



## Sewing Machine Tidy – without binding

The “tidy” will need to be big enough to extend both behind and to each side of your machine (otherwise your machine will wobble). My machine is 14 inches x 6 inches so I made my “tidy” 20 inches x 19 inches. The “slide on table” on my Bernina does not have feet but if yours does include them in your measurements to prevent wobble.

### Body of Tidy

Cut 2 pieces of fabric according to your measurements (mine 20 x 19)

Cut one piece of batting the same size.

### Pockets

Cut one piece of fabric 11 inches x the length of your tidy (mine 20 x 11)

### Construction

Fold and iron pocket fabric to create a rectangle.

Pin pocket to the bottom of one front piece, raw edge to raw edge. At this point you might want to sew the bottom of the pocket to keep it in place, see Figure 1 .

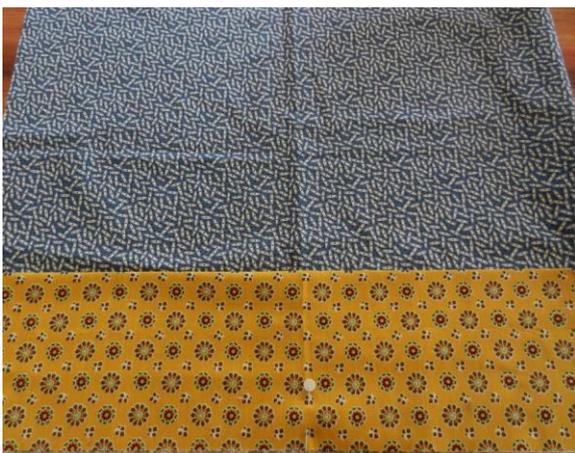


Figure 1

Sew within the seam allowance so you don't see the stitches when the tidy is finished.

With the 2 body pieces right sides sew a ¼ inch seam around the edge leaving an opening so you can turn it right side out and so you can insert the batting. I tend to leave the opening on the top edge(not the bottom where the pocket is), see Figure 2.



Figure 2

Turn the body right side out , gently poke the corners out and press.

Insert batting making sure it sits neatly in all the corners. Pin the layers together approx 5 inches apart so the layers do not move when being quilted. Hand or machine stitch the opening closed.

Put your Walking foot onto your machine, increase the stitch length and quilt whichever way takes your fancy. Remember your tidy is not going to be washed very often so you do not have to go overboard with the quilting it is just to keep the layers together. Because we have already sewn the pocket on you will only be able to quilt above the pocket but don't worry the batting under the pocket will get secured when you sew the pocket divisions, see Figure 3.



Figure 3

Once you have decided on the size of your pockets sew through all the layers using the walking foot again. I left on pocket larger for a "bin" for threads and of cuts. I also reduced the depth of one pocket, by sewing across the bottom of the pocket, for shorter items, see Figure 3. This is a little clearer in the main photo of the finished tidy at the top of the page.

*Enjoy*

