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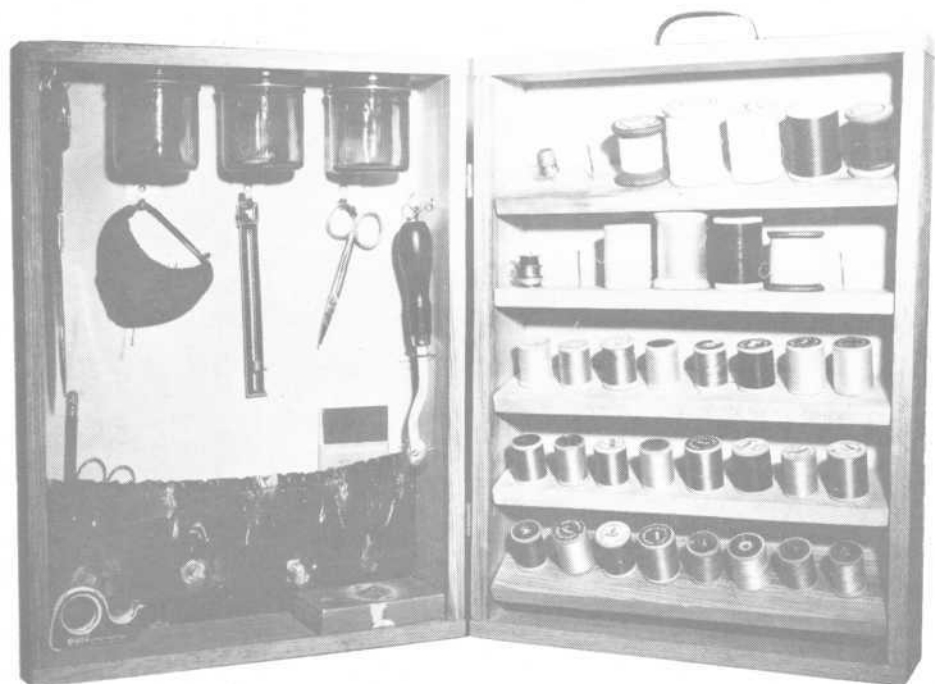
Cabinet



Circular 228

You Can Make This **SEWING CABINET**

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Here's the
completed cab-
inet. Note how
the tools and
supplies you
need are easy
to reach.



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Do you spend so much time hunting your sewing equipment that by the time you have it gathered together you have lost your enthusiasm for sewing?

Are you weary before you begin sewing?

Some fortunate women may have well planned sewing rooms with cabinets, etc., that make for efficiency. If you are one of the less fortunate without this convenience, then you can easily develop an efficient sewing center around your sewing machine as shown in the cover picture of this circular.

Note that the ironing board is adjustable and is placed to the left of the worker. To the right is a small table holding the sewing cabinet open ready for easy use. Select a swivel chair that has the correct height for good posture. With a little push it can put you in position to do pressing and basting on the ironing board.

There are many sewing boxes and devices on the market. Some are practical and easy to use. Others are merely storage boxes to be emptied each time you try to find something. The cabinet that is shown here can be assembled easily and organized to take care of the particular equipment that you own or expect to own. Note that it has a handle and can be carried from one part of the house to another, and to club meetings on those days that you are asked to bring your sewing equipment. It takes little storage space since it is only 12 inches by 16 inches by 6 inches.

To make this cabinet you will need the following materials:

Lumber

For Shelves — 5 pieces of 1/2" pine,
10 5/8" x 2 1/2"

Cabinet Sides — 4 pieces of 1/2" pine,
15" x 2 3/4"

Cabinet Ends — 4 pieces of 1/2" pine,
11 7/8" x 2 3/4" (Top - bottom)

Back and Front — 2 pieces of pressed
board 12" x 16"

Hardware and Other Materials

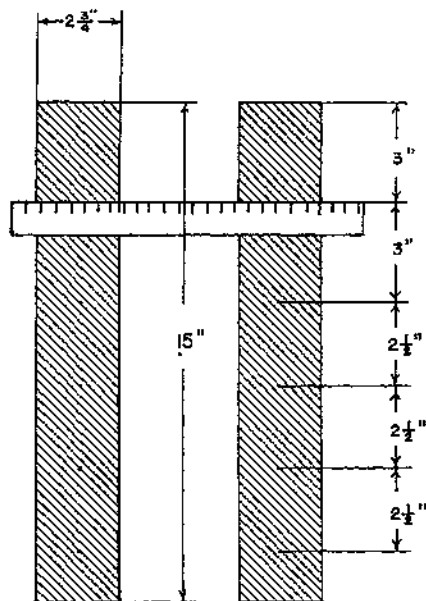
- 5 doz. 1 1/2" finishing nails
- 2 doz. 3/4" finishing nails
- 3 jars with metal lids
- 2 hinges and screws (Be sure screws are only 1/2")
- 1 latch
- 3 flat headed screws, 1/4" to fasten lids in top
- 3 cup hooks
- 3 picture hanger fasteners
- Elastic and fabric for pocket
- 1 can of glue
- Sandpaper and paint

Ask your lumberman to precut the lumber for you. Then the assembly job will be easy.

Before you start assembling, sandpaper the boards until smooth. Paint or varnish the shelves.

To Assemble the Right Side

(1) Place the two side pieces side by side and mark the placement of the shelves.



(2) The first 2 shelves are 3" apart, center to center; the next 3 are 2 1/2" apart.

(3) Drive 1 1/2" finishing nails just through each board at the center marking.

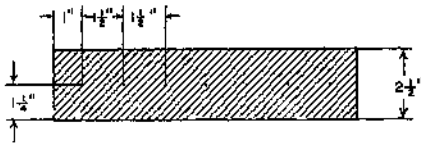
(4) Use a good wood glue that can be obtained from your lumberman or hardware store. Glue sides to top and bottom.

(5) Tie cord around frame to hold it securely. Let stand 15 minutes. Then fasten with three 1 1/2" finishing nails.

Placing Nails for Spools

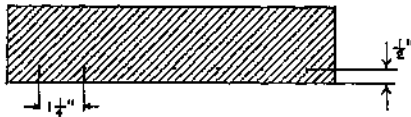
The first two shelves are made for large spools of thread.

(1) Center the nails in the first shelf. Beginning 1" from end mark every 1 1/2".



(2) Second shelf set nails 1" from front edge of shelf.

(3) Third shelf. This shelf starts rows for small spools. Start 1" from end and 3/4" from front edge. Mark 1 1/4" apart.



(4) Pound nails down but not through the board.

Now paint the frames.

To Put in Shelves

(1) With a small drill mark place for nail to enter the center of each shelf.

Make this small groove 1 1/8" from the back end of the shelf. This should make



the shelf flush with the front of the frame and give room for the shelf to tilt without rubbing the back.

2) Start nails in both ends of the shelf before completely pounding in both ends. This allows the shelf to be turned for easy reach.

To Assemble Left Side

Assemble your sewing equipment and plan its placement. The left side of the box puts scissors, ruler, pin cushion, tracing wheel, tape measure, pencil, chalk and buttons in easy reach.

(1) Fasten jar lids in top of box with a flat headed screw and one small finishing nail.

(2) Place cup hooks at side of frame to hang scissors.

(3) Hang tracing wheel on the other side.

(4) With 3 picture hooks you can make a place to hang small scissors, pin cushion, and a small ruler.

(5) Run elastic through fabric and fasten edges down with glue. You can glue down area for pencil or make separate pockets. Needles and boxes of pins will set in bottom of case.

Glue and then fasten with nails the back pieces to the frames. This finishes the assembly of the interior.

You may wish to paint the outside of the box. Then put on hinges and latch.

Now put on the handle and your cabinet is complete.