

Project inspired by “The Martha Stewart Show.”

## Artist’s Organizer



### Shopping List:

- Oilcloth and felt (enough for measurements outlined on the following page)
- Size 16/100 sewing machine needle
- Machine-sewing thread in coordinating color in the needle and bobbin
- Two 18" lengths of ribbon in a coordinating color
- Pins
- Small binder clips
- Tailor chalk or disappearing fabric pen
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Scissors
- Sketchbook
- Various artist’s tools
- SINGER CURVY™ sewing machine





*Notes: The Artist's Organizer will accommodate a notebook up to 5" x 8." The project featured on "The Martha Stewart Show" (and shown here) includes an oil cloth cover, however other fabrics and materials can also be used for the cover such as felt or vinyl.*

*If embellishing with decorative stitches, use stabilizer underneath a scrap piece of felt and test the decorative stitches to find the desired stitch length and width before using them on the project.*

### Sewing Directions:

1. Select a sketchbook for your artist's organizer; measure the sketchbook. Add 1" to the height. Double the width, and add 2½" to 3½" for the fold, depending on how wide you want the finished organizer to be. These measurements create the foundation.
2. Cut felt to the foundation measurements.
3. Create a book and tool pocket: The measurements for the book pocket are determined by adding 1" to the width of the sketchbook, and subtracting 1½" from the height. The tool pocket is the same width as the book pocket, with a height of 4½". *Note: You can have the sketchbook pocket on the right or the left, depending on your preference.*
4. Cut both pockets out of felt.
5. Position the book pocket ¼" in from one (short) side and ¼" from the bottom (long side) of the foundation felt. Pin. Repeat with the tool pocket on the other side of the foundation.
6. Set the straight stitch on the SINGER CURVY sewing machine at the longest length. Using a size 90 needle, sew the pockets to the foundation by topstitching around 3 sides of each pocket along the edge of felt, using the edge of the presser foot as a guide.
7. Using tailor chalk, draw vertical lines onto the tool pocket to mark divisions for art supplies. Sew along the drawn lines from the lower edge of the pocket to the top edge. Back stitch at the beginning and end of each row of stitching to secure.
8. Cut a piece of oilcloth in the foundation measurements. Lay the oilcloth on a flat surface, with the right side facing down, and the wrong side facing you. Now place the felt pocket piece on top of the oilcloth, with the pocket side facing you. Insert ½" or so of a length of ribbon between the oilcloth and the felt, in the middle of each short side. Use binder clips to hold the pieces together, which will prevent pin marks in the oilcloth.
9. Sew the oilcloth and felt foundation pieces together, topstitching with a ¼" seam allowance, all around the edges.

*Sewing Tip: If the oilcloth does not feed smoothly through the machine, just place a piece of tissue paper or light-weight tear-away stabilizer underneath, which will help the materials to draw through the machine more easily. Remove the tissue/stabilizer when finished.*

10. Insert sketchbook and artist tools into pockets.