

## 1/4" Sewing Machine

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One of the most exciting things about building furniture in 4" is the simplicity. By putting together a few pieces of wood and some jewelry findings, you can create a darling sewing machine. I like to use available woods and trims for my furniture; so, take a closer look at trims and often, right before your eyes, they can become pieces of furniture.

## List of Materials

basic tool kit

2½" of 1/32" x ½" basswood

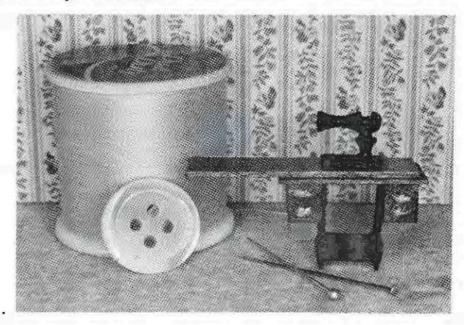
1" of ¼" x 3/16" basswood

1¼" of 1/32 x 3/16" basswood

2 teardrop shaped jewelry findings
"tiny turnings" #2000

lace paper doily (gold if available)

black paint
stain



## Instructions

- 1. I use a "chopper" to cut all of my thin pieces of wood it is worth it's weight in gold. If you don't have one, measure carefully and use an Xacto knife and a ruler or a miter box. Out of a piece of 1/32" x ½", cut one piece %" long. This will be the top of the sewing machine cabinet. Cut another piece 1½" long and then rip the width to 7/16". This will be the long "hinged" top of the cabinet.
- Out of the ¼" x 3/16" basswood, cut two pieces ¾" long. These will be the sewing machine drawers.
- 3. Out of the 1/32" x 3/16" cut two pieces ¼" long. These will be the drawer fronts. (End grain does not stain very well, so to give the piece a more finished look, I cover it up.) Also out of the 1/32" x 3/16" cut two pieces ¾" long. (One will be the base of the machine, the other will be the treadle.)
- 4. The teardrop shaped jewelry findings that I purchased were ¾" high. They were also slightly curved, so I pounded them flat with a rubber mallet before trimming them. Trim the bottom flat so the machine can stand easily. Trim off the top hole as well. The finished size is 9/16" high.
- Using "tiny turnings" #2000, cut as indicated in illustration to make sewing machine pieces.
- Trim off all wood "feathers" with sharp scissors and sand as necessary with 400 grit sandpaper. Be careful not to round the edges.

- Glue the drawer fronts onto the drawers and sand flush.
- Slightly bevel the sewing machine top on all sides and glue drawer units to underside. The drawer units should be spaced about 1/16" in from the sides and centered front to back.
- Glue long "hinged" top on top of the cabinet about 1/16" from the right side (as you look at it) centering front and back. The over-hang should be on the left as you look at the machine.
- Glue the sewing machine parts together and glue onto base.
- Paint sewing machine, jewelry findings, and remaining %" long piece black. Stain sewing machine cabinet as desired.
- Glue jewelry findings onto inside of drawers making sure they are level. Glue treadle piece between findings, trimming as necessary to fit. Glue sewing machine to top.
- 13. To make drawer pulls, cut out tiny sections from a gold paper doily. If you can't find gold doilies, color a white one with a metalic gold felt pen. Glue two on each drawer unit, one above the other.







Illustration #2

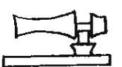
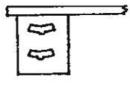


Illustration #3



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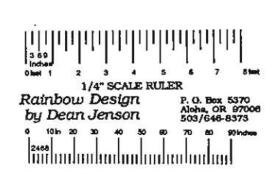
## 1/4" Scale Ruler

To measure a miniature in 4" scale, use the top scale to measure in feet, the bottom scale to measure in inches.

For example: To determine the size to make your ¼" miniature, measure the full size piece. If a full size table is 30 inches high, use the bottom scale to read 30 inches for the height of your miniature table. If you wish to determine if a doll is the proper height for ¼" scale, use the top scale to measure the doll.

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