

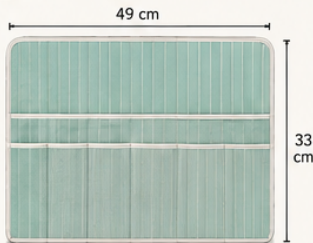
SEWING MACHINE ORGANIZER

Quilted Organizer for Your Sewing Space

A practical and beautiful quilted organizer to keep your sewing tools within reach! ♥



FINISHED SIZE

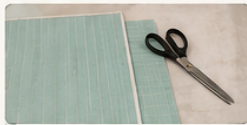


MATERIALS

- 1/2 yard (45 cm) of quilted cotton (outer fabric)
- 1/2 yard (45 cm) of cotton fabric (lining)
- 1/4 yard (23 cm) of cotton fabric (binding)
- 1/4 yard (23 cm) of fusible fleece (batting)
- Coordinating thread
- Scissors, pins, fabric marker
- Measuring tape, sewing clips
- Sewing machine

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

1 CUTTING



- From quilted fabric, cut:
- 1 piece 49 cm x 33 cm (Back)
 - 1 piece 49 cm x 28 cm (Top)
- From lining fabric, cut:
- 1 piece 49 cm x 33 cm (Lining Back)
 - 1 piece 49 cm x 28 cm (Lining Top)
- From fusible fleece, cut:
- 1 piece 49 cm x 33 cm
 - 1 piece 49 cm x 28 cm

2 MAKE THE POCKET PANEL



- On the 49 cm x 33 cm back piece (quilted fabric), mark pocket divisions:
- Mark 7 cm from each side.
 - Then mark lines every 8 cm across the width.
- Sew vertical lines to create pockets.
- You will have 6 pockets.

3 PREPARE THE TOP FLAP



- Take the 49 cm x 28 cm quilted piece.
- Fold the bottom edge 1 cm to the wrong side and topstitch.
- This is the flap that will go under the sewing machine.

4 LAYER THE PIECES



- Prepare the back panel:
- Quilted back (right side up) + fusible fleece + lining back (right side down)
- Baste or pin the layers together.
- Do the same for the top flap piece.

5 QUILT



- Quilt as desired.
- Vertical lines every 6-8 cm work great!
- This adds texture and strength.

6 JOIN THE FLAP



- Place the top flap on the back panel, right sides together, aligning the top raw edges.
- Pin in place.
- Sew across the width (49 cm) with 1 cm seam allowance.

7 BIND THE EDGES



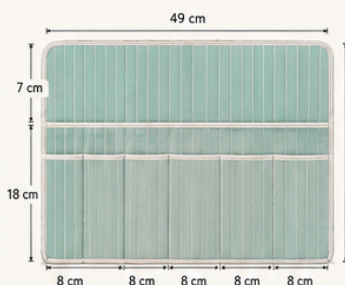
- Cut binding strips 6 cm wide.
- Fold in half lengthwise, press.
- Bind all around the organizer.
- Miter corners for a neat finish.

8 FINISHED!



- Your sewing machine organizer is ready to use!
- Store your scissors, rulers, pens, and tools in the pockets and keep your space clean and beautiful.

POCKET MEASUREMENTS



- Pocket height: 18 cm
- Total: 6 pockets (adjust as needed)

SIDE VIEW (IN USE)



METHODS GUIDE – SEWING & QUILT (USA)

- Straight Stitch**
Used for general sewing and seams.
- Backstitch**
Secures the beginning and end of seams.
- Topstitch**
A decorative stitch on the right side for a polished finish.
- Quilting**
Stitch through all layers (top, batting, backing) to create texture.
- Binding**
Finishes raw edges for a clean and durable edge.

SEAM ALLOWANCE

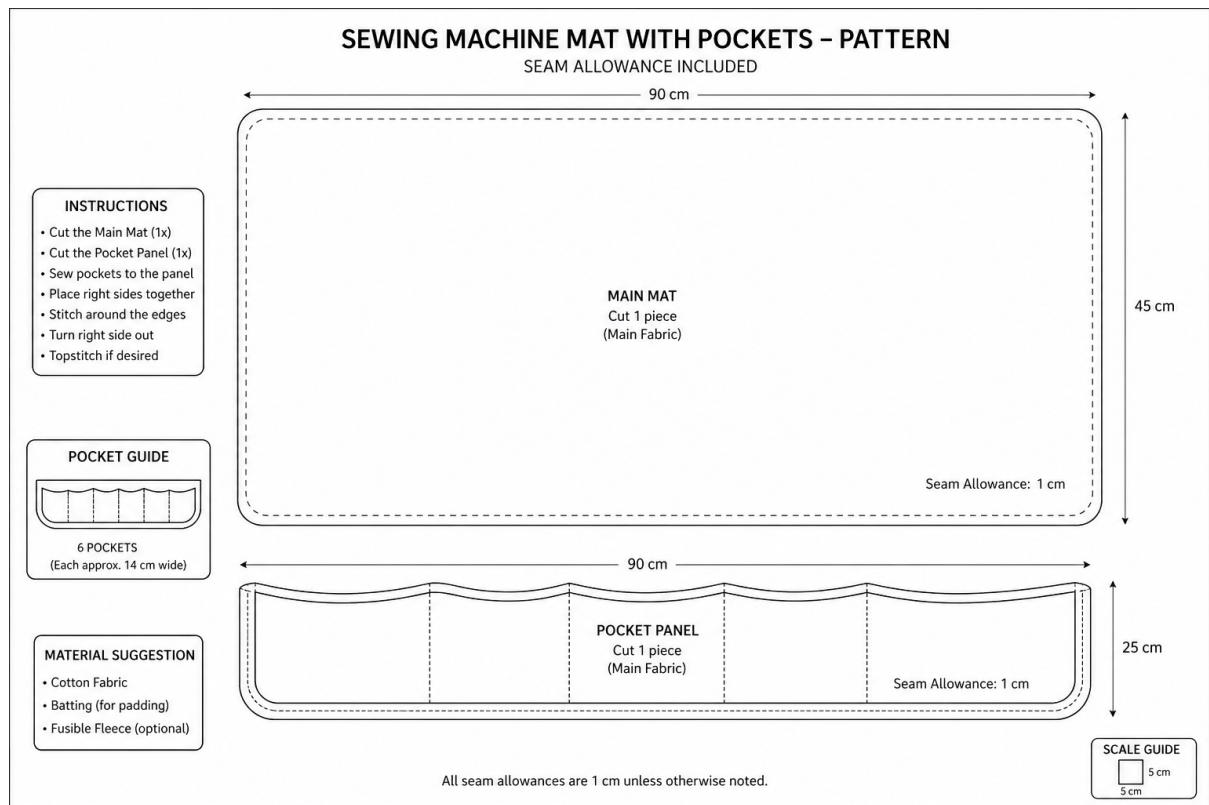
- Use 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance unless otherwise stated.

TIPS

- Use quilting clips instead of pins when possible.
- Press seams flat as you go.
- Choose coordinating fabrics for a beautiful finish.
- Customize pocket sizes to fit your tools!

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Sewing Machine Organizer: Complete Quilted Organizer Tutorial

This Sewing Machine Organizer is a practical quilted accessory designed to sit underneath your sewing machine and hang over the front edge of your sewing table. The hanging section includes six pockets that keep scissors, rulers, marking pens, measuring tapes, clips, seam rippers, and other frequently used tools close at hand.

The finished organizer measures approximately 19 1/4 inches wide by 13 inches long, not including the portion that rests underneath the sewing machine. The project uses quilted

cotton, lining fabric, fusible fleece, and coordinating binding for a clean and durable finish.

This tutorial follows the construction and measurements shown in the graphic while providing additional details so that a beginner or experienced sewist in the United States can complete the project from beginning to end. 

Finished Size and Project Layout

The completed hanging organizer measures:

Width: 49 cm, approximately 19 1/4 inches

Hanging height: 33 cm, approximately 13 inches

Top flap depth: 28 cm, approximately 11 inches

The organizer consists of two primary sections:

The back pocket panel hangs down from the sewing table and holds the storage pockets.

The top flap extends backward across the table and sits underneath the sewing machine. The weight of the machine helps hold the organizer securely in place.

The hanging panel contains six pockets. Each pocket is approximately 8 cm, or a little more than 3 inches, wide. The pocket section is approximately 18 cm, or 7 inches, high.

The upper area above the pockets measures approximately 7 cm, or 2 3/4 inches. This creates a clean transition between the top flap and the pocket section.

Because fabric can shift slightly during quilting and binding, minor differences in the final measurements are normal.

Materials and Supplies

For the outer fabric, use:

1/2 yard of quilted cotton fabric, approximately 45 cm

Choose a medium-weight quilted cotton or pre-quilted fabric. A striped or lightly patterned fabric makes it easier to sew straight quilting lines, but any coordinating fabric will work.

For the lining, use:

1/2 yard of cotton fabric, approximately 45 cm

The lining fabric covers the back of the organizer and gives the project a clean appearance.

For the binding, use:

1/4 yard of coordinating cotton fabric, approximately 23 cm

The binding finishes the raw edges and strengthens the organizer.

For the stabilizer, use:

1/4 yard of fusible fleece

Fusible fleece adds structure while keeping the organizer soft enough to bend over the edge of the sewing table.

You will also need:

Coordinating all-purpose sewing thread

Fabric scissors or a rotary cutter

A cutting mat and acrylic ruler

Straight pins or quilting clips

A removable fabric marker

A measuring tape

An iron and ironing board

A sewing machine

A universal sewing-machine needle, size 80/12 or 90/14

A walking foot is optional but helpful when sewing through quilted layers.

Understanding the Seam Allowance

Use a 3/8-inch seam allowance, which is approximately 1 cm, unless another measurement is specifically mentioned.

A 3/8-inch allowance is slightly wider than a standard 1/4-inch quilting seam. This extra space makes it easier to sew the lining, fusible fleece, and quilted cotton together without missing any layers.

When sewing the binding, the exact seam allowance may depend on the width and preparation of your binding strips. Keep the binding even and check that it covers the previous stitching line when folded to the back.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of every structural seam. This prevents the seams from opening during regular use.

Press the fabric after each major step. Pressing creates cleaner edges and makes the following steps easier to complete accurately.

Step 1: Cut the Quilted Fabric

From the quilted outer fabric, cut:

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 33 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 13 inches, for the hanging back panel.

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 28 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 11 inches, for the top flap.

Use a rotary cutter and ruler whenever possible. Square the fabric before measuring so that all four corners remain at 90-degree angles.

When working with striped fabric, align the stripes with the ruler before cutting. Straight stripes will make the organizer appear more professionally finished.

After cutting, place the pieces on a flat surface and confirm that both pieces have the same 49 cm or 19 1/4-inch width.

Label the larger piece Back Panel and the smaller piece Top Flap with removable tape or small paper labels.

Step 2: Cut the Lining Fabric

From the cotton lining fabric, cut:

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 33 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 13 inches, for the back-panel lining.

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 28 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 11 inches, for the top-flap lining.

The lining pieces should match the dimensions of their corresponding quilted pieces.

Place each lining piece behind the correct outer piece to confirm the size. Trim any noticeable uneven areas, but do not remove too much fabric.

Choose a lining fabric that coordinates with the quilted outer fabric. A light-colored lining makes it easier to see stitching lines and identify small sewing tools.

Press the lining fabric carefully before continuing. Wrinkles trapped inside the organizer can affect the final shape.

Step 3: Cut and Fuse the Fusible Fleece

From the fusible fleece, cut:

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 33 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 13 inches.

One rectangle measuring 49 cm by 28 cm, approximately 19 1/4 by 11 inches.

Read the manufacturer's instructions before applying the fleece. Fusible fleece usually has one adhesive side that feels slightly rough or contains small dots of glue.

Place the adhesive side against the wrong side of the corresponding fabric piece.

Use a pressing cloth to protect the fabric and the iron. Press instead of sliding the iron, since sliding may stretch or distort the layers.

Hold the iron in place for the amount of time recommended by the manufacturer. Allow the fabric to cool before lifting or moving it.

Check the edges to make sure the fleece is completely attached. Press any loose areas again.

Step 4: Prepare the Pocket Panel

Place the 49 cm by 33 cm back piece on your work surface with the right side facing up.

Measure approximately 7 cm, or 2 3/4 inches, down from the top edge. Make small marks on both side edges.

Draw a horizontal guideline across the width of the fabric. This line identifies the upper boundary of the pocket area.

From that horizontal line, measure approximately 18 cm, or 7 inches, downward. This is the approximate usable height of the pockets.

The graphic shows six pockets, each approximately 8 cm wide. Starting from one side, mark vertical pocket divisions at approximately:

8 cm or 3 1/8 inches

16 cm or 6 1/4 inches

24 cm or 9 1/2 inches

32 cm or 12 5/8 inches

40 cm or 15 3/4 inches

The remaining width forms the sixth pocket.

Because the total panel width is 49 cm, the final pocket may be slightly wider than the others. You can distribute this small difference between all six pockets for a more even appearance.

Use a removable marker and test it on a fabric scrap before drawing on the organizer.

Step 5: Form the Pocket Area

The pocket section should create a usable storage area approximately 18 cm or 7 inches high.

Position the pocket layer over the lower section of the back panel, aligning the bottom and side edges. The top edge of the pocket area should remain open.

Finish the upper edge of the pocket section with a narrow strip of coordinating binding. This creates the contrasting horizontal line shown in the graphic and prevents the pocket edge from stretching.

Place the binding against the right side of the pocket edge and sew it in place.

Fold the binding over the raw edge and press it toward the back.

Topstitch close to the folded edge, checking that the stitching catches both the front and back of the binding.

Keep the pocket panel flat while stitching. Avoid pulling or stretching the layers.

Step 6: Divide the Six Pockets

Return to the vertical pocket guidelines marked earlier.

Beginning at the bottom edge, sew directly along each vertical guideline. Continue sewing upward until you reach the finished top edge of the pocket panel.

Backstitch securely at the beginning and end of every pocket division.

For extra reinforcement, sew a small bar tack or a short zigzag stitch at the top of each division. The pocket openings receive the most stress when tools are inserted and removed.

After sewing all five dividing lines, check that you have six separate storage pockets.

Insert a few common tools to test the arrangement. Scissors may need a slightly wider pocket, while pens and marking tools can fit into narrower pockets.

Adjust future versions of the organizer according to the tools you use most often.

Step 7: Quilt the Hanging Panel

Layer the back panel as follows:

Place the lining fabric with its right side facing down.

Position the fusible fleece or batting over the wrong side of the lining.

Place the quilted outer panel on top with its right side facing up.

Smooth all three layers from the center toward the edges.

Secure the layers with quilting clips, safety pins, or basting spray. If using basting spray, follow the product directions and work in a well-ventilated area.

Quilt the layers using straight vertical lines approximately 6 to 8 cm apart, or approximately 2 3/8 to 3 1/8 inches apart.

Sew slowly and keep the fabric supported on the sewing table. Allowing the panel to hang heavily from the machine may cause the quilting lines to curve.

Quilting adds texture, secures the layers, and strengthens the organizer.

Step 8: Prepare the Top Flap

Take the 49 cm by 28 cm, or approximately 19 1/4 by 11-inch, quilted top-flap piece.

Place it on the work surface with the wrong side facing up.

Fold one long bottom edge toward the wrong side by approximately 1 cm or 3/8 inch.

Press the fold carefully.

Fold it again by the same amount if you want a fully enclosed hem, or finish the edge with coordinating binding.

Topstitch close to the folded edge using a medium-length straight stitch.

This finished edge will be the portion of the flap that extends underneath the sewing machine.

Step 9: Quilt the Top Flap

Layer the top flap with its lining and fusible fleece in the same way as the hanging panel.

Place the lining right side down.

Position the fleece over the lining.

Place the quilted outer fabric right side up.

Baste or clip the three layers together.

Quilt the flap using vertical lines approximately 6 to 8 cm apart. Match the quilting direction used on the hanging panel so that both pieces look consistent.

If the outer fabric is already pre-quilted, you can stitch along some of the existing lines to connect the lining and fleece securely.

Trim the edges carefully after quilting so all layers are even.

Step 10: Layer the Back Panel Pieces

Prepare the back panel with the right side of the quilted outer fabric facing up.

Place the fusible fleece over the wrong side if it has not already been attached.

Position the lining with its right side facing down.

The right sides of the outer fabric and lining should face away from each other after final assembly, with the fleece between them.

Baste the layers together around the outside edge using a seam approximately 1/8 inch from the raw edge.

Repeat the same layering process for the top flap.

This narrow basting seam holds the layers together and will later be hidden underneath the binding.

Make sure the corners remain square and the fabric does not wrinkle.

Step 11: Join the Top Flap to the Hanging Panel

Place the top flap along the upper edge of the hanging back panel.

Align the 49 cm or 19 1/4-inch edges.

Follow the graphic by placing the pieces right sides together along the joining edge.

Pin or clip the full width of the seam.

Sew across the width using a 1 cm or 3/8-inch seam allowance.

Backstitch securely at both ends.

Open the two sections and press the seam carefully.

The top flap should extend in one direction while the pocket panel hangs in the other direction.

Topstitch near the seam if desired. This helps the flap fold neatly over the edge of the sewing table.

Step 12: Check the Organizer's Direction

Before adding binding, place the organizer temporarily on your sewing table.

The top flap should lie flat on the tabletop.

The hanging panel should fall over the front edge of the table.

The pockets must face outward so you can reach the tools while sitting at the sewing machine.

Place the sewing machine over the top flap to check the depth. The flap should extend far enough underneath the machine to remain stable.

Make sure the organizer does not cover ventilation openings or interfere with the machine's power cord, foot-control cord, or extension table.

Mark any areas that require slight trimming before binding.

Step 13: Prepare the Binding Strips

Cut coordinating fabric strips 6 cm wide, approximately 2 3/8 inches wide.

Join enough strips to go around the complete outer edge of the organizer.

To join the strips, place two strips right sides together at a 90-degree angle.

Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner.

Sew along the diagonal line.

Trim the excess fabric, leaving a 1/4-inch seam allowance.

Press the seam open to reduce bulk.

Continue joining strips until you have one long continuous binding strip.

Fold the strip in half lengthwise with the wrong sides together and press.

Step 14: Attach the Binding

Begin attaching the binding along a straight section rather than at a corner.

Leave a loose tail of approximately 5 to 6 inches before beginning to sew.

Align the raw edges of the folded binding with the raw edges of the organizer.

Sew the binding to the organizer using a consistent seam allowance.

Stop before each corner so you can create a neat miter.

Fold the binding away from the project at a 45-degree angle.

Fold it back over itself, aligning the raw edges with the next side.

Continue sewing around the organizer.

When you return to the starting point, join or overlap the binding ends neatly.

Step 15: Finish the Binding

Fold the binding over the raw edge toward the back of the organizer.

The folded edge should cover the previous stitching line.

Secure the binding with quilting clips.

At each corner, fold the fabric into a clean miter.

Topstitch the binding from the front, sewing close to the inner folded edge.

Check the back frequently to make sure the stitching catches the binding.

You can also hand-sew the back of the binding with a slip stitch for a nearly invisible finish.

Press the completed binding with steam, taking care not to flatten the loft of the quilted fabric too much.

Step 16: Reinforce the Pocket Openings

Examine the top of every pocket division.

Add a short reinforcing stitch where each vertical seam meets the pocket's upper edge.

A narrow zigzag stitch, satin stitch, or bar tack works well.

These reinforced points prevent the fabric from tearing when scissors or heavier tools are placed inside the pockets.

Check the bottom corners of the pockets as well.

If any seam appears loose, stitch over it a second time.

Trim all visible thread tails for a clean finish.

Step 17: Final Pressing and Inspection

Place the organizer on the ironing board with the lining side facing up.

Press the top flap, back panel, pockets, and binding.

Avoid pressing directly over plastic clips, decorative elements, or heat-sensitive markings.

Check that the organizer lies flat.

Measure the final width and height. Small changes caused by quilting and binding are normal.

Confirm that all six pockets are open and that no pocket was accidentally stitched closed.

Check the binding for missed areas and repair them before using the organizer.

Step 18: Install the Organizer

Place the top flap on the sewing table.

Position the sewing machine on top of the flap.

Allow the pocket panel to hang over the front edge of the table.

Center the organizer beneath the machine.

Make sure the hanging section does not interfere with your knees or the foot-control cable.

Place tools inside the pockets.

Keep sharp scissors with the handles facing upward and the blades pointing downward.

Distribute heavier items between different pockets instead of placing everything in one section.

Suggested Pocket Arrangement

Use one pocket for fabric scissors.

Use one pocket for small embroidery scissors and a seam ripper.

Use one pocket for marking pens, pencils, and chalk.

Use one pocket for quilting clips or pins stored in a secure container.

Use one pocket for a small ruler or measuring tape.

Use the final pocket for frequently used accessories such as a turning tool, stiletto, cleaning brush, or extra presser foot.

The pocket sizes can be customized when making another organizer. Simply change the vertical division lines before sewing them.

Sewing Methods Used in This Project

A straight stitch is used for general construction, quilting, pocket divisions, and binding.

A backstitch secures the beginning and end of each seam. Sew backward for several stitches, then continue forward.

A topstitch is a visible line of stitching placed on the right side of the project. It strengthens folded edges and provides a polished finish.

Quilting joins the outer fabric, fleece, and lining. The graphic recommends vertical quilting lines approximately 6 to 8 cm apart.

Binding covers the raw edges of the organizer. It creates a durable finish and adds a contrasting decorative detail.

Helpful Tips for Better Results

Use quilting clips instead of pins when possible. Clips are easier to place through thick quilted layers and do not leave holes in the fabric.

Press every seam before moving to the next step.

Choose a binding fabric that contrasts slightly with the organizer fabric. This makes the finished edges more visible and decorative.

Use a longer stitch length, approximately 3.0 mm, when quilting through thick layers.

Use a new needle to reduce skipped stitches.

If the machine struggles to feed the layers evenly, attach a walking foot.

Sew slowly around corners and bulky intersections.

Customize the pocket widths according to your favorite tools.

Care Instructions

Remove the organizer from underneath the sewing machine before washing.

For the best results, hand-wash it or use a gentle machine-washing cycle with cold water.

Use mild detergent and avoid bleach.

Reshape the organizer while it is damp.

Air-dry it flat whenever possible.

Press it with a warm iron after drying.

Check the organizer regularly for loose stitching, especially at the pocket openings.

Finished Sewing Machine Organizer

Your quilted sewing machine organizer is now complete. The 11-inch top flap sits securely underneath the sewing machine, while the 13-inch hanging panel keeps essential sewing tools visible and within easy reach.

The six pockets can hold scissors, rulers, pens, clips, measuring tapes, and other accessories that would otherwise clutter the sewing table. The fusible fleece adds stability, the quilting strengthens the layers, and the coordinating binding creates a clean professional edge.

This organizer is also easy to personalize. You can change the fabric colors, adjust the number of pockets, add embroidered labels, or create a matching pincushion and thread catcher.

Enjoy creating your new organizer and remember: quilting is love made visible in every stitch.   