

Sharks Teeth Letter Rack (made for Pfaff, but can be adapted)

MATERIALS:

1 Metre Cotton Fabric (Not too heavy)
Polyester Thread to match fabric
Madeira Embroidery Thread; one green, one light pink and one dark pink
Gold Metallic Thread
Firm Iron-on Vilene
50 cm x 26 cm Very Heavy Vilene
60 cm x 26 cm Fusebat
Gold Cord for hanging the letter rack
Rod for hanging preferably gold metallic
Glue Stick Spray Adhesive
Fantasy Card 36 (Rose Card)
Fantasy Card 4 -Alphabets (!0 mm size)
Blue Erasable Pen
Sharp Embroidery Scissors
Crisp Spray Starch

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.Using spray starch stabilize the cotton fabric. Pull true to grain, dry and iron flat.

2.Cut three pieces of fabric-50 cmx 30 cm for the sharks teeth pockets. Treat each piece this way. Rule a line across the fabric 5 cm from the bottom then rule seven more lines using the template supplied. Press a sharp crease exactly on each line. With a stitch length of 2 stitch each tuck. The width of the tuck is shown on the template. I used my 0 1 foot,(the open toed for most people)and put the needle position 3 to the left of center then stitched each tuck using the edge of the foot as the guide. Press all the tucks up towards the top of the fabric).

3.Place the sharks feet template under the tucks and mark all the snip positions on each row of tucks. Work the top row first and snip and press one row at a time. Using sharp pointed scissors, snip the tuck at every snip mark, just to, but not through the stitching line. Working on the under side of the tuck, press the snipped tuck into triangles. Fold the cut edges down just to the seam line. The folded edges of the tuck should just meet in the center of the triangle and the cut edges should be along the stitching line. Use a glue stick to hold in position and repeat for all the other triangles on this tuck. Now work from the top side of the tuck, and with the tuck still folded into points stitch down with a fine pin stitch:

Stitch no 12 Length 2 Width 3 and Twin Needle Button On

The left swing of the needle should just touch the stitching line and the right swing should just stitch into the tuck. Make sure the corners of the triangles are tucked under as you stitch, so that the raw edges are caught in the stitches. Press the triangles towards the top. Repeat the snipping, gluing and stitching for the next and subsequent rows of tucks

Shark's Teeth Template

Tuck Width Guide

Stitching Line

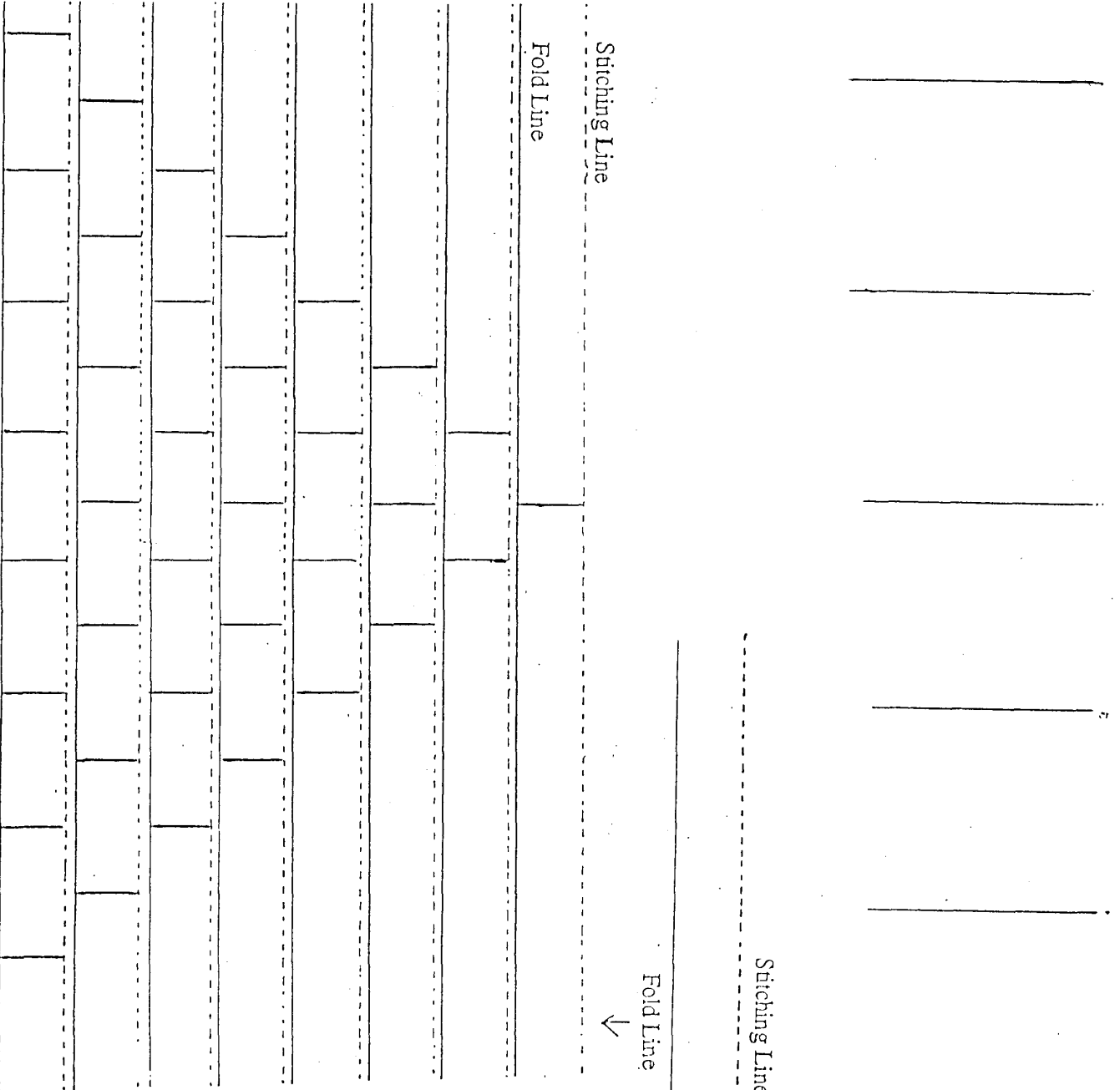
Fold Line

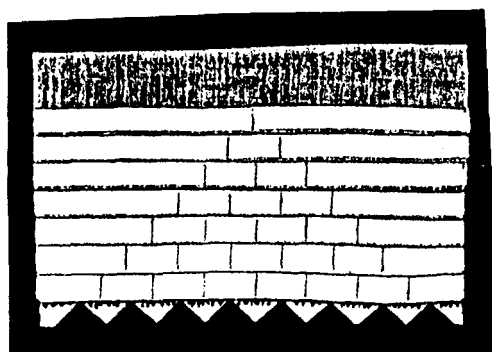
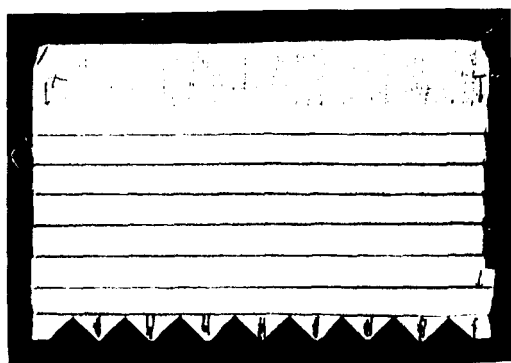


Stitching Line

Fold Line

TOP OF POCKET





3. Using the Alphabet Card , the 1 10mm size alphabet block letters, put the following words into the M Memory of the machine. Put one word in each memory.

ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS

LETTERS

Hoop up a piece of fabric which is 30 cm wide and embroider the words in the centre of the fabric. Put one word at the top of the hoop, one in the centre and one at the bottom. Take the fabric out of the hoop and cut it into strips with one of the words on each strip. Make the strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ cm wide with a word in the centre of each. Fold the long edges of each strip under so that the strip is 2 cm wide and stitch to the piece directly above the top row of Sharks Teeth. Iron a piece of iron-on vilene 24 cm x 12 cm to the back of the pocket so that the top of the vilene is level with the top of the strip with the word on it.. Fold the rest of the fabric down and press. This forms the backing of the pocket.

For each pocket cut two pieces of fabric 17.5 cm x 4 cm. Make a 2 cm hem at one narrow end of each piece. These will form the pocket gussets. Place a piece at each end of the pocket, right sides facing, and bring the pocket facing down on top. Stitch. This encloses the gussets. Make a small pleat at the bottom of each gusset and pin but do not stitch down at this stage.

4. To make the embroidered strips;

With the Rose Card no 36 pattern no 17 you will need to stitch out a template of the pattern when it is mirrored so that you can place it in position directly after the pattern when sewn out in the normal direction.



Take a piece of fabric that is at least 30 cm wide and put it in the hoop. I managed to sew out two rows of pattern in one hooping. Stitch out the pattern twice, once in the upper part of the hoop and once in the lower part. Move the hoop over so that you can fit in the mirrored version of the pattern. Use the template to position it directly after the first part so that they just touch. You need four rows of this embroidery. Cut the

strips 30 cm long and 5 cm wide with the pattern centred in the middle. Fold under 5mm on each long edge and press.

5. Cut two pieces of fabric 60 cm x 26 cm.

Take one of these pieces and pin one of the embroidered strips to the bottom of it 1 cm from the bottom. Stitch the lower edge to the background fabric. Take one of the pockets labelled LETTERS and pin to the backing so that the top edge of the embroidered strip is on top of the bottom edge of the lowest tuck on the pocket. Pin in position but do not sew at this time. Place another of the embroidered strips directly above the pocket so that top edge of the pocket is level with the bottom of the embroidered strip. Stitch down the bottom edge of the strip being careful not to stitch the pocket. Place another pocket under the second embroidered strip and pin in position. Repeat this procedure until all three pockets are in position and the top embroidered strip can be stitched down on both edges. Now the gussets must be stitched to the backing. Decide on the depth of the gusset (I made mine 2 cm) and stitch to the background fabric undoing the pleat at the bottom while you sew. Repin the pleat and then stitch down the top edges of the embroidered strips so that the pleats are held in position. Trim off any excess ends of fabric so that your work measures 60 cm x 26 cm and iron the fusible to the back of it.

6. Take the other piece of 60 cm x 26 cm fabric and the piece of 50 cm x 26 cm very heavy vilene. Spray the vilene with adhesive and glue the fabric to it so that there is a 10 cm overhang at the top.

7. Place the decorated piece on top and pin together, then stitch around the entire outer edges. Fold under a very small hem at the top and stitch. Cut 4 cm wide strips to bind the bottom and the two sides. Bind these edges being careful not to catch the upper parts of the pocket gussets. Fold top down at the upper edge of the embroidered strip so that you have room for the hanger and stitch down. You will have to stitch the outer edges by hand so that you do not stitch the pocket down at the top.

8. Insert the hanger and tie the gold cord at each end.