

Men's Travel Set



Keep shirts, ties, and shoes neat and organized with this coordinating set of travel gear.

Supplies

Note: Listed below are general supplies needed for all three parts of the travel set. Specific fabric and notions are included in the directions.

- All-purpose serger thread for construction
- Decorative serger thread for edging
- Large eye tapestry needle or Seam sealant
- Water soluble stabilizer

Sewing Machine(s)/Sergers

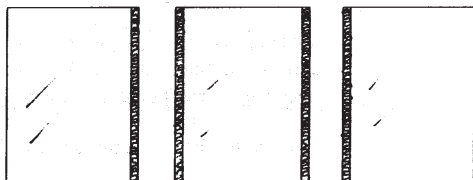
This project can be stitched using:

- BERNINA[®]/ Bernette *serger* in conjunction with a BERNINA[®] sewing machine
- Most other sergers and sewing machines

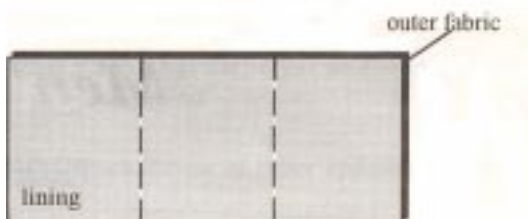
Shirt Keeper

- Outer fabric (tapestry, denim) – one piece 17" x 36"
- Lining Fabric (med. wt, firmly woven) – 1 piece 17" x 36"
- Pocket fabric (clear vinyl) – 3 pieces, each 11½" x 17"
- Non-Stick Zigzag Presser Foot (BERNINA[®] #52)
- Two 1" D-rings

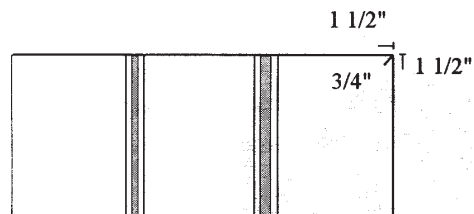
Serge one 17" side of two of the vinyl pockets, and both 17" sides of the remaining pocket as shown. Apply seam sealant to the thread tails; clip when dry.



Place outer fabric and lining wrong sides together. Divide the shirtkeeper into thirds and mark with vertical lines. Straight stitch along the marked lines.



Position the vinyl pockets on top of the lining fabric. Round all four corners as indicated in the diagram below.



Using a Non-Stick foot, baste all three layers together ¼" from the raw edge. Trim corner seam allowances to 1/8".

Convert serger to a 2-thread wrapped edge stitch, with all-purpose serger thread in the needle and decorative serger thread in the lower looper, cutting width = 2mm to 3mm, stitch length = 2.5mm. (If serger does not have 2-thread capability, use a 3-thread balanced stitch.)

Beginning at the center of the lower edge, place the shirtkeeper vinyl side down under the serger presser foot. Serge around the entire outer edge, stitching slowly at the

rounded corners. Overlap the beginning stitches by 1/2" at the end. Pull thread tails to the inside and tie in a knot. Apply seam sealant and let dry. Bury thread tails in the serged edge using a tapestry needle.

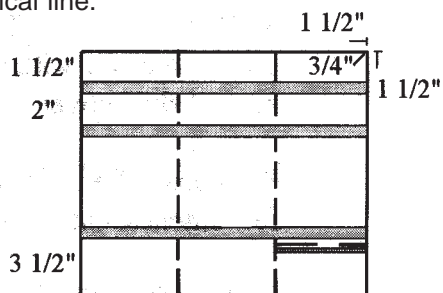
Closures: Fold the shirtkeeper into thirds. Mark the center points on the long serged edge of the top flap and the folded edge it touches. On the top flap, sew (by hand) two D-rings at the mark. Stitch the 8" strip of ribbon or Ultrasuede at the mark on the folded edge. To close, slip the tie through the D-rings and pull shut.



Tri-fold Tie Case

- Outer fabric (tapestry, denim) –one piece 16" x 17"
- Lining Fabric (med wt, firmly woven) –
1 piece (A) 11" x 16", 1 piece (B) 6" x 17"
- Edgestitch Foot (BERNINA® #10/#10C)
- 1 1/2 yards heavy fusible interfacing
- 1 1/2 yards of 3/4" elastic
- 9" nylon coil zipper
- 1" x 8" grosgrain ribbon or Ultrasuede™
- Two 1" brass D-rings

Fuse interfacing to corresponding outer fabric and lining pieces. Divide the tiecase into thirds and mark with vertical lines. Fold lining A in half lengthwise and mark with a vertical line.



On the smaller lining piece, measure 3" up from the bottom edge and mark a horizontal line. Cut apart on this line. Using a 4-thread balanced overlock stitch, insert the zipper between the two pieces. Pull zipper tab within the body of the bag before trimming the ends off.

With right sides together, using a 4-thread balanced overlock stitch, serge piece A to piece B along one 17" edge.

With wrong sides together, position and pin the outer fabric to the lining fabric, matching vertical lines. Straight stitch through the elastic on the marked vertical lines.

Cut the elastic into three 16" pieces. Pin horizontally to the lining side of the tiecase as shown. Stitch through the elastic on the marked lines.

Round all four corners using the measurements indicated in the diagram. Using Edgestitch Foot #10/#10C and a half left needle position, baste all layers together around the edges.

To form the top of the cufflink pocket, sew a line of straight stitching 1/2" above the inserted zipper.

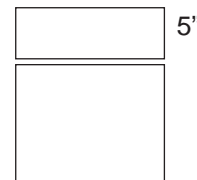
Finish the edges of the tiecase with a narrow 3-thread balanced overlock stitch, all-purpose thread in the needle and decorative thread in the loopers, cutting width = 3mm and stitch length = 2.5mm. Beginning at the center of the bottom edges, serge around the entire outer edge, sewing slowly at the rounded corners. Overlap the beginning stitches by 1/2" at the end. Pull thread tails to the inside and tie into a knot. Apply seam sealant and let dry; bury tails in the serger stitching.

Closure: complete as for Shirtkeeper

Shoe Covers

- Sturdy fabric – two pieces 16" x 24"
- 1 1/2 yards 1/4" cotton piping cord
- 50" of 1 1/2" wide bias strips, from contrasting fabric
- Serger Multi-Purpose Foot
- Serger Elasticator Foot

Cut across each rectangle 5" from the top edge.



Using the Multi-Purpose Foot, cover the cording with the bias strip. Sandwich the piping between the two parts of one shoe cover, right sides together. Serge all three layers together; repeat for second shoe cover.

Attach the Elasticator to the serger. Insert 1/4" elastic. Take a few stitches to secure the elastic. With the right side facing up, insert the top edge of the shoe cover under the foot. Serge elastic onto the edge, catching the elastic in the stitching. *Note: Test the chosen fabric with the elastic to determine the best Elasticator setting.*

Attach the Standard Foot to the serger. Fold one of the shoe covers in half lengthwise, right sides together. Serge down the open side and across the bottom. Turn right side out. Repeat for the second shoe cover.