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Size: approx. 24 ½" x 18 ½" (with seam allowances)

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Fabric Requirements:

- 1 fat quarter green for sewing machine
- 1 fat quarter burgundy spot for sewing table
- 1 fat quarter cream for background
- Scrap olive swirl for machine display (min. 5 ½" x 3")
- Three assorted scraps for cotton reels
- One scrap of grey needle bar
- One scrap of teal spot for machine wheel
- One scrap each of purple and teal for control dial (min. 3" sq.)

Additional Supplies:

- Fusible web
- Brown embroidery floss
- Silver metallic thread
- Air erasable fabric pen
- Thread to stitch in the machine's 'thread'
- 3 assorted buttons



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Fabric Choices

When choosing fabrics make sure there is enough contrast between the three main fabrics (background, sewing machine and sewing table). Busy fabrics can make an awesome sewing machine but note that the shape of the machine may become indistinct if there is too much going on with the fabric!

(NOTE: If using a directional print, carefully consider the direction of the fabric when cutting the pieces.)

Cutting Instructions

From background fabric, **Piece V, cut 1 at 18 ½" x 2 ½"**

Piece M, cut 1 at 6 ½" x 10 ½"

Piece A, cut 1 at 5 ½" x 6"

Piece 1, cut 1 at 4 ½" x 5 ¾"

Piece Z, cut 1 at 4 ½" x 4"

Piece L, cut 1 at 5" x 3"

Piece Y, cut 1 at 4" x 3 ½"

Piece S, cut 1 at 4 ½" x 1 ½"

Piece W, cut 1 ¾" x 2 ½"

Piece K, cut 2 at 2 ½" x 1 ½"

Piece H, cut 2 at 1 ¾" sq.

Pieces 4 and 7, cut 2 at 1 ¼" x 1 ¾"

Pieces 2 and 6, cut 2 at 1" x 1 ¾"

Pieces E, I, O, U, cut 4 at 1 ¼" sq.

From sewing machine fabric, **Piece N, cut 1 at 16 ½" x 5 ½"**

Piece F, cut 1 at 5" x 10 ½"

Piece G, cut 1 at 5" x 7"

Piece D, cut 2 at 5 ½" x 1 ½"

Piece B, cut 1 at 1 ¼" sq.

From sewing table fabric, Piece Q, cut 1 at 16 ½" x 1 ½"

Pieces R and 8, cut 2 at 4 ½" x 5 ½"

Piece P, cut 1 at 1 ¼" sq.

From machine display fabric, **Piece C, cut 1 at 5 ½" x 3"**

From needle bar fabric, Piece J, cut 1 at 1" x 1 ½"

From 3 different fabrics for cotton reels, **Pieces T, 3 and 5, cut 1 from each fabric at 1 ¼" x 1 ¾"**

From machine wheel fabric, Piece X, cut 1 at 1" x 3 ½"

All seams should be sewn with a ¼" seam unless otherwise stated.

Please read through all instructions before beginning. Press seams as desired.

Creating the Main Body of the Sewing Machine

(Use the diagram on page 5 to help you piece this block!)

1. Join square B to top right hand corner of piece A. Rule a line diagonally across the square and stitch along this. Trim off corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press.
2. Join one rectangle D to each long side of the C rectangle. Press.
3. Join the above two blocks together as shown in the diagram.
4. Join square E to top right hand corner of block F. Rule a line diagonally across the square and stitch along this. Trim off corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press.
5. Join EF rectangle onto the CDBA block referring to the diagram.

Creating the Front of the Sewing Machine

1. Take piece G and add a square H onto each lower corner. Rule a line diagonally across the square and stitch along this. Trim off corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press. Repeat for second corner.
2. Join square I to top left hand corner of block G. Rule a line diagonally across the square and stitch along this. Trim off corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press.
3. Join a rectangle K onto each side of piece J and press.
4. Join JK onto GHI rectangle using diagram as a guide.
5. Join piece L onto the other side of the JK rectangle. Press all seams.
6. Join front of sewing machine onto main body of sewing machine. Add background piece M. Press.

Creating the Base of the Sewing Machine

1. Take piece N and add squares O and P onto top and bottom left hand corners. Rule a line diagonally across the squares and stitch along this. Trim off corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press.
2. Attach piece Q to bottom of NOP rectangle.
3. Join S to R as shown in the diagram. Press.
4. Join SR to NOPQ and press.
5. Join the base of the sewing machine to the main sewing machine and press.

Creating the Cotton Reels

1. Take piece T and add U as shown in the diagram. Press.
2. Join V onto the left hand side of UT and W onto the right hand side. Press
3. Join TUVW onto the top of the sewing machine. Press.
4. Join 2 to the left hand side of 3 and 4 to the right hand side as shown in the diagram.
5. Join 6 to the top of 5. Press.
6. Join 234 to the left hand side of 56 and 7 to the right hand side as shown in the diagram. Press. Set aside.

Creating the Sewing Machine Wheel

1. Join X to Y along X's long edge. Press.
2. Join Z to the top of XY and 1 to the bottom.

Finishing Off the Sewing Machine

1. Join the machine wheel block along the top of the cotton reels and join Piece 8 below the cotton reels.
2. Join the machine wheel and cotton reels onto the rest of the sewing machine block and press.

Adding Embroidery Details

1. Using ten strands of brown embroidery thread, stitch in the tops and bottoms of the cotton reels with one large single stitch. (Please note, if you are making a quilt or a pillow which is likely to get a lot of wear, I would recommend stitching in the cotton reel tops and bottoms with a line of back-stitch.)



2. Stitch in the thread guide with the silver embroidery thread by lining up six stitches in a parallel row, as shown below.



3. Using the silver embroidery thread, back stitch in needle extending for about 1 ¼" directly in the middle of the needle bar, see below.

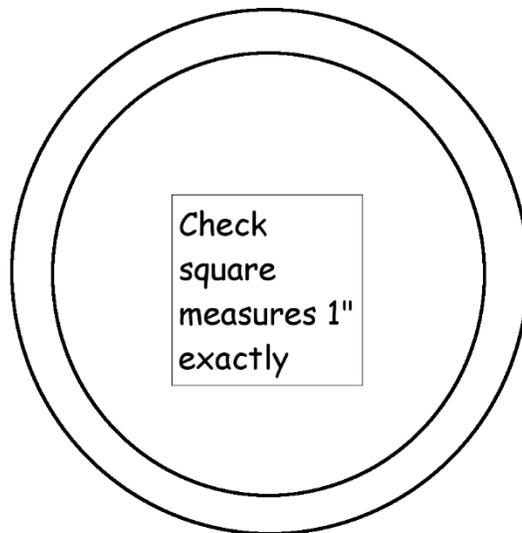


Stitching in the Machine's Thread

1. Using the air erasable fabric pen, draw in the swirly thread from the sewing machine, using the main photo as a guide.
2. Stitch along this thread by machine or hand, as desired. (I used a double stitch setting on my machine and a small stitch size.)

Adding Appliqué Control Dial

1. Use the templates below to trace the two circles onto fusible web.
2. Following manufacturer's instructions, roughly cut out the appliqué pieces and fuse onto the reverse of your chosen fabrics.
3. Cut out pieces accurately along traced lines.
4. Remove paper backing and fuse pieces in place on sewing machine as shown in the main photo.
5. Stitch dial in place using your preferred stitch.



Adding Buttons

1. After quilting as desired, sew three buttons to the right of the sewing machine's display panel (see cover photo for placement).

