

## It's Sew Easy Series 1900

### Show #1908-1 Custom Tool Roll

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Why store tools in a bulky box when you can make a custom crafted, personalized tool holder. Perfect for wrenches and other shop tools, this durable tool pouch rolls up neatly, keeping the tools inside neat and secure. In this how you'll learn how to create a custom pattern, easily position and stitch a string of monogram letters, and sew bar tacks for reinforcing pockets. **Are you ready? Let's go sew!**

#### Inside of Finished Tool Roll



#### Finished Tool Roll Secured with Hook & Loop Strap



## Materials and supplies featured in this show:

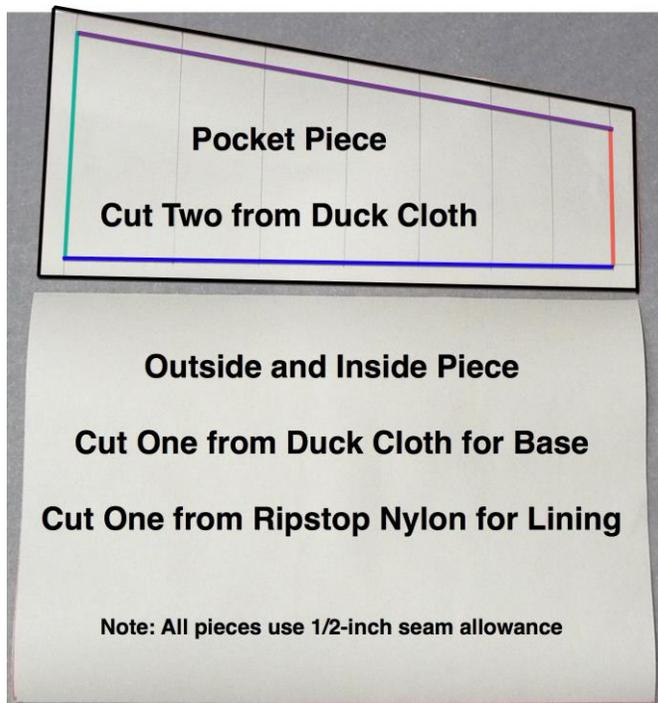
- [Brother](#) XJ1 Stellaire
- [Pattern tracing cloth](#) or paper for creating a pattern. See instructions below for making custom pattern and then use pattern to determine fabric requirements.
- One piece of hook and loop strap product measuring 3/4-inch wide X 10-inches long to wrap and tie tool roll. I used VELCRO® BRAND ONE-WRAP® ROLL
- Basic sewing notions including good quality polyester thread to match fabric, a size 16 jeans needle, clips for securing layers together, and measuring and marking tools. I used [Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP](#) thread.
- Fabric for tool roll:
  - **Fabric #1** – Firm cotton duck cloth or cotton canvas for base piece (inside) tool roll and pocket pieces.
  - **Fabric #2** - Rip-stop nylon for (outside), lining tool roll.

## Steps for making tool roll shown in this example:

Here's the formula for making the pattern: Measure each tool for both height and maximum width and record measurements adding 1/2-inch to the width of each tool to determine width of slot for each individual tool. Now, add width for each tool together to get total amount for the entire width of the pocket piece needed. Next, subtract 2-inches from the tallest tool and 1-inch from the shortest tool and record these measurements for the high and low end of your pocket piece. **Note:** Measurements do not need to be overly precise. Round up uneven fractions. 1/2-inch is an approximate amount for ease, so you can easily replace and remove tools. Adjust this measurement if you want a tighter or looser effect.

Start by making the pocket piece as follows: Prepare a large piece of tracing cloth to draw the pocket piece. Start with a long horizontal line to represent the bottom edge. Next, draw a line on the far left to represent the measurement for the tall end of the pocket. Add up the distance you need for the width of each pocket and draw a line for the short end of the pocket at the end of that distance. Draw pocket stitching lines using the total width you need as a slot for each tool. Connect the tallest line with the shortest, drawing a slanted line from left to right to represent the top of the pocket edge. Finish this pattern piece by adding a 1/2-inch seam allowance along the entire outside edge.

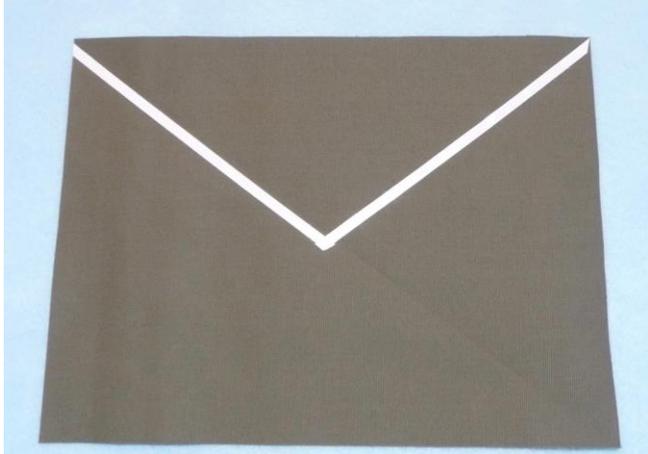
Next, using the finished pocket piece as a guide, make the pattern for the main base piece and lining, adding 3-inches to your tallest line for the height, and using the width of the finished pocket piece for the total width measurement. See example below, noting different colored lines for each of the recorded measurements. Black outline shows the final pocket cutting line with 1/2-inch seam allowance added.



Cut all fabric pieces needed for tool roll.



Mark lines to use as a guide for decorative accent. I used [Dritz 1/4-inch quilters tape](#) to mark a V shape above the pocket line. Sew evenly spaced rows as an accent.



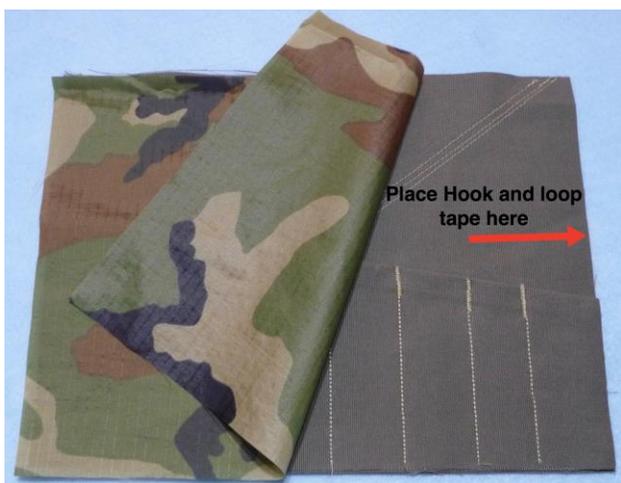
To personalize the piece, program letters or a name using built-in fonts on the sewing side of the machine. Sew accent lines and add lettering above lines. **Tip:** Here is my method for precisely aligning the lettering. First, mark a center line on your project piece. It's a good idea to mark the bottom line for stitching as well, so you can have a guideline to keep you straight while stitching. Next, stitch the lettering on a sample piece of fabric. Fold the sample in half and mark the exact center of the string of lettering. Match up the center points, unfold, and then mark the beginning of your line of stitching on the project. This tells you exactly where you need to start stitching your line of lettering so you can stitch with confidence knowing your lettering is centered.



To create pocket, place pocket pieces right sides together and sew the slanted edge using a 1/2-inch seam. Turn so right sides are facing out and press.



Layer pocket on top of base piece. Stitch pocket lines. Re-enforce top edge of pockets with extra stitching, zig zag stitches, or bar tacks. Layer lining piece on top with right sides together and the hook and loop strap piece along edge with the shortest pocket. Secure layers with clips and sew a 1/2-inch seam on all edges except the top.



Fold raw edges under 1/2-inch at the top and close opening by stitching close to the edge.



You are finished!

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