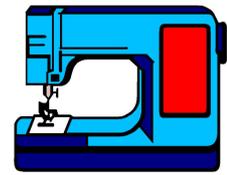




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MACHINE COVER

SEWING PROJECT

This cover can be used for any machine, brand, size or shape. I recommend you use 100% cotton so that the machine can breath . The most necessary item you will need is your tape measure. Here is a basic drawing of a sewing machine to base all your measurements on.

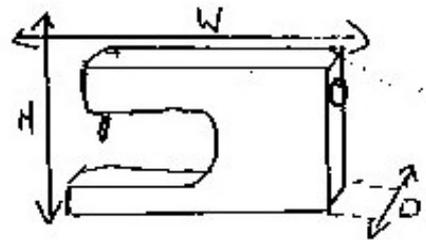
H = Height

W = Width

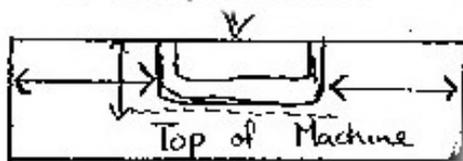
D = Depth.

Other things that you need are: the distance from the right hand end to the handle, the distance from left hand edge to the handle.

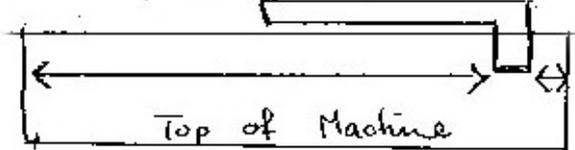
You also need to know how far from the back edge your handle is and also its configuration. It may be a 'D' or a 'L' in shape.



D Shape Handle



L Shape

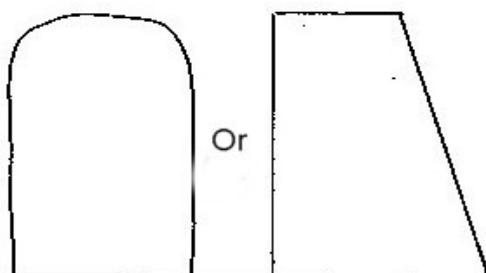


You may also choose to follow the shape of your machine and have the top not as wide as the base

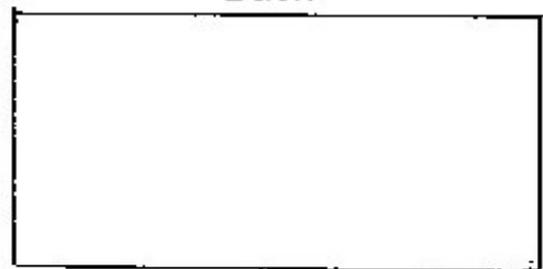
This formula can also be applied to an overlocker or even a bigger machine like the MB4 (an embroidery machine).

1. Make your pattern piece for each part. E.g. Sides, back, front and top. In this example I have chosen to combine the top and front into one piece.
2. End = depth x height if doing a standard cover and depth x height x top width, if you are shaping your ends. Don't forget to round off your corners at the top, it is easier to sew like this.
3. The back is a rectangle that = your width and height.

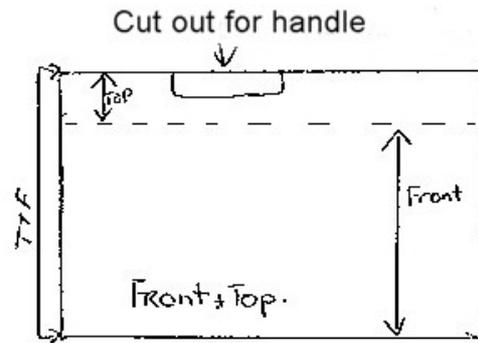
Pattern End Shape



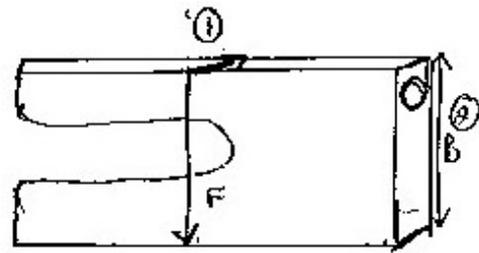
Back



- The front is a rectangle with an adjustment. It is the width by the height plus the depth, or from the base to the top back edge. You then have to cut out the dimensions of your handle. First measure the distance in from the top back edge to the front edge of your handle. You will then need the distance in from both ends to your handle to give you its position. This needs to be cut out. Check this by laying your pattern in place and adjust if needed. To make the flap to go under your handle measure the internal dimensions of your handle and make the flap so that it overlaps the front enough to be fastened down by the method of choice.



- Now is a good time to decide what fabric you will use. Will it be left over blocks or scraps put together, a themed fabric or just plain? If you wish to decorate your cover or add pockets you can decide this now.
- Collect your fabric, wadding and lining. Also decide if you are binding with bought bias or if you are making your own.



Cutting.

You will need to cut from fabric, wadding and lining:
2 ends and 1 each of the front, flap and back.



To Make:

- After you have cut out your pieces you can decorate your cover as you would like.
- The next step is to quilt all your layers together. Lay your lining fabric right side down, then place your wadding down on top of this, then place your top layer down right side up. Pin your edges and then pin in a grid approximately 5" apart. This will hold all layers steady while you quilt. Now put your walking foot on your machine and quilt in any design you choose.
- Make or buy your binding strips ready for use. These may be bias if you wish, but because you are doing straight lines you can cut them the width of the fabric. Cut these at 1½" if using a ¼" seam or 1¾" if larger seams are used. At this stage you may also like to consider if you wish to have pockets or not, if so, where, on the front or side. These you could make now to have them ready. These could be used to store your pedal/ power cord.
- Bind 3 edges of your flap (the ones not going in the back seam) and mitre your corners. Then bind the internal edge of the flap opening. The internal corners are achieved by pivoting at the corners. If doing a front pocket it would be a good time to stitch it on now, either freestanding or to go into the side seams.
- Stitch the front to the back at the top edge with the wrong sides together, inserting the flap in the gap. Bind the seam. If doing an end pocket now would be a good time to place it.
- Pin the ends in place starting at the base of the back. Sew in place easing the curves and flattening the binding of the top seam towards the front, as you go. Trim any excess off the front at the base.
- Bind the end seams by sewing the binding to the inside and then turn to the front and sew down carefully.
- Sew the binding to the base of the cover to finish it off.
- Mark the placement of closure of choice and then sew in place.