

## Overlocker for the Quilter: Serger Cover Project

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I'm a quilter, what could I possibly need an overlocker for? Learn to make this easy Serger Cover Project that will showcase quilt techniques such as; quarter inch piecing, stitch-and-flip assembly and serger binding. The overlocker really makes quick and tidy work of all your **quilting** projects. Join BERNINA Educator and Overlocker Specialist, Jaime David, for this enticing overlocker webinar.

**Supplies:**

L 460 Overlocker  
 4 spools Metter Seracor Thread  
 Machine Seam Guide  
 Clover Wonder Clips  
 Rotary Cutter and Mat  
 Iron  
 Scissor/Snips

**Fabric Supplies:**

Description	Cutting Size	# of Pieces
White- Front Swiss Cross	2" x 6"	2
Poppy- Front Background	2 ½" x 6"	2
	6" x 6"	2
	6" x 15"	2
Backing Fabric	6" x 15"	3
	4 ½" x 15"	4
Fleece- Top	8" x 15"	1
My Happy Place BERNINA- Red- Back	4 ½" x 15"	2
My Happy Place BERNINA- White- Back	4 ½" x 15"	2
Binding	2 ½" x WOF	3
Batting	6" x 15"	3
	4 ½" x 15"	4
Twill Tape Ties	12"	4

**How to make the Serger Cover:****Technique 1:** ¼" Piecing**Step 1:** Assemble the Swiss Cross Panel

Set the overlocker for a 3-thread Overlock Narrow (RN) with the following settings

THREADING/THREAD TENSION SETTING				MACHINE SETUP				
Left needle	Right needle	Upper looper	Lower looper	Rolled hem lever	Upper looper converter	Cutting width	Stitch length	Differential feed
-	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	▲	-	<b>7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1</b>

Add the Seam Guide and test the stitch to ensure that you are getting a nice  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance\*.

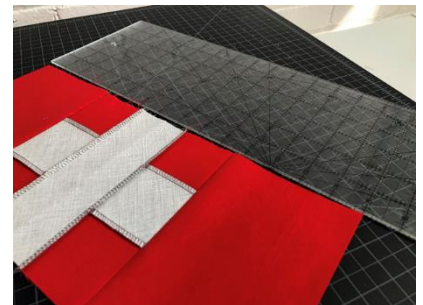
The window on the center bar aligns with the Left Needle. We are using the Right Needle—so to achieve the desired seam allowance we need to account for this by moving the guide one position to the left ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " mark). If you follow the markings on the presser foot down to the seam guide, you will see that the right needle aligns with the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " mark on the guide.



**\*Remember-** anything that gets trimmed off and ends up in the Cut-offs Bin was part of that original seam allowance—so using the seam guide you should be just skimming the edge of the fabric, making fiber dust at most.

Make the Swiss Cross quilt block so that the 3-thread overlock seam is exposed on the front—we want to see that  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam!

1. Sew (1) 2" x 6" strip of white fabric between (2) 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" strips of red fabric.
2. Press with overlock seams up and to the outside.
3. Cut into (2) 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips.
4. With wrong sides together, sew (1) 2" x 6" strip between the sub-cut cross side pieces.
5. Press the seams to the outside edge—revealing the overlock seam on the front of the block.
6. With right sides together (seams will be at back), add (2) 6" squares to each side of the Swiss Cross block.
7. Press and trim section to 6" x 15"—choose if you want the cross centered or off to one side.
8. Set aside until assembly.





## Technique 2: Stitch-and-Flip Method

Set the overlocker for a 4-thread Overlock stitch with the following settings

THREADING/THREAD TENSION SETTING				MACHINE SETUP				
Left needle	Right needle	Upper looper	Lower looper	Rolled hem lever	Upper looper converter	Cutting width	Stitch length	Differential feed
<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>▲</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

- Add the Left Needle and thread.
- Adjust the Stitch Length to 3.
- Increase the Presser Foot Pressure to H or XH for extra thick layers.

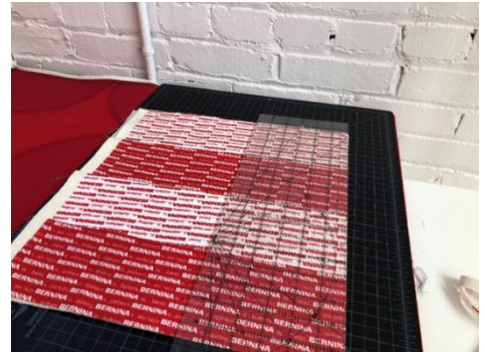
### Step 2: Assemble the Serger Cover Back

Use left-over batting scraps and this Stitch-and-Flip method to make simple strip quilts front and back in one easy process.

1. Make one complete quilt sandwich: backing-batting-Printed Color 1 Fabric.
2. Add extra layers to "flip".
  - a. RST- on top Printed Color 2
  - b. Batting on top
  - c. RST- on back Backing Fabric

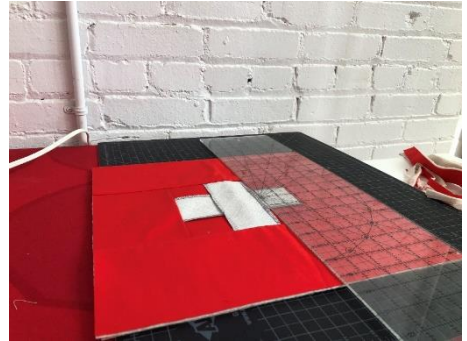


3. Join all the layers with 4-thread overlock
4. Open layers and press (batting should be in the middle layer).
5. Add next set of layers to "flip".
6. Repeat for 4 rows of stripes.
7. Trim finished back panel to 15"x13".



### Step 3: Assemble the Serger Cover Front

1. Using the stitch-and-flip method, create the front panel.
2. Make a complete quilt sandwich from the Swiss Cross Center panel: backing-batting- top.
  - a. Add the extra layer to “flip” RST- on top (1) 6” x 15” Red fabric.
  - b. Place batting on top.
  - c. With RST- on back, place (1) 6” x 15” Backing fabric.
3. Join all the layers with 4-thread overlock.
4. Open layers and press (batting should be in the middle layer).
5. Add the next set of layers to “flip” to the opposite side of the Swiss Cross center panel.
6. Trim the front panel to 15”x14”



### Step 4: Join the Front and Back with the Fleece Top Piece

1. With right sides together, sew (1) 8” x 15” Fleece to the top edge of the Front Panel.
2. With right sided together, sew Back Panel to opposite edge of 8” x 15” fleece making sure that the stripes are vertical.
3. Square up the sides of the assembled cover.





### Technique 3: Serger Binding

#### Step 5: Finish Serger Cover with Binding

1. Measure and mark the placement for the ties on the back fabric (8" from bottom edge)—clip in place or use fabric glue to hold.



2. Sew together two lengths of binding and press in half.
3. Start with a 6" length of binding tail under and behind the presser foot.
4. Sew until approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from corner—chain off a tail of thread moving the fabric out from under the presser foot.
  - *Pay careful attention to ties as they will move easily—I like to extend the tie into the seam allowance beyond the edge of the cover so that I will easily see them when I come to them.*
5. Fold the mitered corner (like normal) and position the fabric back under the foot in front of the cutting knife—begin sewing down next side.



6. Repeat until you come back around to the beginning—before arriving at the 6" binding tail—trim the binding and tuck it into binding tail. Use a clip to hold the seam together until you sew over the binding
7. Sew over binding seam—paying careful attention that the presser foot doesn't shift the binding seam—then move the fabric from under the foot and serge off.
8. Press binding to back and sew down by hand or with sewing machine.

