

# Bustle & Sew

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## *“Stitch” Sewing Machine Cover*

It's important to keep your sewing machine free of dust – but the manufacturer's plastic cover can be oh, so boring – white and shiny – not pleasing to the eye. So now there's the easy-to-sew solution from Bustle & Sew to keep your treasured machine safe and cosy!



### You will need:

17 x 24" piece plain linen or other medium weight fabric  
17 x 24" piece medium weight (12 oz) canvas or other heavy weight furnishing fabric for lining (if you don't have any heavier weight fabric, a light weight fabric with fusible interfacing will work just as well).  
4" x 17" strip of green dotty (or other suitable pattern) for grass  
6" square blue dotty fabric for smoke  
Scraps of felt and light-weight fabric for applique  
Light orange and dark orange stranded cotton floss or Perle thread  
48" x ½" wide ribbon for ties  
2" square light coloured felt for tabs on ribbon ends  
Bondaweb and/or spray fabric adhesive  
Water soluble or light-fade fabric pen  
Cream and black thread for machine needle  
Machine embroidery foot  
Cream thread in machine bobbin

### Create your applique design:

- Take your rectangle of plain linen and position it on a flat surface with one of the shorter ends towards you.
- Cut a wavy edge along the top of your strip of green dotty fabric
- Position green dotty fabric at the very bottom of your plain linen background, edges aligned.
- Cut 6 x 1 ½" diameter circles from the blue dotty fabric for your smoke rings.
- Cut out and position your applique shapes using the template at the end of this pattern. Please note, the template is given half size so you will need to enlarge it by 100% using either your printer or photocopier.
- When creating the toadstool houses remember that the roof will overlap the top of the base and the bottom of the chimney.
- Do not secure your applique shapes in place with Bondaweb (if using) until you are completely happy with their positioning.
- Draw the flower stem and clothes line onto your work with your temporary fabric marker. This line will guide your machine stitching – see the picture on the next page which shows all the applique shapes in position, secured ready for machine stitching.



- With cream thread in your machine needle, set your machine to a short zig-zag stitch and secure around the edges of the smoke rings.
- Machine around the edges of all the other shapes, with the embroidery foot in place, using black thread in your needle. Go around each shape twice in a “scribble effect”. Work the window panes and leaf veins in the same way and go twice around the flower centre.
- With your temporary fabric marker write the word “STITCH” in the smoke bubbles – one letter for each bubble and machine embroider. (If you’re not confident to machine embroider the letters, then you could hand embroider them using back stitch and 2 strands of cotton floss)
- Work the flower petals in alternate light and dark orange using 3 strands of floss and detached chain stitch.
- Stitch along the top of the grass also in black thread
- Now you’ve finished your machine embroidery, so change to a normal presser foot and thread the needle with cream thread.

### Ribbon ties:

Cut your ribbon into 4 equal pieces. To create the tabs, cut 4 2 x ½” rectangles from your light coloured felt. Fold and stitch the rectangles over one end of each of the pieces of ribbon to cover the cut edge and prevent fraying during use.





### Assemble your cover:

- Place your lining canvas right side up on a clean flat surface and place your exterior work on top right side down, aligning edges and corners.
- Round off the corners – take an aerosol lid or similar, place on the corner, draw around, then cut the curved corner.
- Position your ribbon ties 4” up from the short edges – 2 at the front and 2 at the back. Push the ribbons between the fabric layers and align the ends with the edges of your cover.
- Pin and/or tack in place.
- Starting at the back bottom edge machine all around the edge of the cover, with a ¼” seam allowance. Leave a 6” gap at the back for turning.
- Clip curved corners and turn right side out. (Tip: If the seams won’t lay flat, moisten your finger-tips and roll them backwards and forwards, they will turn right out and flatten).
- Press all around edges. Turn the edges of the gap under and then topstitch all around your cover for a nice neat finish.

Dress your sewing machine and admire!!



Will fit over the manufacturer's cover, or use on its own if preferred. One dust-free, attractive sewing machine!

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