

# Simple Sewing Kit

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This fun project uses plastic storage bags for an easy to see storage system for small sewing supplies.

**Materials:** Two fat quarters (inside and outside fabric); six sealable plastic storage bags in three different sizes (the zippered ones work great); an 18 by 13 inch piece of batting; 12 inches of half inch wide ribbon (for the center of the kit); 18 inches of quarter inch wide ribbon (to tie the kit closed); pins; sewing machine; serger; thread; tape measure; scissors or rotary cutter with mat; iron with ironing board

<b>Step 1</b>	<i>Cut one 13 by 18 inch rectangle from the outside and inside fabrics. These will be used to make the quilted cover for the sewing kit. You should have a total of two rectangles.</i>
<b>Step 2</b>	<i>Lay one of the rectangles of fabric face down on the table. Lay the piece of batting on top of the fabric. Lay the second rectangle of fabric face up on top of the batting to make the "sandwich" to be quilted.</i>
<b>Step 3</b>	<i>Sew a diagonal from one corner of the "sandwich" to the opposite corner. Continue to sew diagonals equally spaced on either side of the first diagonal until the entire piece has been quilted together.</i>
<b>Step 4</b>	<i>Use the serger to finish off the four edges of the quilted cover. This will allow for the edges to be cleaned up and straightened after the quilting step.</i>
<b>Step 5</b>	<i>Cut the quarter inch ribbon in half and sew one end of each piece on either side of the short ends of the front of the cover. These will be the ties to tie the kit closed when it is finished.</i>

<b>Step 6</b>	<i>Lay out the plastic bags so the openings are close to the ribbons sewn on in step 5. There should be three bags facing each direction with the bottoms of the bags overlapping in the center of the quilted cover.</i>
<b>Step 7</b>	<i>Pin the half inch wide ribbon down the center of the bags and cover. This acts like the spine of a book for the sewing kit. It should be parallel to the openings to the bags.</i>
<b>Step 8</b>	<i>Carefully sew around the edge of the half inch wide ribbon in a rectangle to hold the bags in place. If the ribbon hangs off the edge of the cover, the ends can be cut off after the sewing is complete. The kit is now complete. Fill the compartments with small sewing notions to keep everything together for future sewing projects.</i>