SEWING MACHINE COVER

Cover your machine with this simple lined sewing machine cover made with fabric scraps and white cotton canvas. The string-pieced design offers a modern take on a traditional technique. Since every sewing machine seems to be a unique size, this pattern can easily be customized to fit your machine. It will add a nice touch to your sewing area and keep your machine clean at the same time.

OPTIONS
› Try the string-pieced sections in your favorite solids or patterns, or use repurposed fabric from old clothing.
› Use colored canvas to create a different look, add a storage pocket, or if your sewing machine has a handle, create an opening for it at the top to keep it covered on the go.
› This cover can be reversible; try using an interesting fabric for the lining.

SUPPLIES
1 yd/1 m canvas
1 yd/1 m cotton lining
10 to 12 fabric scraps, 2” x 15/5 cm x 38 cm each
Self-healing cutting mat
Rotary cutter
Matching thread

Seam allowance: ½”/12-mm, except where noted

MULTIPLY YOUR SKILLS:
string piecing, patchwork, lined cozy

FINISHED DIMENSIONS:
17” wide x 12” tall x 7” depth/
43 cm x 30.5 cm x 17 cm (see note)

NOTE: Measure the width, height, and depth of your sewing machine. Make adjustments to the pattern as needed, remembering to add a ½”/12 mm seam allowance.
STEP 1: CUT FABRIC.
Cut the canvas and the cotton lining according to the following dimensions:
Canvas front top and front bottom pieces: 3½" x 18"/9 cm x 46 cm (cut 2)
Canvas front, center pieces: 3½" x 8"/9 cm x 20 cm (cut 2)
Canvas sides: 8" x 13"/20 cm x 33 cm (cut 2)
Canvas top: 8" x 18"/20 cm x 46 cm
Canvas back: 13" x 18"/33 cm x 46 cm
Lining front and back: 13" x 18"/33 cm x 46 cm (cut 2)
Lining sides: 8" x 13"/20 cm x 33 cm (cut 2)
Lining top: 8" x 18"/20 cm x 46 cm

STEP 2: MAKE STRING PIECED SECTIONS.
Using the mat and rotary cutter, cut each fabric scrap into 15'/38-cm lengths of varying widths. These cuts should be at different angles—not straight across. Sew two pieces together, right sides facing with a ¼"/6-mm seam allowance. Continue by sewing another strip to the joined piece, right sides together again. Sew pieces together until you have a full 15'/38-cm-x-20-cm patchwork piece of fabric. Then cut this into three equal pieces, each 5" x 8'/12.5 cm x 20-cm. See figure A.

STEP 3: SEW THE FRONT PATCHWORK PIECE.
Arrange the cut string pieces with the solid pieces in the order that the string-pieced design was cut, so that the lines will be on the same path. Sew one string-pieced rectangle to a small canvas piece along the longer side, right sides together, as shown in figure B. Sew the other long side of this canvas piece to another string-pieced rectangle and continue sewing the pieces together until you have a long strip as shown in figure B. Then sew this joined strip to the top and bottom front pieces, right sides together. See figure C. Press seams open.

STEP 4: SEW BACK AND SIDE PIECES.
Starting ½'/12 mm from the top, sew the canvas side pieces to either side of the patchwork front piece, right sides together, as shown in figure D. Then sew the back canvas piece onto the side pieces, right sides together, forming a fabric tube. Again, start ½'/12 mm from the top to leave space for the top piece to be sewn.

STEP 5: SEW TOP PIECE.
With right sides together (wrong sides facing out), pin the top piece to the fabric tube and sew along, stopping ½'/12 mm from each corner to pivot the needle and turn the corner. See figure E. Clip the corners and press seams open.

STEP 6: SEW LINING.
Sew the lining together by repeating steps 4 and 5 with the lining fabric. But this time, you will leave a 6'/15-cm opening in the center of a side seam in order to turn the finished cover right sides out in the next step. Clip the corners, press seams open, and turn the lining right sides out.

STEP 7: SEW LINING AND OUTSIDE PIECE TOGETHER.
With the outer cover wrong sides out and the lining now right sides out, place the lining into the outer cover, pin together at the raw edges, and sew together. Trim the excess fabric at the seam. Turn the cover right sides out through the opening. Then stitch the opening closed using a ladder stitch, or topstitch by machine if you don’t want the cover to be reversible.