

## “SERGER MEMORY BOXES”



The decorative memory boxes feature techniques such as Deco Braids 3, inserting fish line and more. So read on and create your own memory boxes for every family member and a few friends. They make great hiding places for those trinkets and add a decorative touch to any room.

### **Skill Level: Beginner**

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### **Supplies:**

- 1 yd each of three to four coordinating fabrics
- Assorted shaped cardboard boxes from craft store
- Nylon fish line
- Pearl Crown Rayon™, Woolly Nylon™, Candlelight™ threads to contrast or coordinate
- Soutache braid to coordinate
- Assorted buttons or trinkets
- Fabric glue
- Pattern tracing paper

## Instructions:

### Serger Set-Up:

**Stitch Selection:** Flatlock 3; Deco Braids 3, Rolled Hem 3, Gathering (Elna ProCard 1)

**Attachments:** Gathering foot, Taping foot and Tape and Cord Guide

**Thread:** UL – Pearl Crown Rayon for Flatlock 3; UL Candlelight for Deco Braids 3

**Tensions:** Flatlock 3 (UL –2.0, LL – 7.0, RN – 1.0)

Deco Braids 3 (UL – 1.0, LL – 4.0, RN – 4.0)

Roller Hem 3 (UL – 2.0, LL – 6.0, RN – 4.0)

Gathering (UL – 2.0, LL – 2.0, RN – 5.0, LN – 6.0)

**Length:** 4.0 for Gathering, 2.0 for Deco Braids 3

**Differential Feed:** 2.0 for Gathering

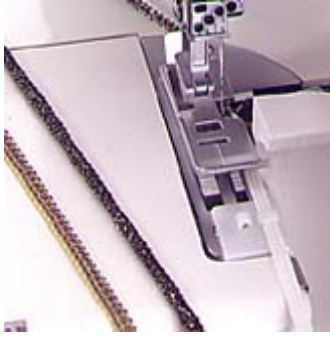
1. Measure diameter and height of box sides and box top sides. Cut fabric accordingly, allowing extra fabric to turn at bottom and top edges. Glue fabric to box top sides and box sides.



2. Trace box top and cut two top pieces from pattern tracing paper. For heart shaped box, divide one pattern into sections adding  $\frac{1}{4}$  " seam allowance to inner edges. Using Pearl Crown Rayon and with the heart pieces placed wrong sides together, flatlock sections from the second pattern piece, this is the box top original size. Place on flatlocked heart and trim to fit pattern piece. Glue to top of box.



3. Set serger for Rolled Hem 3. For bow, cut a strip of fabric  $1\frac{1}{2}$  " wide by 3 feet. Thread fish line through hole on standard presser foot and serge. The fish line will feed smoothly through the foot while the edge is cut and the fish line encased with rolled hem. Form bow and glue in place.



4. Attach Taping foot and Tape and Cord Guide to machine. Place soutache through guide and under foot. Using the Deco Braid 3 setting, serge with Candlelight thread creating decorative trim for the top edge of heart-shaped box. Glue in place.



5. For round box, gather both edges of a 2 ½ " wide strip of fabric with gathering attachment. Increase gathers by pulling needle threads if desired. Glue to top, wrapping gathered strip around edges. Following above procedure for decorative trim, step 4, braid three tapes together and glue along edges of gathered strip on round box.
6. Create rolled hem chains with Candlelight and Woolly Nylon threads for tassels for round box. Glue buttons, trinkets and tassels to box tops as desired.

**Tips:**

When making Deco Braid 3, hold soutache from the back of foot to get started. Remember to hold the rolled hem chain straight out the back of the foot, keeping even tension on the threads, when making chain for tassels. This prevents "hiccups" in the chain stitch.

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