Maker Module 2

Furoshiki Gift Wrap

Learn how to make a basic fabric ‘furoshiki’ cloth for a sustainable alternative to wrapping paper!

Skill Learning Outcomes

- Cutting out fabric with measurements
- Sewing straight seams
- Top stitching
- Double-fold hem (optional)
- Overlocking edges (optional)
- Overlocked rolled hem (optional)

Materials

- Fabric
- Sewing scissors
- Ruler
- Iron and ironing board
- Sewing machine and thread
- Pattern pieces (page 10)



Step One— Preparation & Cutting pattern pieces

1.) Choose your fabric, and press it with the iron so it is flat and wrinkle-free.

2.) Decide what size you would like your furoshiki to be (e.g. 62cm - 68cm squares, or 75cm - 85cm squares).

3.) Measure across your fabric by your chosen size horizontally and mark with a fabric pen or tailor’s chalk. (e.g. 68cm).

4.) Measure across your fabric by your chosen size vertically and mark with a fabric pen or tailor’s chalk. (e.g. 68cm).

5.) Cut out the marked square with fabric scissors. Press with iron.

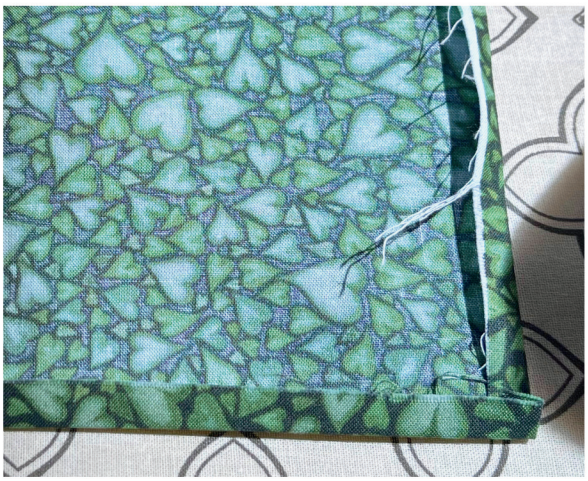
Choose the hemming method you want to use.

The instructions are on the following pages.



Step Two — Hemming edges — Option 1: Double-folded hem

1.) Fold the edge of your square up by about 5mm, wrong sides together (wst), and press with iron. Repeat for each side of your square.



2.) Fold again, press, and pin hem closed.

3.) Top stitch approximately 6mm from the inside of the hem. Remember to back stitch at the start and end of your hem.
Sew to the end of each end to secure, backstitch until you are about 6mm from the corner edge. Pivot and turn with the machine needle down. Repeat for each side.

4.) Trim lose threads, and press to finish.

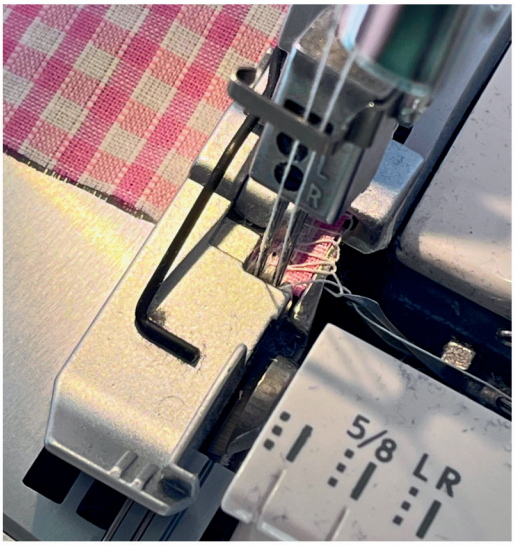




Step Two — Hemming edges
Option 2: Overlocked Edge

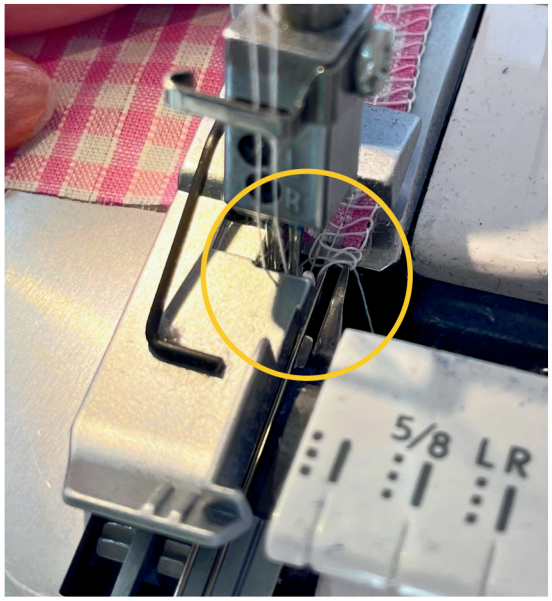


1.) Line up your fabric on the overlocker plate, making sure a small amount of fabric goes past the blade. This will trim a little fabric off and ensure a neater finish.



2.) Pivot at the corners by hand-turning the overlocker hand-wheel by one stitch passed the corner, then gently pulling the fabric backwards so the threads come of the loopers (yellow circle shows what to look for). Rotate your fabric so that the next edge is under the needles.

3.) Repeat for each side of your fabric square.



4.) At the end, keep the overlocker running until you have a long overlocked ‘tail’. Cut the threads with about 5cm trailing from your project.

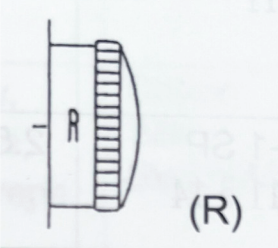
5.) Unweave the tail threads, tie knots to secure, and thread through the overlocked edges.

Step Two — Hemming edges
Option 3 for Experts: overlocked rolled hem

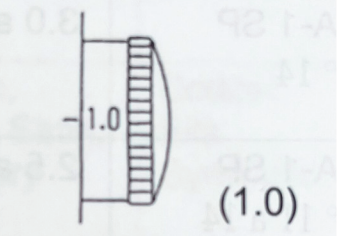
The overlocker will need some settings changed in order to make a rolled hem.

Changing the Machine Settings

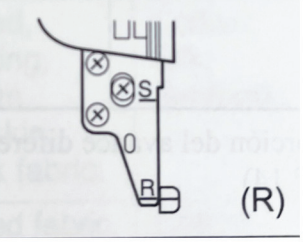
Stitch Length



Differential Feed



Needle Plate Knob

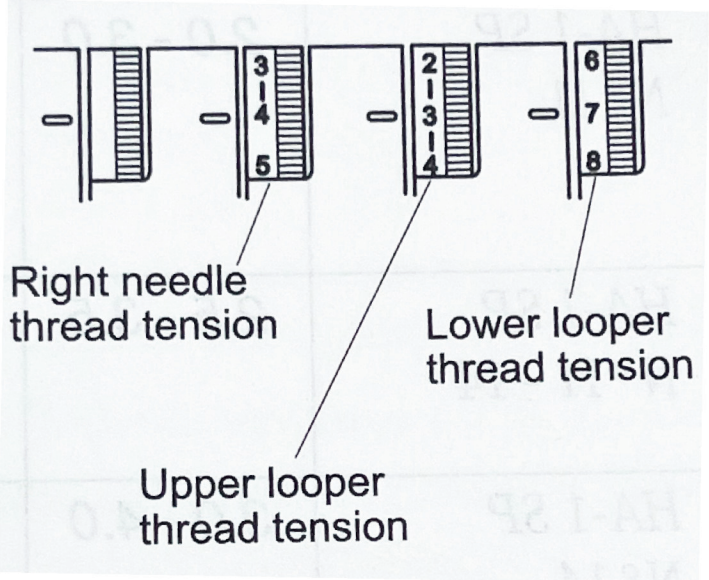


1.) Set the Stitch Length dial on the right side of the overlocker to ‘R’

2.) Set the Differential Feed on the right side of the overlocker to ‘1.0'

3.) Remove the left needle with screwdriver.

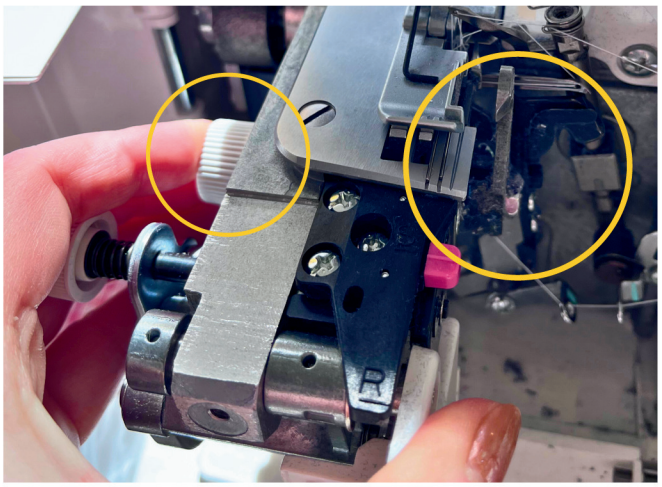
4.) Set the tension dials on the front like so:



Next we need to change the needle plate knob.

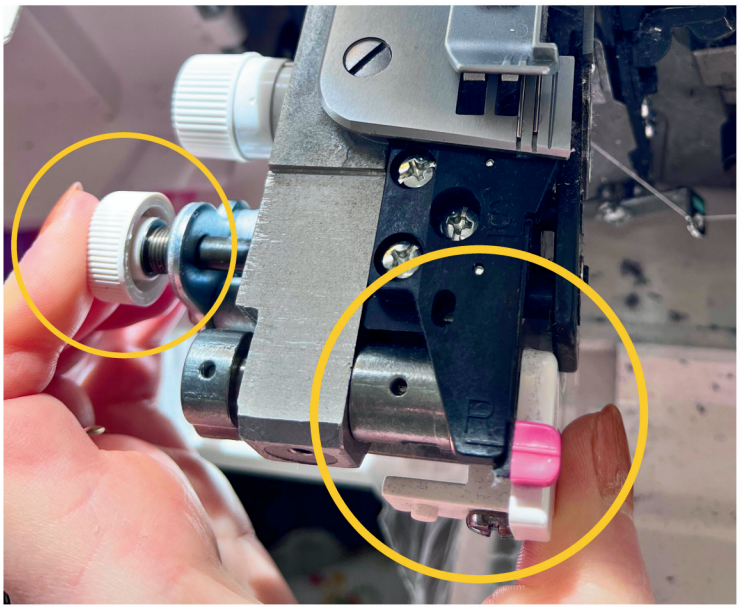
Changing the Machine Settings

1.) Open up the front and left plates of the overlocker so you can see inside.



2.) Disengage the knife. Press down on the the far dial, and rotate it towards yourself to bring the knife down until it clicks in place.

3.) While pressing down on the frontmost dial, slide the Needle Plate Knob to ‘R’



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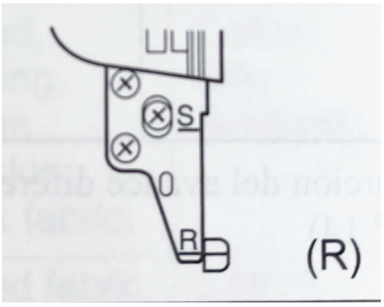


4.) Reengage the knife by pressing down on the the far dial, and rotating it away from you, until it clicks in place..

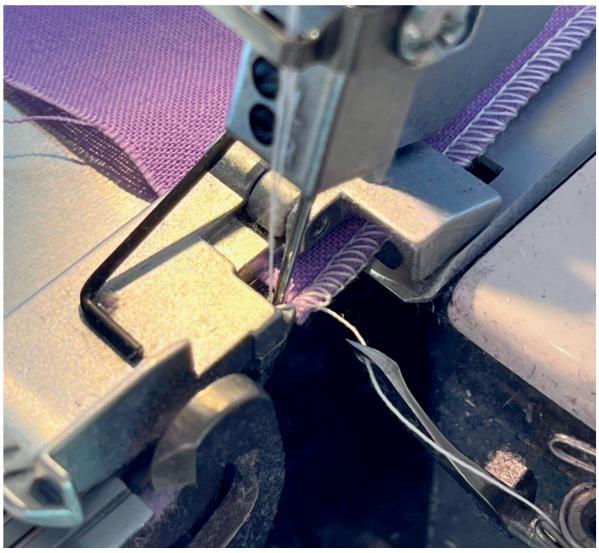
5.) Close the front panels, and run a chain by putting your foot down while gently pulling on the previous chain.

Step Two — Hemming edges
Option 3 for Experts: overlocked rolled hem



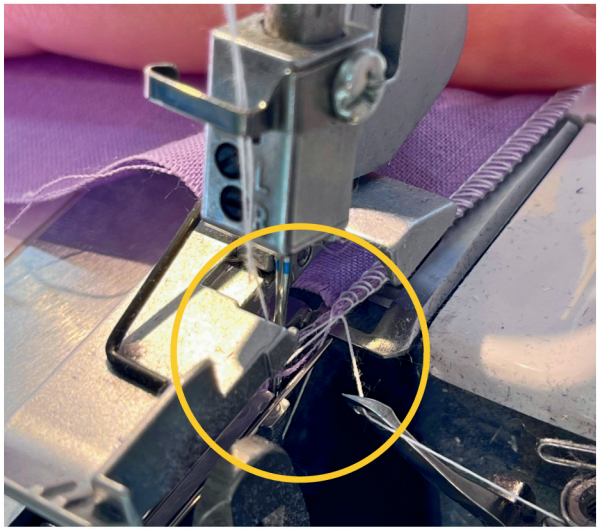
1.) Line up your fabric on the overlocker plate, making sure a small amount of fabric goes past the blade. This will trim a little fabric off and ensure a neater finish.

2.) Gently pull on the starting chain until the first few stitches are on the fabric. This helps prevent any bunching.



3.) Pivot at the corners by hand-turning the overlocker hand-wheel by one stitch passed the corner, then gently pulling the fabric backwards so the threads come of the loopers (yellow circle shows what to look for). Rotate your fabric so that the next edge is under the needles.

4.) Repeat for each side of your fabric square.



5.) At the end, keep the overlocker running until you have a long overlocked ‘tail’. Cut the threads with about 5cm trailing from your project.

6.) Unweave the tail threads, tie knots to secure, and thread through the overlocked edges.

Now that you have your furoshiki wrap sewn, here are some tutorials for learning how to tie them.

A Beginner's Guide to Wrapping Furoshiki (Global Kitchen Japan)

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