



TISSUE TAKER

LEARN TO SEW UNDERSTITCHED SEAMS

A LEARNING pattern for beginner sewers



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The TISSUE TAKER pattern

Learn to sew Understitched seams

This pattern has been designed to teach a sewing skill.

The instructions are more detailed than a traditional pattern to better guide you through sewing your first Understitched seams.

As you progress through the pattern, the shape and construction method of the bag introduces you to sewing Understitched seams.

About the design

Keep your tissues safe and looking snazzy in this quick to sew project. A cute way to use up small leftover pieces of fabric!

The seam allowance for this pattern (how far in from the raw edge your stitching needs to be) is 1cm.

Use a medium length stitch (3-3.5)

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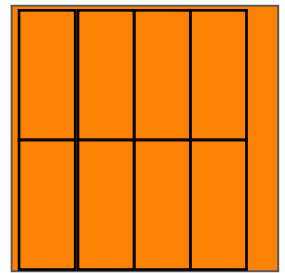
For the Tissue Taker, a medium woven (non-stretchy) fabric is recommended, such as; quilting cotton, homespun, poplin.

Heavier fabrics like denim or canvas are not recommended as the side seams become too bulky to sew through.

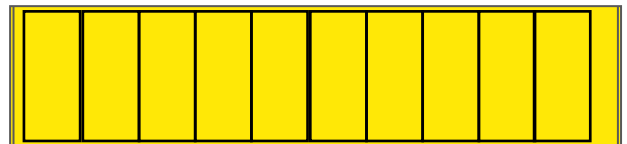
Avoid fabrics that fray easily or have a high pile such as muslin, terry towelling, corduroy, velvet or flannelette.

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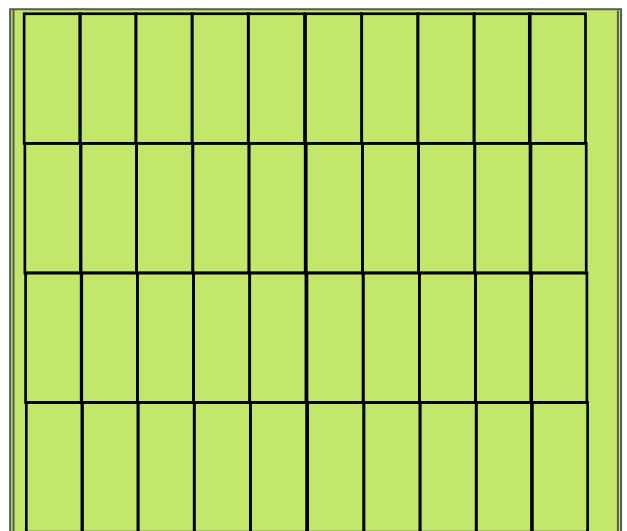
If using pre-cut Fat Quarters (FQ's 48x52cm),
4 complete Tissue Takers can be made from 1x
FQ.



If using yardage, a 30cm cut of
fabric will make 5 complete
Tissue Takers.



110cm x 110cm will make 32
Tissue Takers.



Understitched Seams

Understitched seams stitch the seam allowance to the lining fabric to ensure the lining fabric does not show on the outer fabric. It helps to strengthen a seam and give a crisp edge.

Structure

After a seam has been sewn, the seam allowance is folded toward the lining fabric and then stitched in place.



When to use them

Understitched seams are used where lining fabric could peek out and be visible, but the raw edge does not need to be finished and is usually on a seam that will be enclosed between 2 layers and not exposed where it could fray.

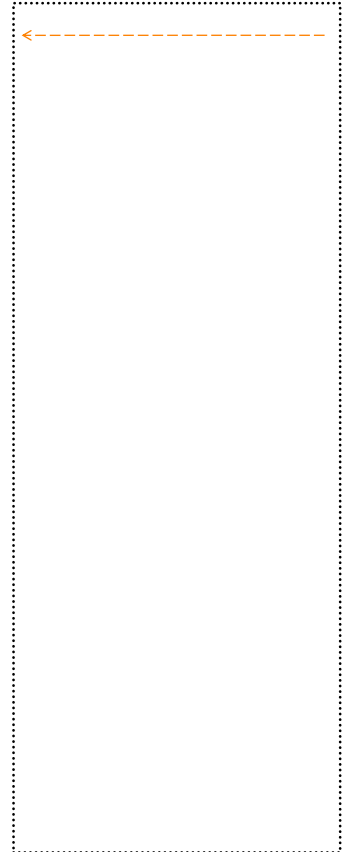
SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1 : Your first Understitched seam!

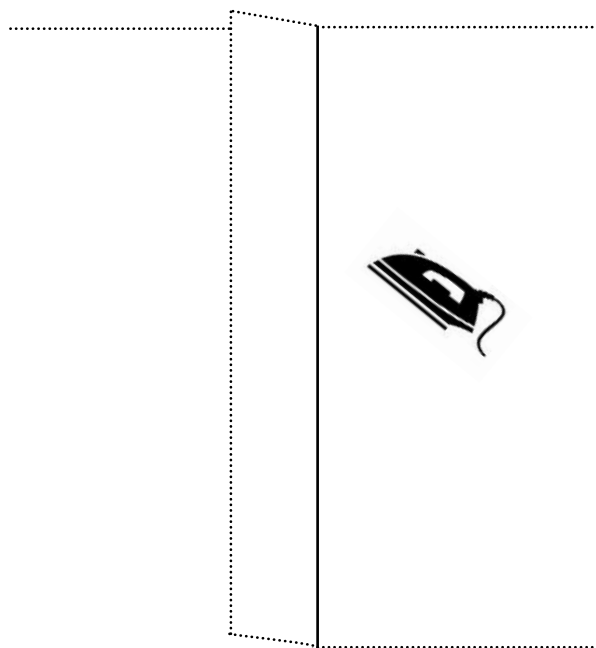
To start, one short end is sewn, then the second with the same method.

(a) SEW: Place the two fabrics right sides together (front to front).

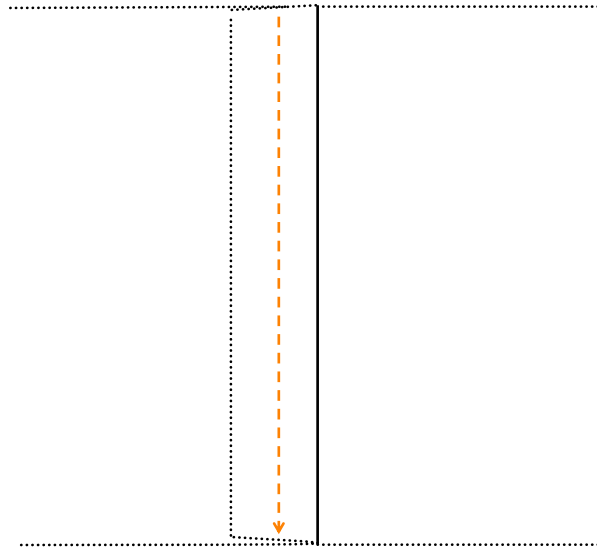
Sew across one short end at 1.5cm from the edge.



(b) PRESS: Fold the seam allowance toward the lining fabric and press with an iron.



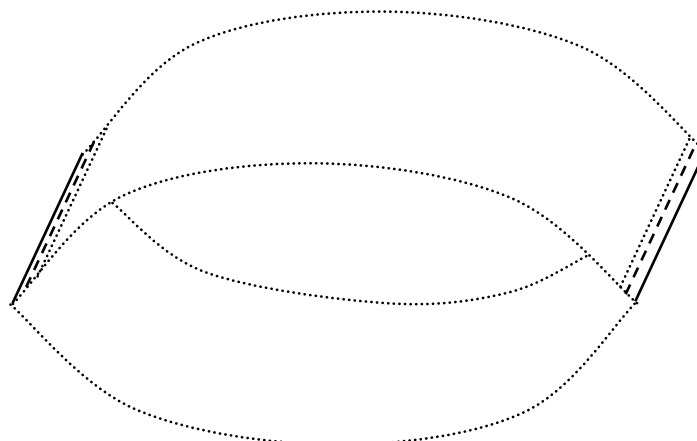
STEP 1 : (c) SEW: Stitch the seam allowance to the lining fabric 4mm from the seam.



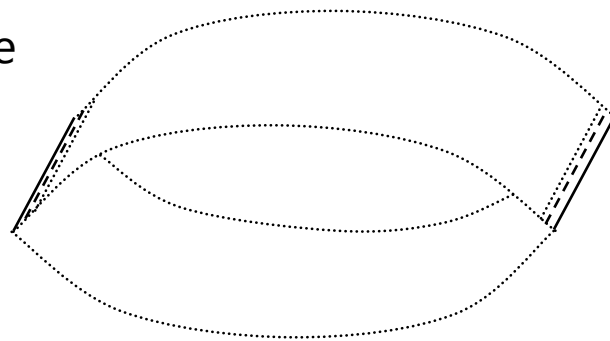
STEP 2 : Repeat the process from STEP 1 on the other short end.



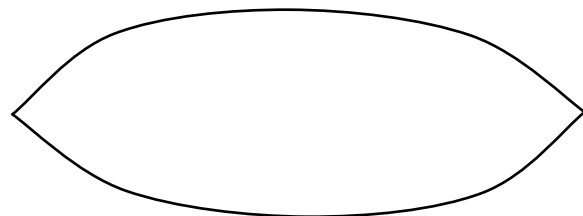
You should now have a round tube like this.



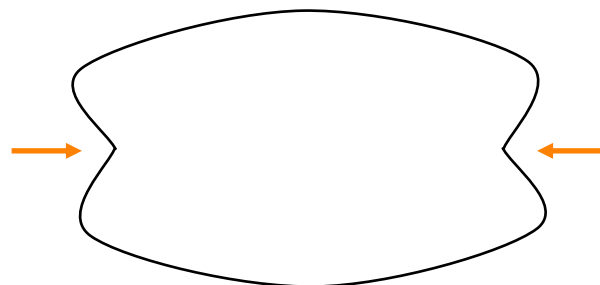
STEP 3: With the right side of the fabric on the inside and the wrong side on the outside, start moving the two seams in toward the middle of the loop.



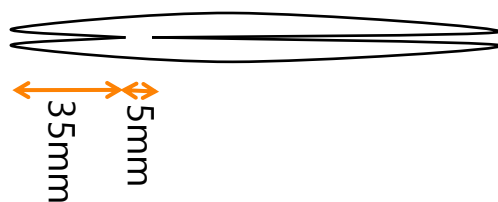
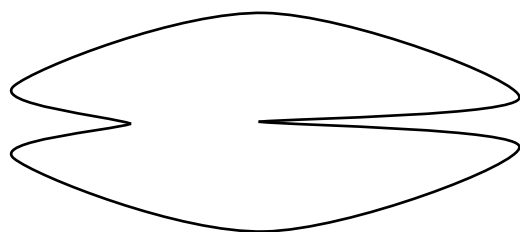
The distance from the left seam to where it is then folded is 35mm.



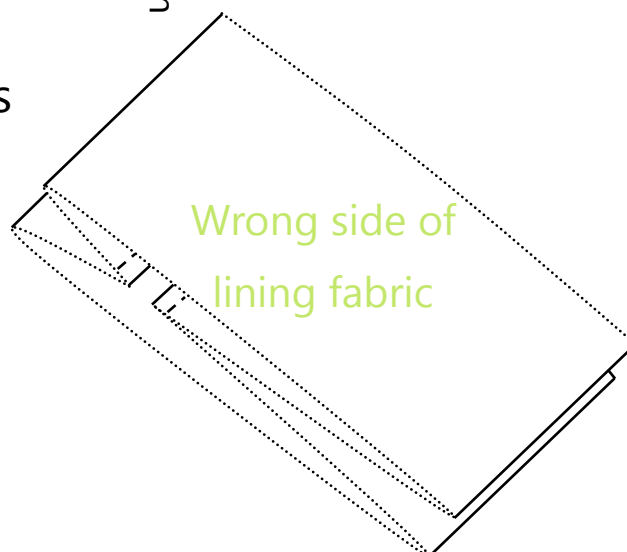
Pin this end first with both fabrics folded at 35mm from the seam.



The right seam is then brought across toward the left seam. A 5mm gap is left between them.



Pin in place then check both sides to ensure the gap between the seams is 5mm on both sides.



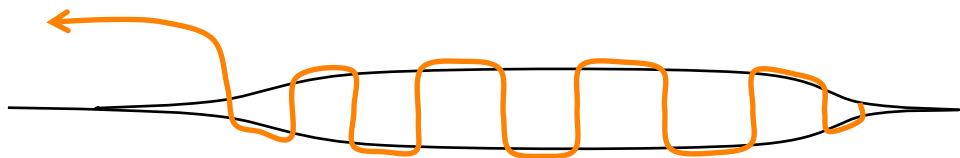
STEP 4: Sew down both sides 1cm from the raw edge, leaving a 3.5cm wide gap on one side that is not too close to the end or the existing seams.



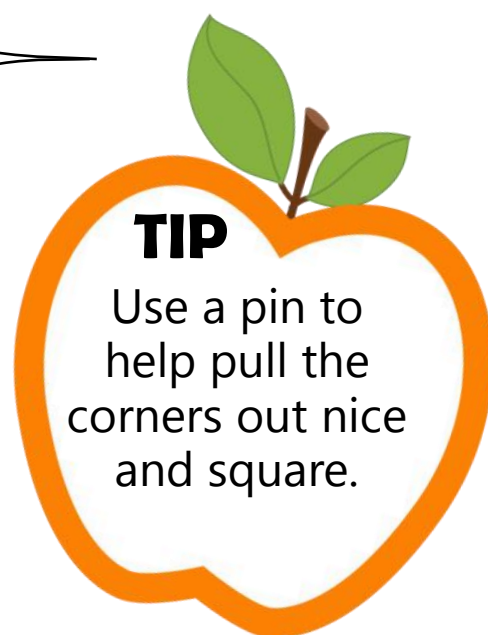
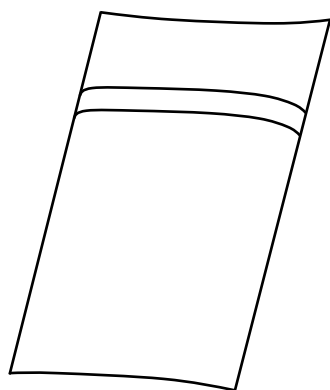
Reach through the gap between the top layer and the middle layer to grab the right side of the fabric and pull it out through the gap.

STEP 5: Once the Tissue Taker has been pulled out the right way, hand stitch the gap closed using a ladder stitch OR seal with a few drops of fabric glue

(Check online for videos of how to ladder stitch if needed.)



Turn inside out and then close the inside gap with the same method.



Congratulations! Your Tissue Taker is Finished!

Printing

Print only page 10. Using a metric ruler, check that the printed ruler picture on page 10 accurately measures 12cm.

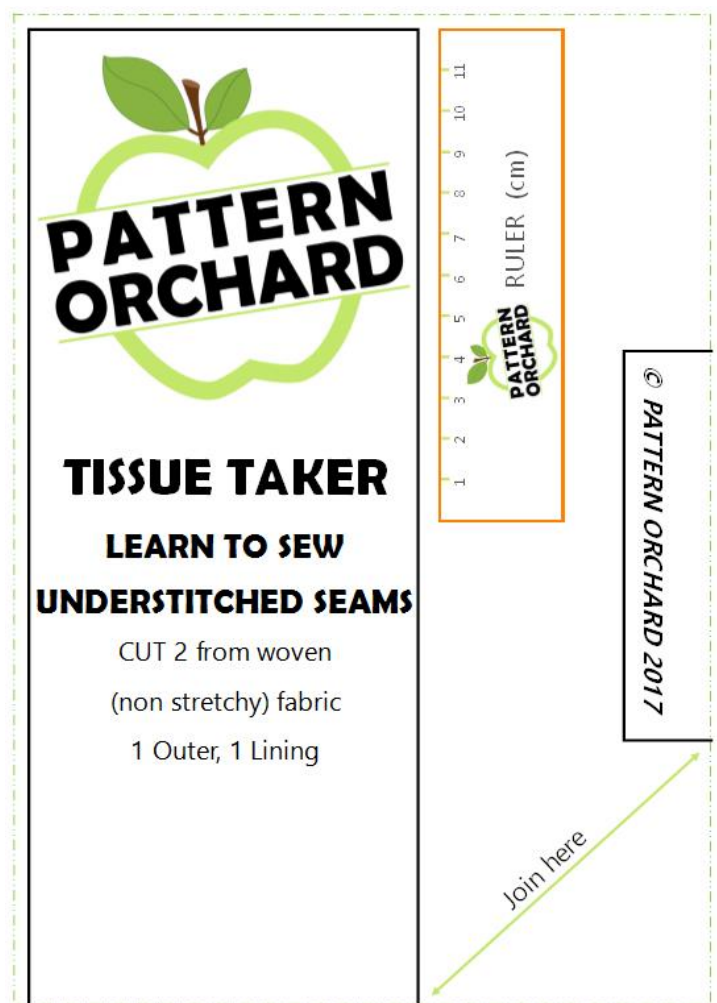
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Cut out the pattern piece along the solid black lines.

Join the two pieces at the dashed end as indicated by the green arrow.

The printed rectangle should measure 9.5x26.5cm.

Finished size once sewn
7.5x12.25cm.





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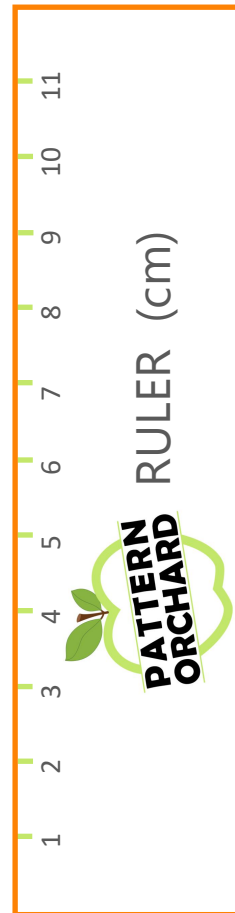
UNDERSTITCHED SEAMS

CUT 2 from woven
(non stretchy) fabric

1 Outer, 1 Lining

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