

INTRODUCTION

The **silverware keeper** can be used as a protective storage enclosure for cultural heritage materials. The bag is made from *Pacific Silvercloth®* which will prevent tarnishing of silver items.

The dimensions suggested below will make a silverware keeper to house approximately six utensils, and can be adjusted to accommodate more and larger items.

Hand-sewing this project takes about 40 minutes.

MATERIALS

- Pacific Silvercloth® 16" x 22"
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Needle and thread
- Cutting mat
- Chalk pencil or tailor's chalk
- 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.

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

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using the chalk pencil or tailor's chalk, draw

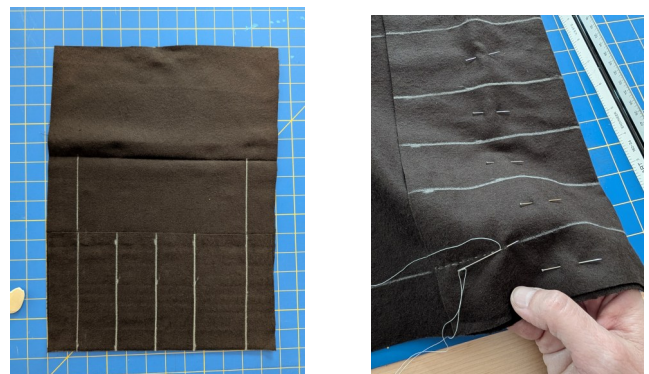
lines six inches from the top and bottom edges of the Silvercloth®.



2. With a warm iron, crease the fabric along the chalk lines.

3. Fold the bottom section up, and draw a line parallel to the long side and 1 1/2" from each edge. Then, add additional parallel lines 2" apart to create the divided sections.

TIP: The divided sections can be made wider to accommodate serving utensils.



4. Pin and sew along the lines using a running stitch. Hand-sewing this step will take 5-7 minutes for each line, depending on your sewing speed.

Remove pins as you work, and rub out the chalk lines when finished.

5. Cut along the top fold just to the 1 1/2" mark.



6. Fold over and, using a warm iron, press the side edges along the stitching.

7. Place your silver utensils in the dividers and fold the top over and tuck the edges in.



Congratulations!

Your silverware keeper 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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