

## INTRODUCTION



The **silver jewelry bag** is an introduction to several sewing techniques that can be used to create protective storage enclosures for cultural heritage materials. The bag is made from *Pacific Silver Cloth* which will prevent tarnishing of silver items such as necklaces and brooches.

The dimensions suggested below will make a small bag, and can be adjusted to accommodate larger items.

*Hand-sewing this bag takes about 1 hour.*

## MATERIALS

- Unbleached cotton muslin or similar 14" x 14"
- Pacific Silvercloth® 14" x 14"
- 1/4" cotton twill tape 30"
- Circular template 12-14" in diameter
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Straight pins, needle, and thread
- Cutting mat
- Pencil
- Iron and board

### About Pacific Silvercloth®

100% cotton flannel that has been embedded with particles of finely divided silver. These particles absorb sulfur from the air before they can reach your silver item. Silvercloth® is effective to prevent tarnishing of silver, not other metals.

Dark brown in color, this is a medium weight fabric that is the same front and back.



## INSTRUCTIONS

### Preparation

1. Wash and iron the cotton muslin.

TIP: Do not wash Silvercloth® since this can disrupt the fine particles.

2. Using the circular template as a guide, draw a circle on the exterior fabric with a pencil.
3. Pin the exterior fabric and the Silvercloth® together. If you are using a patterned fabric for the exterior, pin with right sides facing one another. Then, cut the circle out of both fabrics at once.

### Sewing

4. Using a running stitch  $1/4$ " from the edge, sew the fabrics together, leaving a 3 inch opening at the end.



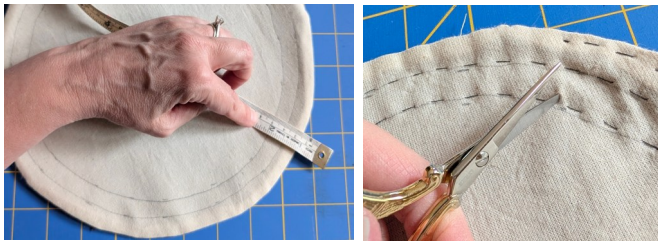
5. Gently turn the piece inside out using the opening, and being careful not to pull the stitches.

6. Sew the opening shut and press the seams flat with a warm iron.

TIP: Hand-sewing steps 4—6 takes about 15 minutes.

### Creating a Channel

7. To create a channel for the cord, measure and draw a circle  $1/2$ " from the edge, and another 1" from the edge. Then sew around both lines through both layers of fabric.



8. Cut a small slit in the cotton fabric only, between the lines. Reinforce the edges of the cut with whip stitch if needed.

### Inserting the Twill Tape

9. Using a safety pin attached at one end, insert the twill tape through the slit and work it around the channel, bringing it back out the same opening. Pull tight to close and tie to secure.

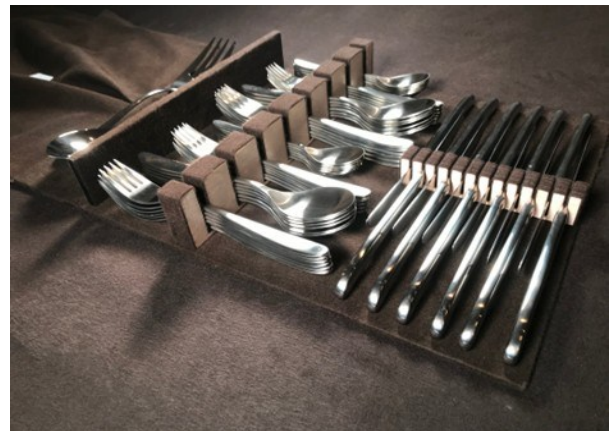


Congratulations!

Your silver jewelry bag is complete.

### SILVERCLOTH® FOR COLLECTIONS

Silvercloth® can be used alone, without sewing, for wrapping small- to medium-sized silver items and for lining boxes and drawers.



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