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## Sewing Machine Cover



### Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutter & ruler
- Self healing cutting mat
- Common sewing supplies (scissors, pins, safety pins, etc.)

### Materials:

- ½-yard white cotton fabric (for sky)
- ¼-yard each of 4-6 different green cotton fabrics (for ground)
- ½-yard of brown cotton fabric (for trees)
- Quilt batting
- 1-yard muslin (for lining)
- Coordinating thread

## General Sewing Notes:

Read all instructions before beginning.

All seam allowances to be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise specified.

## Instructions:

### 1. Measure your machine.

\* These instructions are for a machine cover with finished dimensions of 17"W x 11½"H x 8"D. You may need to alter the sizes to fit your machine. If you need to alter the pattern sizes shown in Diagrams A & B, do this now. When cutting the panel shown in Diagram A, use a bowl or another round object as a template to make your corners rounded. The radius you choose should be approximately 2¼".

### 2. Create the side panels.

A. Cut a piece of the white fabric for the sky approximately 6" x 9".

B. Using your rotary cutter, cut a few strips the length of the brown fabric for the trees and branches. Some good sizes for tree trunks are between 1¼" and 2" wide. Cut a couple of 1" wide strips for tree branches.

\* Start with a couple of strips and you'll probably need to cut more as you go depending on how many trees you want to add. The sizes are approximate, so you can change the widths as you desire.

C. Decide where you want to place your first tree. Place your ruler in the right location for your tree and cut the white fabric from top to bottom. (Diagram C)

D. You now have two pieces of the white fabric. Pin one of the tree trunk strips you cut in step 2B to one side of the white fabric. Stitch. Press. (Diagram D)

\* Press the seams of all trees to the center of the trees. Cut the tail of the brown strip a little longer than the white fabric.

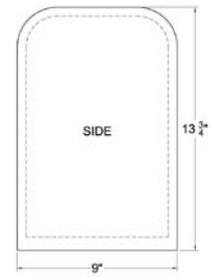


Diagram A

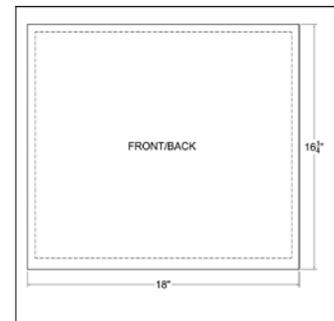


Diagram B

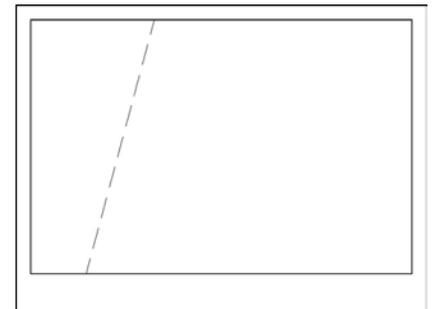


Diagram C

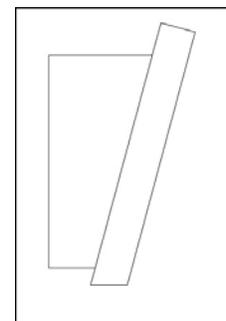


Diagram D

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E. Align the top of the two pieces of white fabric as shown in Diagram E. Pin the second piece of sky to the tree. Stitch. Press.

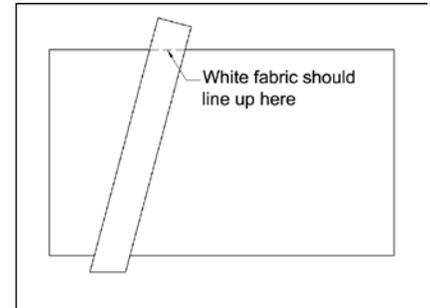


Diagram E

F. Add any more trees you want on this layer now by repeating steps 2C – 2E.

G. Decide which angle and where you want your first layer of green ground to meet your sky. REMEMBER TO ADD A ¼" SEAM ALLOWANCE BEFORE CUTTING. Using your rotary cutter and ruler, slice off the excess (Diagram F).

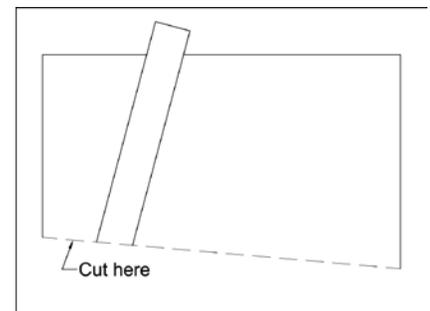


Diagram F

H. Cut a piece of your darkest green fabric (approximately 3" high and a little wider than your current panel) for the back layer of the ground.

I. Align the grain and slice the green fabric at the same angle as the bottom angle of your sky piece. This can be done by placing the green fabric on your cutting mat and overlap the sky a little bit. Place your ruler over the sky with the edge aligned with the edge you cut in step 2G. Use your rotary cutter to cut off the excess. (See Diagram G)

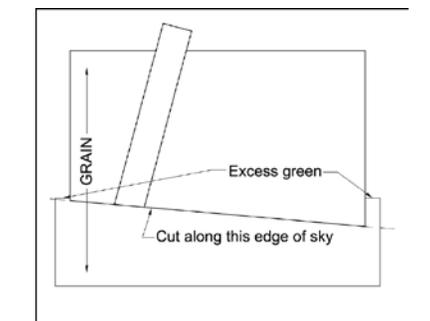


Diagram G

J. Pin the green ground piece you just cut to the sky. Stitch. Press.

\*Press all horizontal ground layers down.

K. Decide where you want the trees in this layer of ground. Repeat steps 2C-2E.

L. If you want to add branches to your tree, slice the fabric as described in step 2C. Now decide where you want the branch to come out of the tree. On the half of the piece you just cut, slice with the rotary cutter (See Diagram H on the next page for photographs of the process).

\*If you cut through another tree, it is between difficult and impossible to re-align the tree from top to bottom. It may be advisable to avoid cutting through already existing trees.

M. Sew one of the smaller brown strips to the pieces you broke apart in step 2L.

Note: It is much easier to add the branches before you sew the tree trunk in place, so try to plan ahead.

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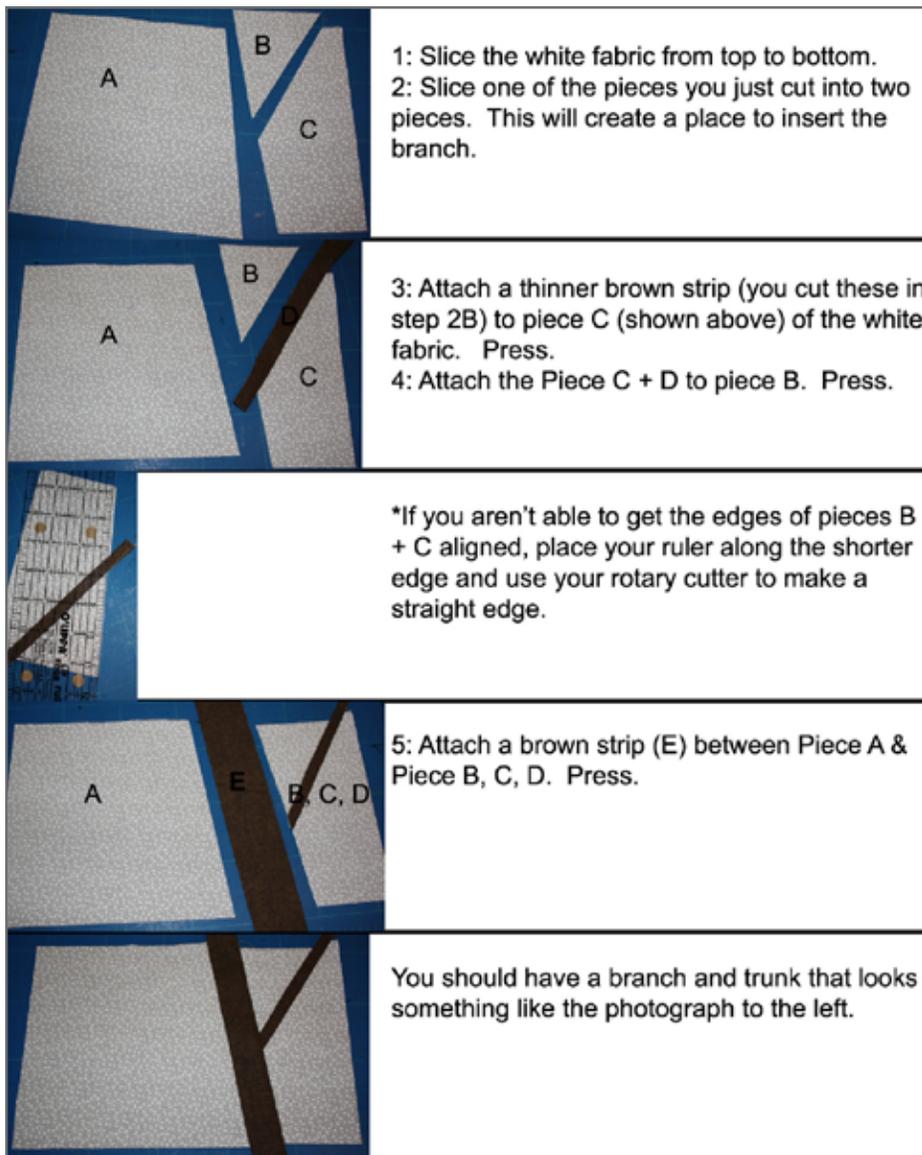


Diagram H

- N. Sew the tree trunk in place as described in steps 2D – 2E. Repeat as desired on this layer.
- O. To finish piecing this side, add the different green layers from darkest to lightest to the bottom of the panel as desired. Keep adding trees as you add more ground layers. You want your finished panel to be a little larger than what you need for the pattern piece shown in Diagrams A & B. Once you've finished adding all your layers your panel should look something like Diagram I.

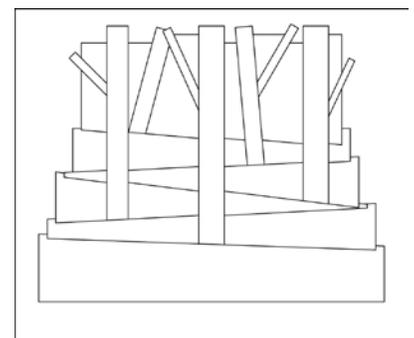


Diagram I

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3. Cut a piece of batting and muslin, each a little larger than the side piece you made in step 2.
4. Layer the side, batting and muslin. Pin and baste as necessary.
5. Quilt as desired. The example was done as shown in Diagram J.

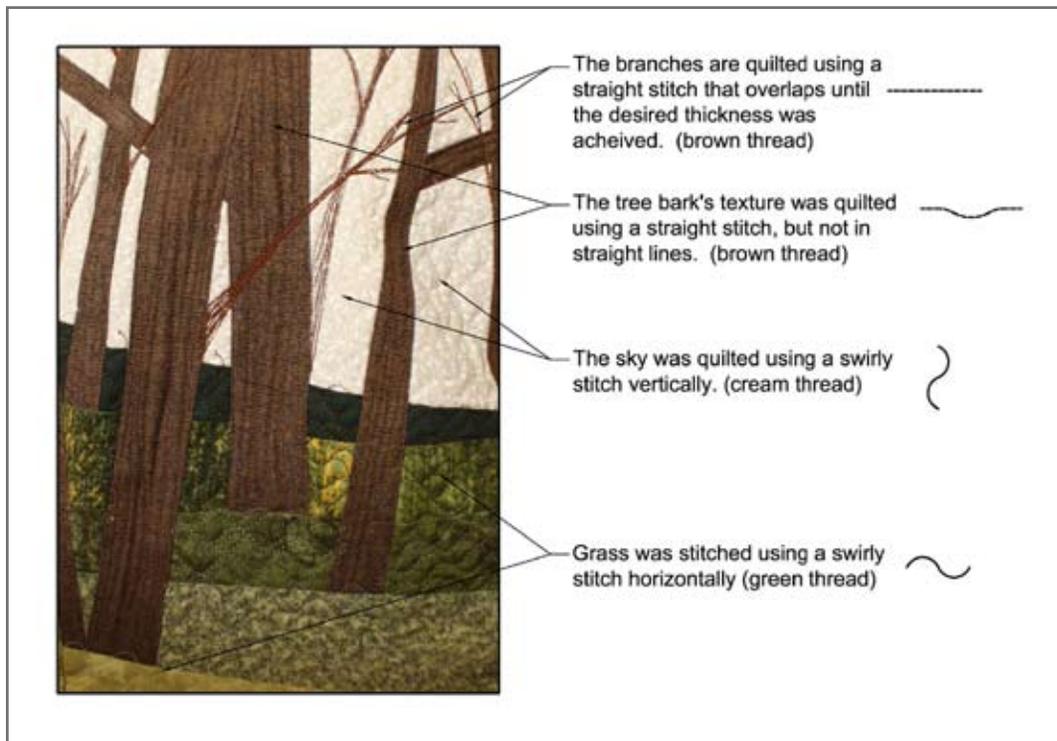


Diagram J

6. Repeat steps 2-5 for each panel necessary to complete the cover. You should have 2 sides, 1 front, and 1 back.
7. Cut the quilted pieces to the desired size.
8. With right sides together, pin front and back sections together at upper edge. Stitch using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
9. Pin side sections to edges of front and back (right sides together), having edges even and clipping where necessary. Stitch.
10. Fold bottom edge  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and then  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stitch using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.
11. Congratulations, you have a beautiful new sewing machine cover!