

Sewing Machine Dust Cover Pattern

** See note at the bottom for a link to a YouTube video.

Materials

1 yd fabric for outside of cover

1 yd fabric for lining

1+ yards of midweight stabilizer (Pellon on the bolt is only 20" wide)

Cutting

There are 6 pieces to cut for the outside of the dust cover:

(2) 18"x15" (front and back)

(2) 15"x 9" (sides)

(1) 18"x 9" (top)

(1) 4"x 8" (handle)

Cut the same pieces out of the lining fabric and the stabilizer except for the handle.

Note: these measurements are for a specific machine. If you wish to make this pattern for your own machine measure the height, length and depth of your machine and add 1 inch to each measurement for cutting size.

Assembly

1. Place the 18"x15" piece of stabilizer on the wrong side of the 18"x15" front cover fabric and stitch around the edge (scant ¼ "seam). Do the same for the back, sides and top. **

** If you are using fusible stabilizer just fuse the pieces. The video shows the use of spray adhesive which is fine if you prefer.

2. Take the piece of fabric for the handle and fold in the two short edges a scant ¼ "and press. Fold the long sides in so that the edges meet in the middle and then fold again so the raw edges are on the inside. Top stitch around the open edges.

3. Mark the center of the top piece. Fold the handle in half and mark the center of that piece as well. Line up the center of the handle with the center of the top piece with the long side of the handles parallel to the long sides of the top. Push each end of the handle in a little bit so that each end is about 6 inches from the side. This bows the handle up just a little to make it easier to grab. Stitch the ends down securely by stitching a small rectangle around each end, backstitching along the inside edge of the rectangle and then forward again to reinforce the seam.

4. Stitch the front piece to a side piece, right sides together, using a scant ½" seam. This will hide the seam that was made to attach the stabilizer to the fabric piece. Then stitch the back piece to the other side piece right sides together, again with a scant ½" seam. Stitch the last two seams the same way to create a "tube" or open box.

5. With right sides out fold the tube along the side seams and topstitch each edge very close to the seam. This makes the corners nice and square.

6. Pin the top piece to the top edge of the tube, right sides together, along one long side. Stitch along this first seam and then pivot (needle down) at the corners. Adjust the next side to line up and stitch, keeping the edges even. This is a bit awkward, but just keep the corners matched and the edges even. Turn the tube right side out. Gently poke out your corners.

7. Stitch the lining front, back and side pieces together like you did the outside part to form a tube. Because of the topstitching on the outside of the cover you will need to use a full ½” seam allowance on the lining so that it is the same size as the outside.
8. When you sew the top piece of the lining to the tube leave a 6” opening on one of the long sides. You’ll be using this to turn the cover.
9. With the right sides out on the cover and wrong sides out on the lining pull the lining over the outside to “cover the box.” Push the cover into the corners of the lining so that the top, sides, front and back are all aligned and the seams match as well. Stitch all around the bottom of the cover keeping your edges and corners matched up and even.
10. Gently pull the cover through the opening in the lining. Once this is done you can sew the opening in the lining closed. Push the lining up into the cover, especially at the corners and top seams. Tack the lining to the cover at each corner to keep it square.
11. Press the bottom edge of the cover so that the lining and cover are even. Top stitch all the way around the bottom edge.

NOTE:

For those of you who are visual learners or would just like to follow along as you sew there is a YouTube video that will take you through the steps. Please note that we are NOT adding pockets to the covers for QAWS nor are we using the heavy foam stabilizer. We also did not cut our lining pieces longer than the outside pieces as Debbie Shore does. If you like the look of the binding on the bottom please feel free to do that.

Youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiHSXZcItXc> (Making a sewing machine dust cover! By Debbie Shore)