

Altering the Sewing Machine Travel Bag for Longer Machines

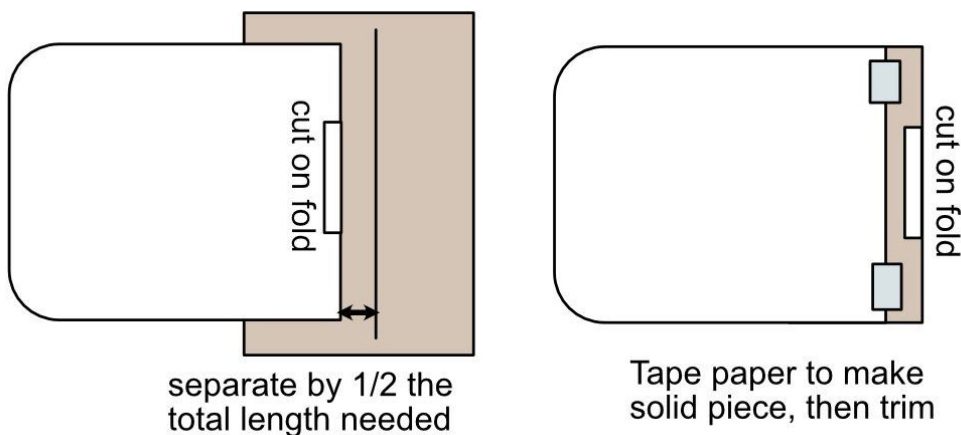
You can purchase the pattern here,

<https://sewsweetness.com/products/sewing-machine-travel-bag>

Pieces That Require Adjustment:

- Front/Back Panel
- Top/Bottom panel (see below)
- Front Cut-out (see below)
- False Bottom
- Mesh Binding
- Peltex/Decovil Heavy Top Panel
- Lining Mesh Pocket
- Extra Shape Flex for Step #6 (all)
- Zipper for lid pocket (step #21, originally calls for 20" zipper cut to 18-3/4")(see instructions further below)
- Zipper for top lid (Step #51, originally calls for it to be cut 44-3/4")(see instructions further below)

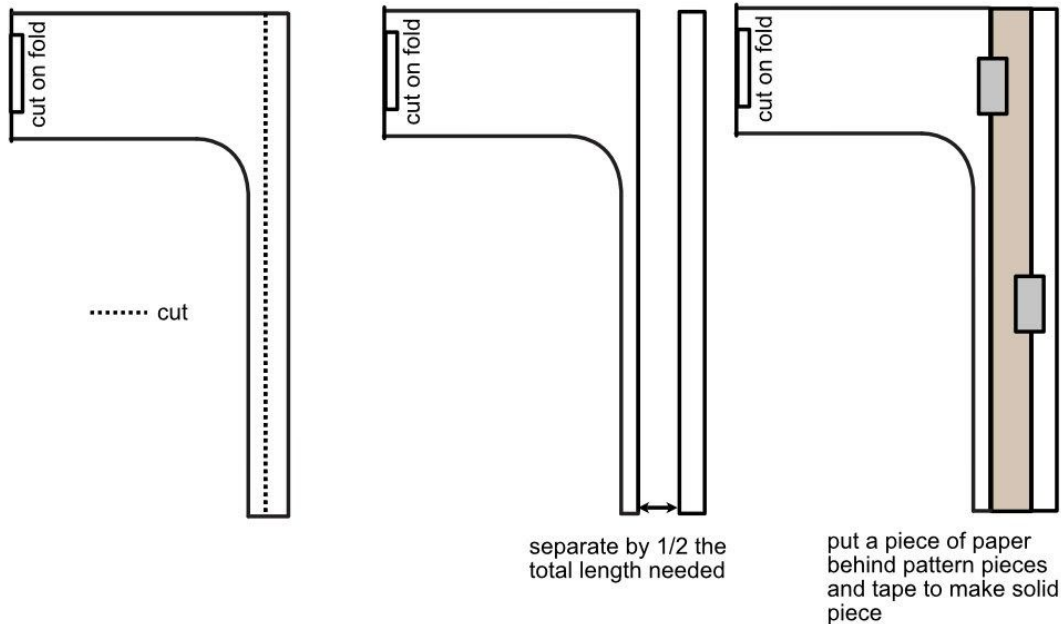
Top/bottom piece: Place pattern piece on extra paper. Draw a line $\frac{1}{2}$ the total length you need to add for your machine (so if you need to add 2" total length, add 1" here, since the piece is cut on the fold, the other inch will be added automatically to the other side). Tape the pieces so that you have one, complete pattern piece with your extra length added.



Front Cut-Out: Cut a straight line down the edge of the piece as indicated, move the

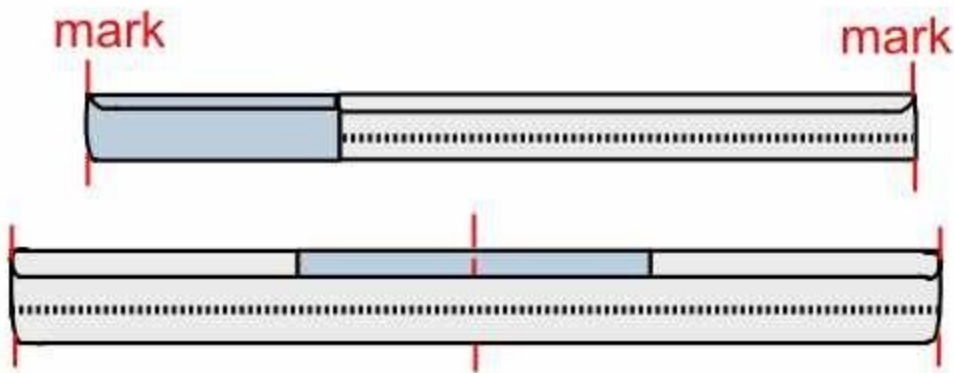
two pieces apart from each other so that they are $\frac{1}{2}$ the total length you need to add for your machine (so if you need to add 2" total length, add 1" here, since the piece is cut on the fold, the other inch will be added automatically to the other side). Add a piece of paper behind these pieces and tape them down so that you have one, complete pattern piece with your extra length added.

Adjusting the pattern piece in this way adds the length you need, but leaves the front pocket (and all the interior organization pieces) the same size so that you can just follow the pattern for all those pieces.

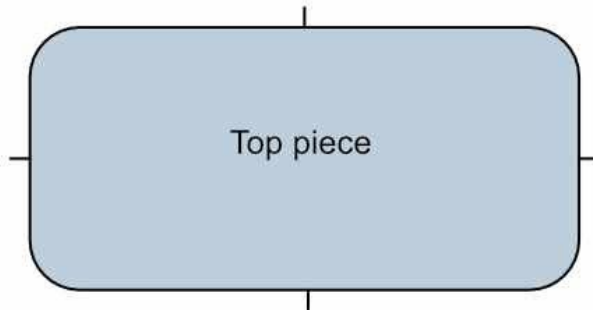


Instructions to Change

- Zip Closure (Step #51): you will need to adjust this based on the amount of length you added. It should be amount of length added multiplied by 2. So, for example, if you added 2" to the total length of the bag, you would need to add 4" to the zipper. The seam allowance is already taken into account by the pattern, so you don't need to worry about that.
- Measuring in Step #54: because we changed the length of our zip, the measurements in the pattern (and the markings on the pattern piece) no longer apply. Instead, fold the ends of the zipper tab together and mark the center of the tab. Keep that fold and mark the other half-way point of the ring along the zipper. Then align those markings and mark the quarter points.



Mark the center points of the Top Piece both length-wise and width-wise so that you have 4 quarter markings. Align your zipper markings to those.



- Use this same method for marking and aligning in Steps #60-61 for attaching the Top and Bottom

Things That are Affected that I didn't change

- Hidden Tab placement (steps #5-6), Since these are measured from the center, you can follow the pattern as written.
- Zipper tab (for top lid, 15"x 1-1/2"), we added the extra length to the zipper instead, so we can leave these pieces as written.
- Attaching the front pocket (steps #36-39): we have changed the Front Cut-Out to be longer, but kept the size of the front pocket the same, so you can follow these instructions exactly.
- Handle Overlay Instructions (Steps #40-42), Since these are measured from the center, you can follow the pattern as written and your openings should line up with the hidden tabs you made in Steps #5-6.
- Making the False Bottom (Steps #46-48): your pieces will be longer, but that doesn't change anything from the instructions
- Luggage Sleeve, pattern pieces and instructions are unchanged (unless your luggage carrier requires it)