



## Little Thread Catcher



The little tabletop thread catcher is perfect to keep by your sewing machine. Not only does it collect thread snips and small scraps of fabric, but it holds the tools you use most close at hand.

It is quick and easy to make. You can use scraps from your stash (the largest pieces are only 8" x 12"), or try out that fat quarter bundle you've been saving for a special project. The finished product is approximately 5½" tall with a 5" diameter.

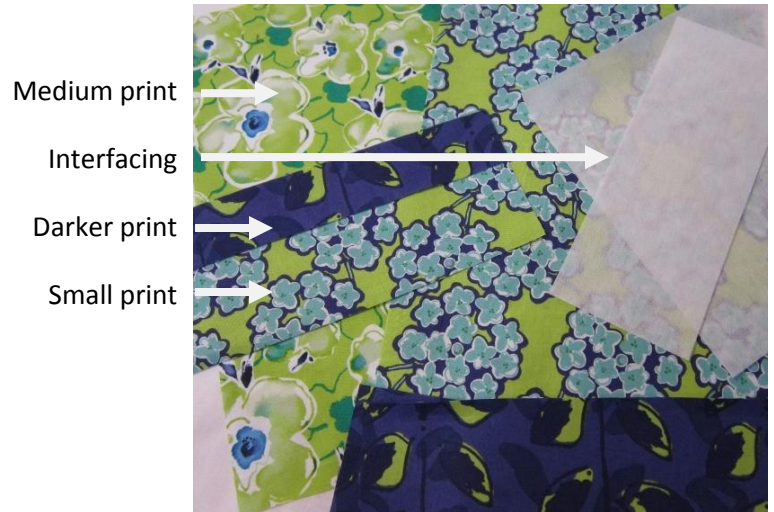
These would make excellent gifts for your sewing friends too.

To begin, choose three coordinating fabrics that have good color contrast with each other. I used a medium print for the main body, a small print for the lining and pocket, and a darker print for the header and pocket binding accents. Solid fabrics for some, or all, of the pieces would also look nice. In addition to fabric, you will need medium weight fusible interfacing, thread, and standard sewing equipment.

**Note:**

For this project, you can either use a serger (as I did), or a straight stitch machine.

Use ¼" seams throughout



Cut one piece 12" x 8" for the body fabric

Cut one piece 12" x 8" for the lining fabric

Cut one piece 8" x 1½" for the pocket facing

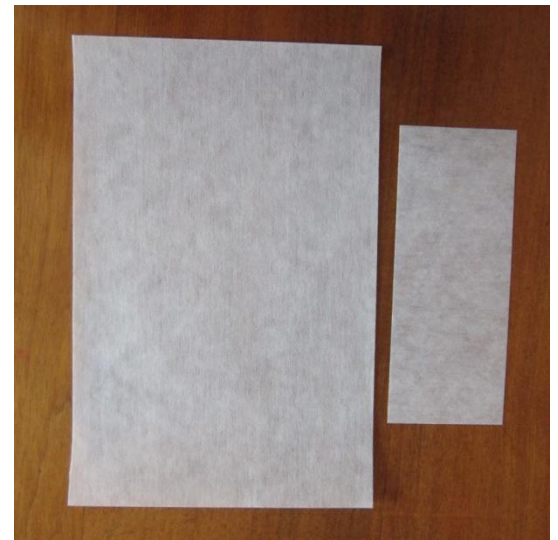
Cut one piece 8" x 3½" for the pocket





Cut two pieces 8" x 3" for the headers

Cut one piece 7½" x 11½" from fusible interfacing for the thread catcher body, and one piece 7½" x 3" for the pocket.



Following manufacturer's directions, fuse interfacing to the wrong side of thread catcher body and pocket piece.



Fold the pocket facing strip in half wrong sides together.  
Pin the raw edge to right side of one long edge of pocket and stitch.



Press facing up.



Pin the pocket 5" down from one short edge of the interfaced front, right sides together.

Stitch the pocket to the main body along bottom edge of pocket with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Press pocket up.

Stitch center of pocket to form two sections as shown.



Center Stitching



Layout pieces as shown above.

Stitch header pieces to each end of the main body, right sides together.

Press one seam toward front, and the other seam toward header.



Stitch lining to the remaining sides of the headers, right sides together, forming a tube. Press seams in as in previous step.

With right sides together, fold the lining and the main body separately, matching headers. Use opposing seams to get the header seams perfectly matched.

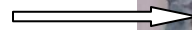


The picture on the right shows the tube folded in half.

Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, stitch one side from top to bottom.

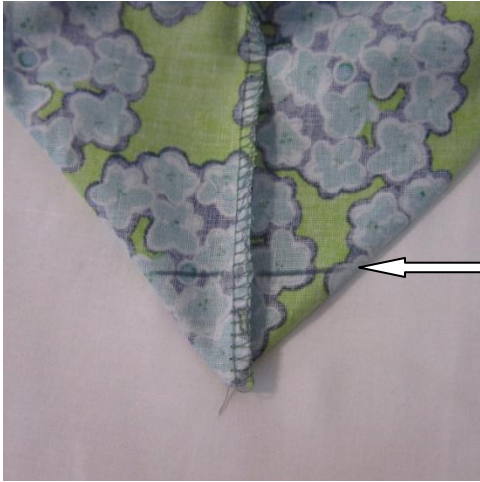
Be careful that pocket is lying properly before stitching.

On second side, leave a 3" opening in lining for turning.





Box all four corners of the bottoms of the lining and the main body as follows.



At one lower edge of the lining, fold the seam against the bottom of lining to form a "V." The seam should be centered as in photograph.

Draw a line 1 1/2" from bottom of "V" as shown.

Stitch on this line, trim below stitching.

Repeat on the opposite side of lining, and on both lower ends of body.



This is how the boxed bottom looks when done with a serger.

Turn the Thread Catcher right side out.

Gently poke out points.

Stitch 3" opening closed by hand.



Push the lining into the bottom of thread catcher.

Voila!

Fun, right! You will probably want to make more than one.



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