



Un-paper Towels

Materials Needed:

- 1 yard pre-washed terry cloth – cut into eight 10” x 11” rectangles
- 1 yard pre-washed quality cotton fabric – cut into eight 10” x 11” rectangles
- Coordinating serger thread
- 16 pair plastic snaps (or buttonhole foot for sewing machine)
- Cardboard tube (from paper towels or wrapping paper) or PVC pipe cut to the height of your finished cloths
- Two 1 ½” strips of adhesive Velcro – hook side only



Step 2



Step 4

Construction:

1. Place one piece of cotton fabric, right side up, on top of one piece of terry cloth. Pin.
2. Serge around all four sides of fabric panel, trying not to cut off much fabric.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 with remaining 7 pieces of terry and cotton.
4. If you are not using snaps, skip to Step 11. If you are using snaps, measure $\frac{3}{4}$ ” in from each side of each corner and make a dot with a washable marker or marking utensil. If possible, create a template with a small piece of cardboard that can help you measure.
5. Use an awl or other sharp tool to poke an initial hole through the dot. (Some snap kits come with a tool for this process.)
6. Place sewn cloth with cotton facing up and short ends on top and bottom. Insert one socket half of the snap in both the top left corner and bottom left corner, placing the socket facing up and the decorative cap facing down. Follow the instructions provided with your snap setter to attach the snap sockets.
7. Insert one stud half of the snap in both the top right corner and bottom right corner, placing the stud facing down and the decorative cap facing up. Follow the instructions provided with your snap setter to attach the snap studs.
8. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for the remaining 7 cloths.

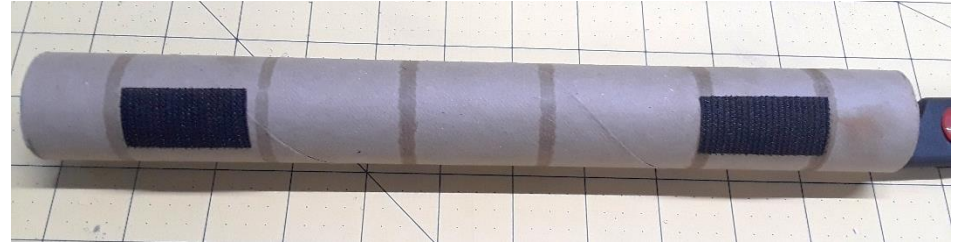


Step 6



Step 7

9. Cut the cardboard or PVC tube to the finished height of your cloths – typically close to 11". Attach two adhesive Velcro pieces, hook side only to the tube – one close to the top and one close to the bottom.
10. Snap your towels together in a long roll, then attach the terry cloth from the first towel to the Velcro pieces and roll the towels onto the tube.
11. If you do not have snaps, you can sew a 1" button hole in the top corner of each towel and hang them on a hook instead of rolling them up onto a tube.



Step 9

Tip: Hang a cloth produce or lingerie bag on a hook in your kitchen to act as a hamper for your dirty linens. This works great for cloth napkins and other kitchen towels or rags as well!

