

SERGER SCRAP CATCHER (curves & corners)

SUPPLIES

1/3 yard of fabric (12" X width of fabric)

Cut one 12" X 15" rectangle and leave the remainder for the pad portion.

SERGER SET-UP

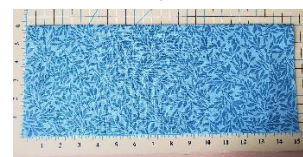
4-thread overlock - SW=5.5; SL 1.5-2. (or 3-thread wide - see NOTES*.)

PREPARATION & INSTRUCTIONS



Fold the larger piece of fabric (approximately 12" X 28") in half, **wrong** sides together, so that it measures 12" X 14". Don't worry if it's shorter than 14".

Fold the other one to measure 15" X 6", also **wrong** sides together. This will be the pocket to catch scraps.



STITCHING IS ON THE OUTSIDE - NO NEED TO TURN IT!



Round the corners on the raw edges using a gentle curve. (A template is included on last page if needed.)

See NOTES**

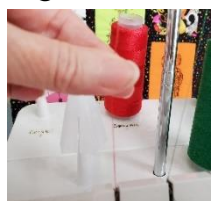
Align the curves, pocket piece on top.

Make pleats to take up excess fabric, allowing the raw edges to meet.



Pin in place making sure the pins are far enough from fabric edge so you can serge right past them. (Bonus tip!)

Instructions – Begin serging in the middle of the straight side (top of the picture) leaving the tail for later (1st picture below.) Take one stitch off the corner (2), raise foot, gently remove stitches from stitch finger, turn 90°, align fabric, gently tug all threads to snug them up (3), lower foot and continue to serge down the side (4).



Now is the time to slow down.



Make sure the top of the pocket is flat before serging over it.

Shift the fabric every few stitches, keeping it close to the knife as you serge slowly around the curves.



Serge up the other side (after the second curve) and deal with the corner as before (pictures 2-4 previous page).

As you approach the tail where you began, slow down again. Trim tail off then lower the knife - or shift the fabric away from the knife - as you overlap the stitching about 1/2" or more. Once the overlap is complete, turn fabric 90°, serge off and cut the threads.

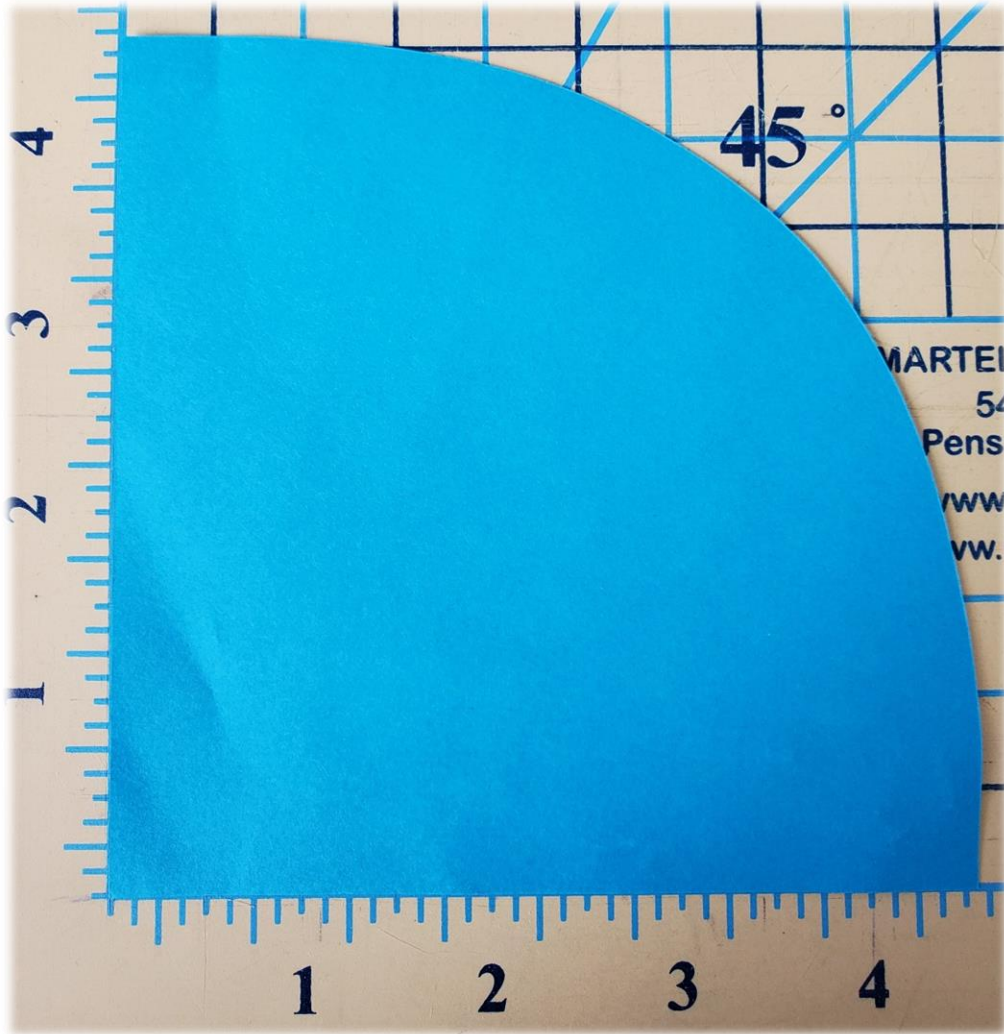
NOTES: *For a more decorative look, you may opt to use three-thread wide like I did. Using a shorter stitch (SL 1-1.5) can create a satin stitch. Don't forget to remove the right needle and thread cone! (Bonus tip #2!)

SW = stitch width; SL = stitch length

**If you don't want to do curves, you may leave the bottom of the pocket and pad pointy, but then you will have to turn four corners!



This completed scrap catcher is 12" wide and about 7" deep. It is designed to accommodate even the larger sergers.



Curve template