

# Sewforever Quilt Storage Pattern



*English Paper Piecing Made Modern*  
*Sewforever Quilt Storage*  
*Innovative Appliqué*

## Material Options

Chose a material that is breathable, like cotton.  
A recommendation would be cotton flat sheets.  
Higher thread counts provide better protection for your quilts.  
Check the dimensions of different sizes flat sheets to match your needs.

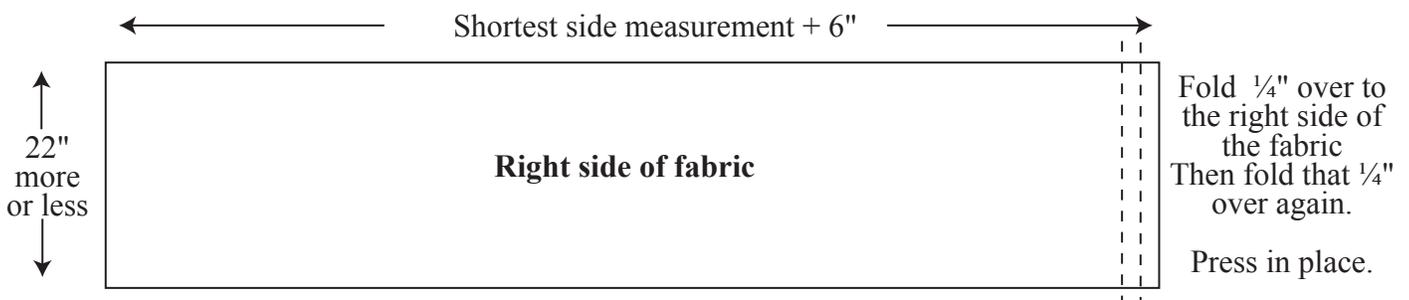
Extra fabric you already own. You can piece fabric together to create the dimensions you need.

## Determining the dimension of the quilt storage bag.

1. Measure the shortest side of your quilt.  
Why the shortest side? Less material needed to create the storage bag.  
Less storage space. Example: If your quilt measures 90"x 60"  
Using the shortest side measurement, you save 30" of storage space
2. Add 8" to the shortest side measurement.  
Cut the length of your material (shortest side measurement + 8")  
The extra 8" accounts for the seams and a 5" fold-over closure.
3. The width should be 22", more or less.  
A width of 22" results in a storage bag with a 6¼" diameter.  
6¼" diameter may not seem very big, but that is the diameter, I have used for years.

The 6¼" diameter includes room for a normal size, 2¼" swimming pool noodle to roll the quilt on.  
(Directions to create the pool noodle cover, included at the end)  
I have not idea what pool noodles are made of, I want to cover them to protect from the inside, out.  
If you plan to use a super size swimming pool noodle, you may need the width to be more than 22".  
If you plan to roll more than one quilt you may need the width to be more than 22".  
Roll up your quilt or quilts with or without a pool noodle and measure the height of the roll to help determine the diameter you need.

4. Cut your material the desired length and width.
5. Lay the piece of fabric right side up, lengthwise, as pictured below.
6. Fold the right side edge over a ¼", then fold that over ¼" again. Press in place.



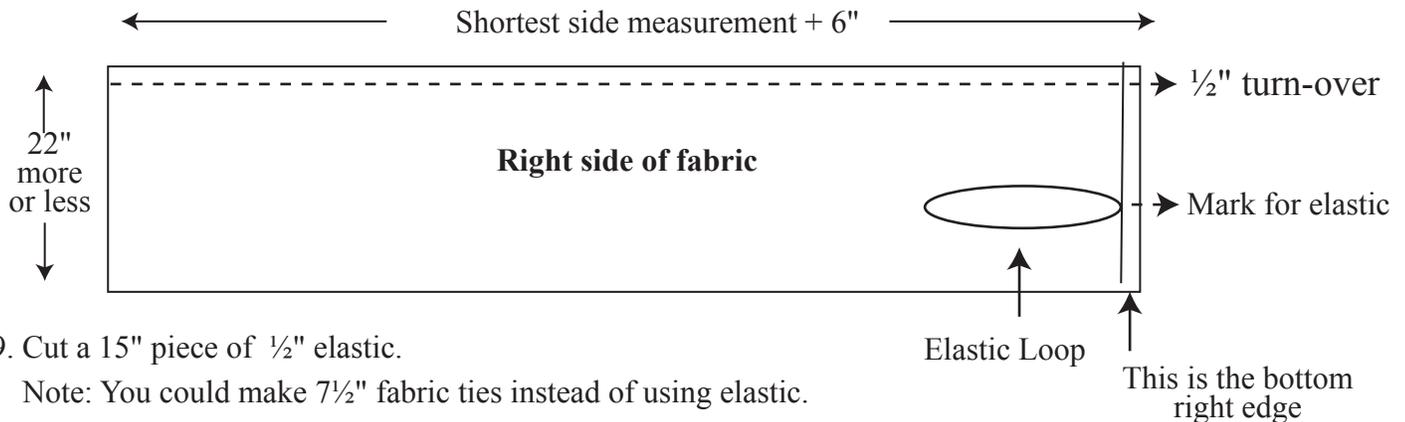
## Measure placement for the elastic loop that keeps the bag closed

7. Take your width measurement, 22" more or less, subtract a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The  $\frac{1}{2}$ " allowance is for turning the top edge of the bag a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " once and repeat, to create a finished edge in a following step.

Divide that number by 4.

8. Measure up from the bottom right edge and mark. I make my mark by simply creasing the fabric.



9. Cut a 15" piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " elastic.

Note: You could make  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric ties instead of using elastic.

10. To stitch the elastic or ties in place, unfold the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge once.

Slip the cut edges of the elastic (form a loop) under the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " fold, where you made your mark.

Stitch in place, back stitch, once or twice.

If using ties, put one end of each the ties under the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " fold at your mark,

(You are not forming a loop with the ties) stitch in place, back stitch once or twice.

11. Refold that  $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge, the ends of elastic/ties will be folding over also.

12. Stitch down the fold you just created, back-stitching over the elastic/ties.

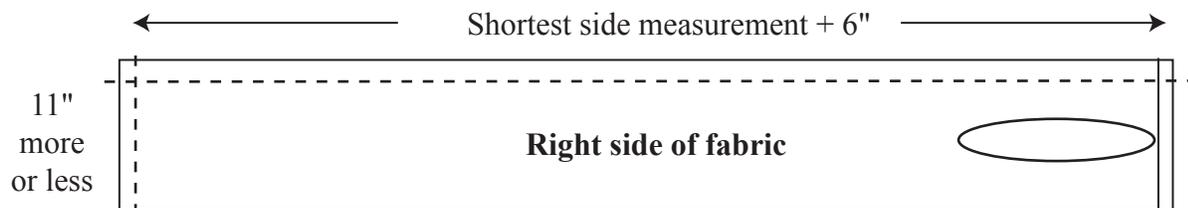
Note: Turn stitch length up to 3, may even 3.5. You do not need a small stitch length.

13. Flip the fabric over lengthwise, wrong side facing up, the elastic/ties will be on the bottom portion.

Fold the right side of the fabric up to within  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the top edge.

14. Fold the dashed areas over and iron a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " once and repeat. This step creates a finished edge.

15. Sew in place. Start at the bottom on the short end, sew up, turn the corner and sew the length, back stitching at beginning, the turn and the end.



## Swimming Pool Noodle Cover

Cut a piece of fabric, shortest side measurement + 4" = length, by 11" = width.

Fold in half lengthwise. Fold unfinished edge over a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", twice, iron in place.

Stitch along the length securing the fold in place. Slide the pool noodle into the cover.

Place the covered pool noodle on the short side edge of the quilt and roll the quilt up.

Slide the rolled quilt into the storage bag.

Fold the open end closed and secure with the elastic/ties.

**Great Job!**