

TWAM

Tools with a Mission

The Haberdashery Guide



Instructions for making sewing and tool accessories

Livelihoods created, lives transformed by a
TWAM Sewing Machine



“The very first step of the journey is always the hardest.”

The first step on the journey to prosperity for the ultra-poor of Africa can be incredibly hard.

How can you start to earn a living if you have no resources and no money?

How can you make clothes with your sewing machine if you cannot afford materials?

There's no point sending a sewing or knitting machine without the materials that make it work. Many of the people who receive a sewing machine from TWAM and have no means to buy buttons, needles, threads or materials.

They need TWAM to provide enough materials for them to get started and earn some money. Once they have sold a few items they can afford to replenish their stocks.

That's why the Haberdashery Kits and materials are so important.

Will you help us support the ultra-poor to take the first step towards the hope and dignity of livelihood creation?



Items to donate

Sewing Machines

Machine needles, bobbins, shuttles, attachments

Instruction Manuals

Small oil cans and mini screwdrivers

Sewing sundries

Hand sewing needles

Dressmakers pins - please send in a secure container

Safety pins - thread 8-10 assorted together onto a large pin

Buttons

Sewing thread - full or nearly full reels

Materials - suitable for making clothes and no less than 1metre (3feet) square. Please check there are no pins in the material

Fasteners - hooks and eyes, press studs, skirt and trouser fasteners and Velcro

Zips—new and unused please

Elastic and bias binding

Tape Measures (metric)

Thimbles

Dressmaking scissors - please check for rust and sharp enough to cut two layers of material

Unused paper patterns

Knitting Machines

Wool winders

Punches and blank punch cards

Knitting machine yarn –sorted and bagged

Knitting sundries

Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks - sort and pair, but do not use sticky tape

Row counters

Stitch holders

Needle gauges

Cable needles

Items for both

Instruction books - dressmaking and knitting

Modern patterns

Haberdashery kits need bags to keep them safe

Who hasn't lost a needle or misplaced a pair of scissors?

Our haberdashery kits have top travel thousands of miles by container and eventually on top of the bus or on the back of the motorbike. They need to be securely stored in a haberdashery bag. Could you make some bags? We need:

1. Sewing Kit bags
2. Needle books
3. Tool rolls
4. Scissor case

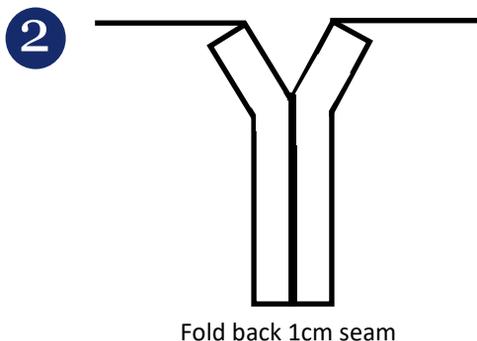
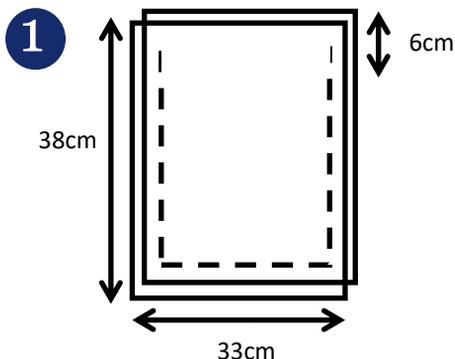


Instructions for making a

1. Sewing Kit bag

Material needed - two pieces of strong fabric 40x35cm (15x13in)
90cm (36in) strong tape

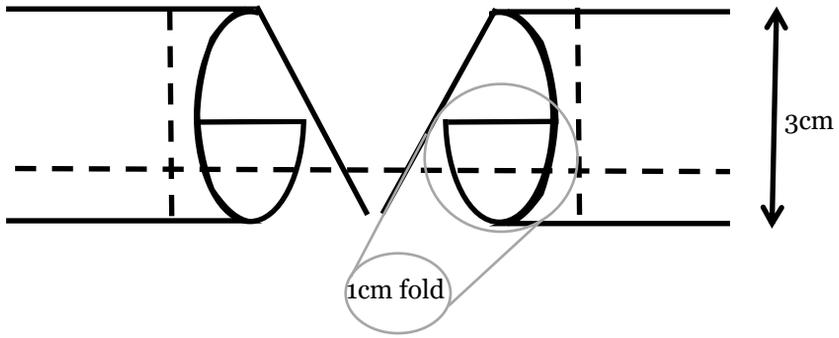
1. Sew around the bag leaving 7.5cm (3in) at the top. Allow 1cm (1/2in) seam allowance on each side and bottom, allow 6cm (2 1/2in) at top.



2. Fold back side seams

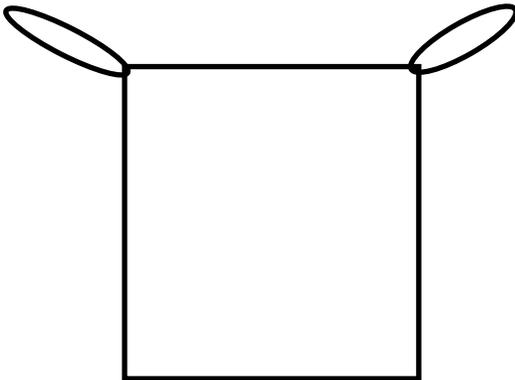
3. Turn under 1cm (1/2in) then make 3cm (1 1/2in) hem. Sew all round the top leaving an opening each side for the tapes. Do not leave large openings at the sides as small items will slip out.

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4. **The two tapes must run easily through the channel** and be capable of drawing up the mouth of the bag. The two loops will be tied together to contain the contents of the bag. Two lengths of tape pull up better than one.

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Note

Larger bags 45cm (16in) square can be made in the same way to hold dress lengths.

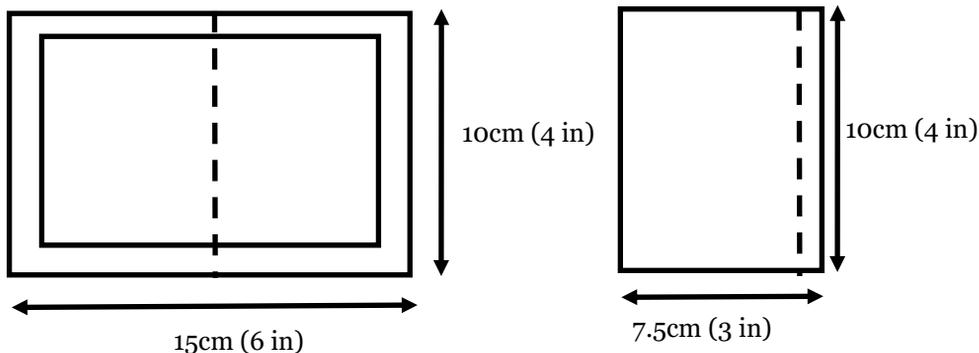


2. Needle Books

Use fairly stiff materials for the outer cover. Use felt or soft material for page (s) to hold needles.

1. Stitch down the centre

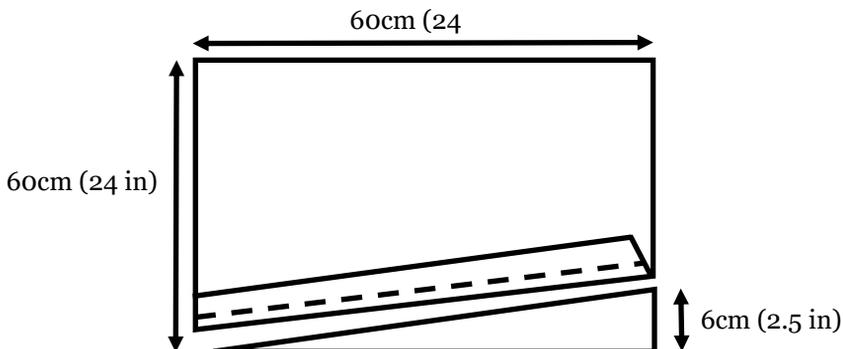
2. Fold and stitch down the spine to keep the book flat



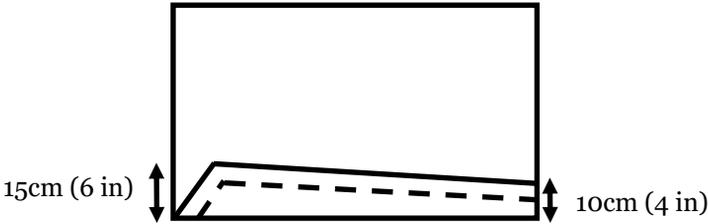
3. Tool Roll

Tool Rolls are used to hold hand tools in our Mechanics kits. Take a 60cm (24in) square of strong closely woven fabric, which could be denim, corduroy or even some furnishing fabrics. There is a 1cm (1/2in) seam allowance.

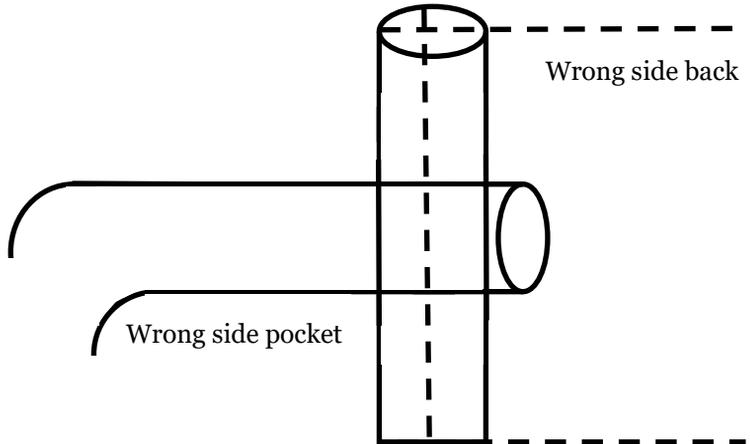
1. With right side uppermost, measure 5cm (2in) up from right hand bottom edge, tapering to nothing at left hand edge. Cut off this wedge. On the cut edge make a small hem. Tack and stitch. Press.



2. To make the pocket, turn up bottom edge to right side, measuring 16cm (6in) on left hand side and 10cm (4in) on right hand side, Pin, tack and stitch 1.5cm (1/2in) seam. Turn right side out. Press

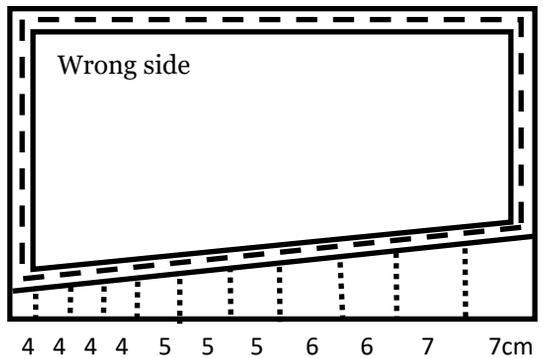


3. Make narrow hem down one side of tool roll. Stitch. Continue stitching over the hem on the edge of the pocket and then stitch for a further 5-6cm (2-3in) in order to stitch the two raw edges to the back of the pocket. Stitch other side in the same way. Press well.

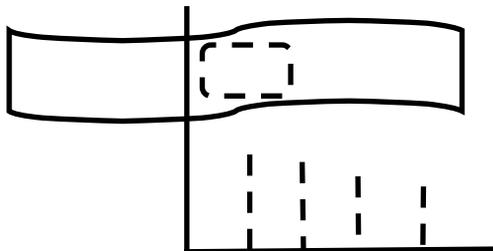


4. On the wrong side pin, tack and stitch small hem along top edge. To make small pockets for tools use the suggested spacing's for the vertical stitching. Measure, pin, tack, stitch. Finish off securely. Press.

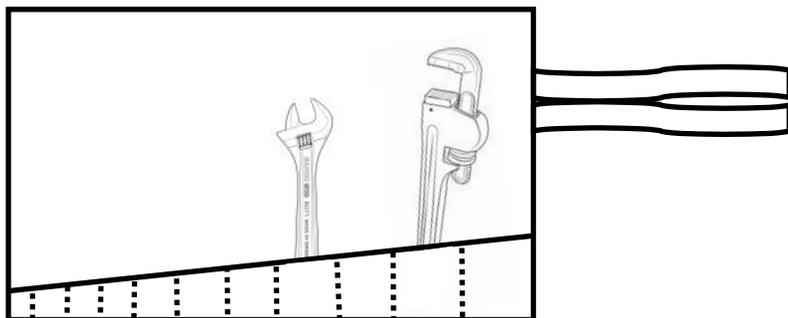
- 4cm (1 1/2in)
- 5cm (2in)
- 6cm (2 1/2in)
- 7cm (3in)



5. Finish with at least 75cm (30in) of 1-3cm (1/2-1in) tape or a tie made from suitable fabric. Pin and tack the middle of the tie to the right side of the tool roll. Positioning it above the tallest vertical pocket. Stitch. Press well.

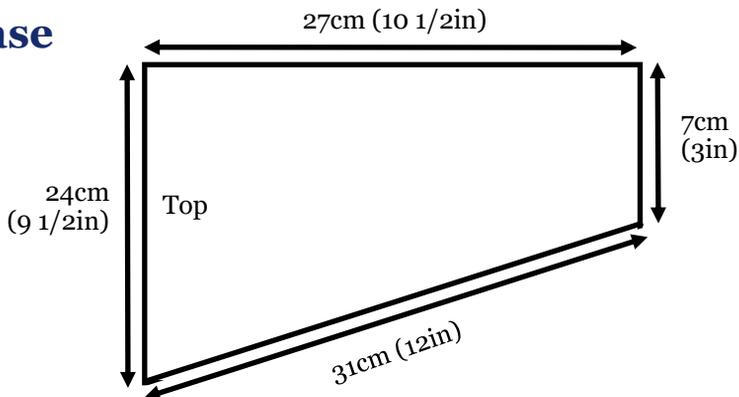


6. Finished tool roll



4. Scissor Case

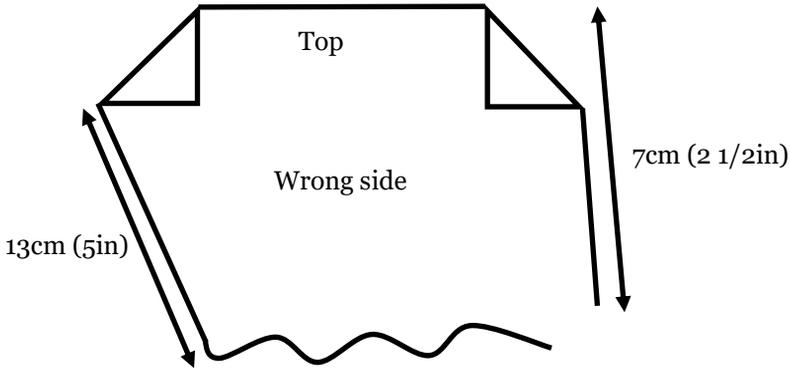
1. Make the template and cut out fabric. Use strong close weave fabric with press stud for fastening. Seam allowance of 1cm (1/2in). Use cardboard for pattern template.



2. With wrong side uppermost measure and mark 13cm (5in) from point on longest side and 6.6cm (2 1/2in) from point on other long side as shown.

Fold down both corner points, left hand point 2.5cm (1in) and right hand point 1cm (1/2in). Press.

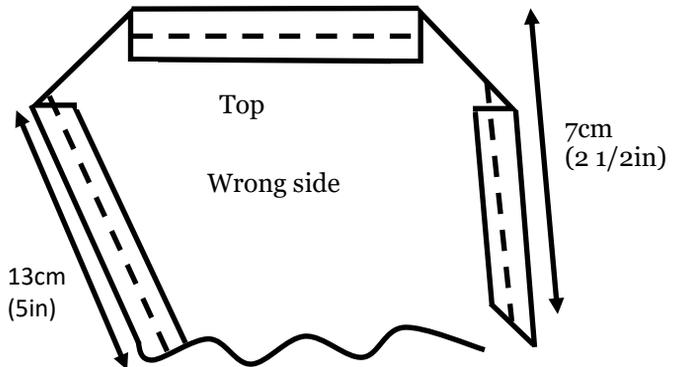
If using thick fabric which cannot be turned inside-out, make a single fold in hem in step 3. Work right side out in step 4 and using zigzag or overlocking machine stitch throughout.



3. From the 13cm (5in) mark make a small hem towards the corner folding half the turned down point into the hem. Pin and tack. Make a small hem across the top enclosing half a turned down point at each end. Pin and tack.

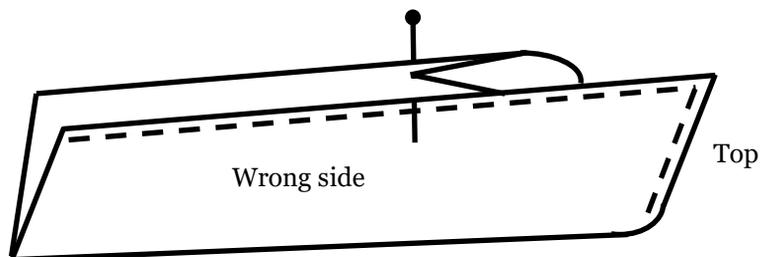
Make a small hem to the 6.5cm (2 21/2in) mark enclosing half the turned down point. Pin and tack.

The two corners are now mitred. Stitch all three hems. Press.



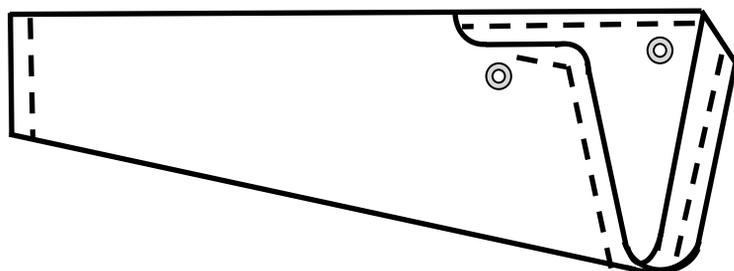
4. With right sides facing bring together the two long straight sides. There will be a small triangle of fabric left at the bottom edge. With a pin at the ends of the hems already made, tack and stitch to the bottom end.

Turn right side out. Press



5. Turn up the triangle on to the body of the case. Pin, tack and stitch through all thickness. Press thoroughly.

6. Sew press stud fastening on to the long point and to side of case.



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