

SINGER® PROJECTS

Upcycle Old Towels and Sew a Kitchen/Bathroom Hand Towel Holder

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Transform your old towels into cute, reusable hand towels for your kitchen or bathroom with this simple upcycling project! Utilizing a button keeps the towel in place – no slipping or readjusting after drying your hands. Perfect for beginner sewists and makes for a simple gift for friends!

This project features the SINGER® Heavy Duty 6700C Sewing machine and 14HD854 Serger available at select Michaels® locations, michaels.com or singer.com.



PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

PROJECT SUPPLIES:

- Singer® sewing machine
- Singer® serger (optional)

- Old beach or bathroom towel
- Cotton, denim, or canvas fabric (small amount needed: fat quarter – half yard at most)
- Machine thread
- Scissors or rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Sewing pins or clips
- Button
- Button Sew-On Foot & Buttonhole Foot
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Iron

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Cut towel piece

- Trim your old towels to the desired size. I cut mine to 16" wide by 16" long. If you'd like your towel to be longer or shorter, feel free to adjust the length, but keep the width at around 16".



2) Cut the pattern and fabric pieces

- Cut out pattern piece for the towel holder pattern (attached with this pamphlet)
- Then cut 2x pieces of fabric out for the top of the towel holder



3) Serge towel edges

- If your towel edges are fraying after you cut them, serge along each edge.

***TIP:** If you don't have a serger, you can also use a zig-zag stitch along the edge or fold over and hem the edges.*

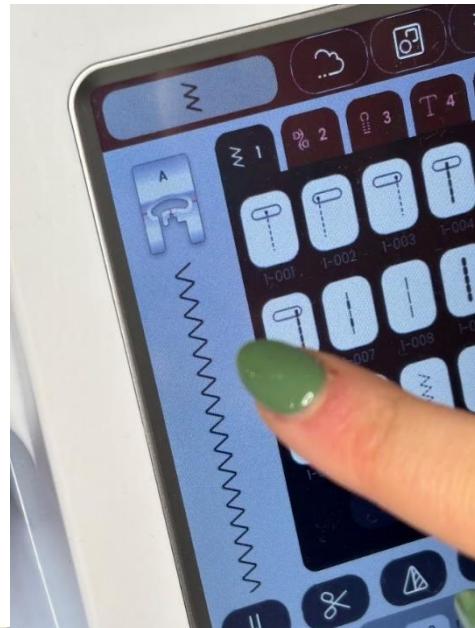


4) Sew on button to front piece of fabric

- Grab one of the top fabric pieces you cut out (whichever one will be the front piece) and grab your button sew-on foot
- Mark spot for button with chalk or a pin about 2" from the bottom (centered)



- **SEW ON BUTTON:** Insert your sew-on button foot, lower your feed dogs (using lever or covering with stitch plate cover), and select zig-zag and sew on button in marked spot.



5) Sew together your two fabric pieces (good sides touching)

- Now that button is sewn on, take your other fabric piece and place them together with good sides touching.
- Sew around the outside edges with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (do not sew the bottom edge)



6) Flip right side out and press

- Turn pieces right side out and press well



7) Grab your buttonhole foot and sew a buttonhole in top curved center

- Mark a spot in the center of upper curved section where you want your buttonhole
- Use tear away stabilizer underneath and sew a buttonhole using a buttonhole foot (one step or four step: depending on your machine)



8) Fold and press in the lower edge of fabric

- Take the bottom edge and fold it inward about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or 1 inch and press the bottom edge well



9) Fold towel to size and sew top edge together

- Match towel to the top now to gage the size then fold the two sides inward to match up in middle, so its now the length of the fabric top.
- Add some pins or clips to hold in place and sew a straight stitch right along the top edge of towel to hold it in place. Sew as close to the edge as you can.



10) Insert towel into fabric holder and sew it together

- Take the top edge of towel you just sewed together and now insert it into fabric folder, ensuring your pressed edge is still inward. Use pins or clips to secure it in place.
- Sew together close to bottom edge of fabric. Make sure its all tucked in on both sides!



Project complete - Now test out your button and find a place to hang your hand towel!

