.

To finish, place the lining and outside pieces right sides together matching up the side seams and with the bottom raw edges together. Sew all the way around. Turn right side out through the opening in the lining. Press so the lining shows one inch on the outside of the cozy.








You can add a lightweight iron on interfacing for extra body to the outside fabric if desired.

Encourage one another,

 Suzanne