

Sewing Mat- Quick Tip

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Don't be afraid to sew with unconventional materials instead, plan for them.

In this sewing room set, I used painter's canvas for the main material and shelf gripper liner for the backside of my mat. Each material is easy to work with but has special requirements for sewing.

For example:

- Canvas is a heavier weight material than standard quilters cotton so the needle size and thread weight are key. Be sure to switch out your everyday universal needle to a larger size denim or leather needle. This will allow your thicker thread to easily pass through the machine with each stitch.
- Shelf Gripper is made from rubber and direct contact with your machine bed or presser foot can cause jamming. To avoid this be sure to cover gripper with a piece of tissue paper and stitch directly through all layers. Once seam is finished, tear away paper.



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Happy Stitching!
-Heather