

Sewing Machine Cover

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Supplies:

- 1 jelly roll OR $\frac{1}{4}$ yard each - 6 coordinating fabrics for narrow ruffle and strips
- 4 yards $\frac{1}{8}$ " Cotton cording
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards solid or coordinating fabric for body of cover
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards ribbon for ties on side of cover
- 1 yard coordinating fabric for lining
- 1 yard light weight batting
- Wonder tape, double sided or fusible tape
- Frixion marking pen
- Chalk marker
- Chain Cover Stitch foot
- Narrow belt loop binder
- Cording foot



Measurements:

Measure the width of your machine at the widest part, from under the hand wheel around the front to the other side of the machine. (A)

Measure over the top of your machine at the tallest part, from where it sits on the table to the back where it sits on the table. (B)

(Our Ellisimo measures 34" wide X 36" from front to back. We will be using these measurements, listed in red in the instructions)

Cutting:

- 6- 2 1/2" X width of fabric strips
- 1- 34" X 25" main body fabric
- 1- 34" X 36" lining fabric
- 1- 34"X 36" light batting
- 1- 1" X 50" on bias
- 4 - 2" X width of fabric for piping
- 2- 1 1/2"X width of fabric for ruffle

Sewing machine:

1. To determine the amount of fabric needed for piping, add the finished measurements of each side. ($34" + 34" + 36" + 36" = 140"$) ($140" \div 45" \text{ wide fabric} = 3.1$ cuts of fabric, make it 4 to be safe and have extra for corners and overlapping to finish)
2. To create a continuous fabric for piping, you will need to join the fabrics together. If your fabric is cut with straight ends or points that don't match up, overlap the fabrics right sides together, like a + sign and sew across where the fabrics intersect (fig 1).
3. Using the 4 - 2" strips, join these strips of fabric right sides together to create one long piece.
4. Trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}"$, press seams open and set aside.
5. Repeat if necessary for the 1" bias.
6. Repeat to join the 2 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}"$ fabrics together for the ruffle

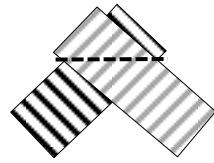


Figure 1

Serger:

$\frac{1}{4}"$ seam setting :

- Needles O1 and O2
- Stitch width: 5.5
- Stitch length: 2.5-3.0
- Differential Feed: N
- Stitch selector: A
- Cutting Blade: engaged
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1. With right sides together, place the 2 1/2" x width of fabrics together and serge using a $\frac{1}{4}"$ seam allowance. Repeat with remaining 4 strips to have 6 strips serged together.
2. Cut this long strip into 3 pieces measuring 14" tall.
3. Place 2 pieces right sides together and serge one set of strips together along the 14" edge. Place the remaining 14" piece and repeat to finish the strip piecing. (This will be wider than necessary)
HINT: If using more than 6 colors, or making a scrappy cover, you will need 17 strips cut 2 1/2" X 14" pieced together with a $\frac{1}{4}"$ seam to measure 34" wide)
4. Press all seams in the one direction.
5. Trim top and bottom edges even. Set aside.

6. Remove the standard pressure foot and replace with the Cording foot (P5).
7. Insert the cotton cord under the cording foot, placing it in the groove under the foot. Wrap the 2" strip of piping fabric around the cotton cord, right sides out and stitch to make the best piping ever.

Narrow rolled hem setting:

Needle 02
 Stitch width: M
 Stitch length: 1.5R
 Differential feed: N
 Stitch Selector: D
 Cutting Blade: engaged
 Cutting cover

8. Place decorative thread in the upper looper. (We used Sulky 12 wt Cotton Blendable)
9. Serge a rolled hem along each long edge of the 1 ½" ruffle strip.
10. Fold strip in half lengthwise and press.
11. Use the Frixion marking pen to define the center if necessary.

Narrow Cover Stitch:

Needles: C2 and C3
 Stitch length: 3.0
 Differential feed: 2.0
 Chain looper tension: Cover setting
 Cutting Blade: Locked
 Upper Looper : Down
 Flat Sewing table

12. Replace the Standard foot with the Chain and Cover Stitch foot.
13. Gather the 1 ½" strip, guiding the center line between the notches on the foot.

Wide Cover stitch setting:

Needles: C1 and C3
 Stitch length: 3.0
 Differential feed: N
 Chain looper tension: Cover setting
 Cutting Blade: Locked
 Upper Looper : Down
 Flat Sewing table with narrow belt loop binder attached
 Fusible thread in the Chain looper
 Standard thread in Needles

14. Replace the Chain and Cover Stitch foot with the Standard foot and attach the Narrow Belt loop binder to the flat sewing table.
15. Cut one end of the 1" belt loop fabric at an angle. Insert the narrow strip into the narrow belt loop binder, right side up and stitch.

Putting it all together at the sewing machine:

1. On the 34" x 25" main body fabric, cut a gentle wavy edge, you could use a wave edge ruler for this too.
2. Measure down 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " across the long edge of the striped piece and mark a line.
3. Place a piece of double sided basting tape or fusible tape to the straight edge of the striped piece.
4. Overlap the main body fabric of the cover with the strip pieced segment and zig zag together to hold both layers in place.
5. Trim the outside cover fabric down to 36" long, cutting off the strip pieced fabric, not the main body fabric.

HINT: If using a light colored fabric for the main body fabric, you may want to trim away the excess strip pieced fabric from behind the main body fabric after sewing together so it doesn't shadow through.

6. Place outside cover on top of batting, and use pins or spray adhesive to hold together.
7. Quilt the layers together in your choice of quilting. We used the Baby Lock Sashiko machine, but you can stitch in the ditch for the strips and channel quilt the body of the cover or cross hatch either would look great.
8. Position the narrow ruffle on top of the wave seam and stitch in place with a zig zag stitch.
9. Place the narrow belt loop strip on top of the ruffle following the wave and fuse in place.
10. Using a piping foot or zipper foot, stitch the piping around the entire cover. Begin on one long edge and overlap when you get all the way around to finish.
11. Place cover over the machine to find proper placement for the ribbons. Pin the ribbons in place, on top of the piping, with the long part of the ribbon to the inside of the cover and stitch to secure.
12. Place outside cover right sides together with lining and stitch around all sides pivoting at the corners. Leave about an 8" opening along one edge, not where the piping overlapped for turning.
13. Trim a little excess fabric from the corners and turn right sides out.
14. Press the piped edges to smooth everything out and close the opening left for turning.

Place your beautiful cover on your machine to protect it from dust when not in use.
Enjoy!