

A Brief Guide to Making Your Own KitchenAid Mixer Cover Pattern

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Here are brief instructions on how to make your own pattern for your own KitchenAid Mixer Cover.

I made my initial pattern from muslin (not paper). This allows you to immediately determine any changes you need to make since you can drape the muslin on the machine. Don't worry, it's not too tough.

Materials:

- Some muslin (a yard maybe, depends on your machine)
- Pencil
- Compass (optional)

Step 1: Measurements

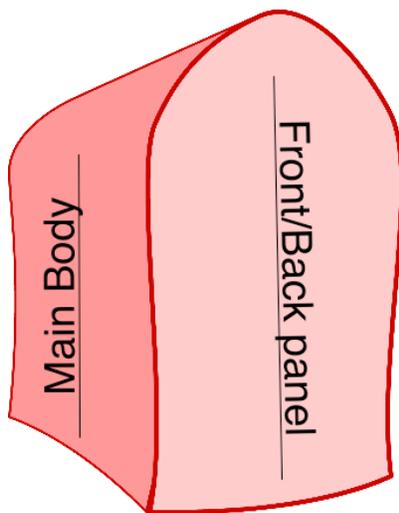
- A) Measure the length from front to back. Make sure you measure the **longest** part of the machine. Most likely, this part can be measured by measuring the length of the base. Measure from the center front of the base, to the center back of the base. Get a buddy and lift your machine on top of your measuring tape. Or, just eyeball it. See image on left/below.
- B) Measure the width from side to side. Make sure you measure the **widest** part of the machine. See image on right/below.



- C) Measure from the **bottom left side up and over to the bottom right side** of the machine (see image to the right). Add a couple inches for some wiggle room later on.
- D) Measure the **height** of the machine.



Step 2: Make the Pattern Pieces



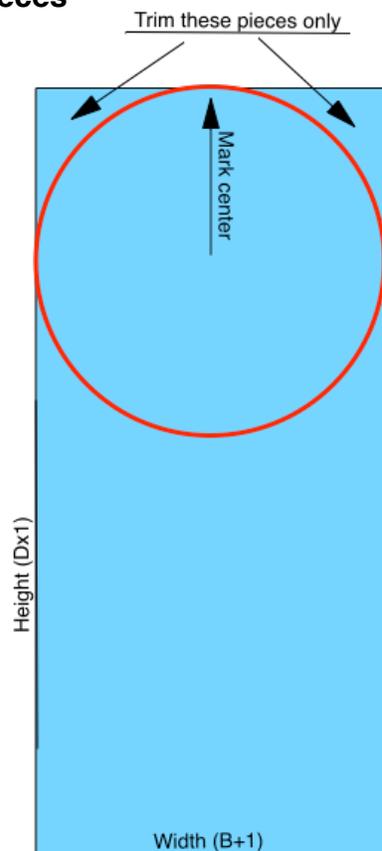
There are two pieces for the pattern: The main body, and the front/back panel (see figure to the left).

The main body is easy: Cut a rectangle $(C+1) \times (A + 1)$.

The front and back panel will take a few steps:

1) Cut a rectangle $(D+1) \times (B+1)$.

- 2) Sketch a circle (it doesn't have to be perfect--just eyeball it) at the top part of the rectangle (see figure to the right). Mark the center of the top of the panel. Trim away the top corners.



Step 3: Assemble the Muslin

Take the main body panel, and fold it in half, so that the front/back measurements (measurement A) are touching. Mark the center of the panel.

Line up the center marking you just made with the center marking on your front/back panel and pin. Continue pinning the main body to the front/back panel. There may be some front/back panel, don't worry, we'll trim that once we're done. Machine baste the panels together, using a 1/2" seam allowance.

Note: I was lazy and only made one front/back panel when making the muslin. You can opt to sew on the second front/back panel if you want before proceeding to the next step.

Step 4: Adjustments

Drape over your mixer and note any adjustments.

You may notice is that the front/back panel is longer than your main body panel once sewn together (mine was), just trim it to the correct length. If yours came out perfect, hurrah!

Second important adjustment is the final length of the pattern. I measured my cover to just touch the countertop when sitting on the machine. You can fold the bottom under and pin or mark with a pencil. Since the final pattern seams are covered by binding instead of a hem, you can just make this the exact length you want (or more, if you want to account for sewing errors later on).

If you feel like the cover is too loose, take the seams in a bit. If it's too tight, make the seams smaller (or you may want to increase your measurement B if there isn't much room to spare). This is what making a muslin is for.

Once you're done with your adjustments, remove your basting stitches to get your final pattern pieces!

Some Notes on Final Assembly:

I made my cover double sided and to do so I quilted the inside and outside together (with batting in between). I cut the panels slightly bigger and then quilted them. After quilting, I used my pattern pieces to cut the correct size. For the front/back panels, I cut a rectangle version, quilted, and then used the pattern to get my rounded corners.

If you don't really care what the inside of the cover looks like, you can use plain fabric, or even skip the inside fabric, provided your exterior fabric is heavy duty enough (like canvas, or home dec weight). When sewing the panels together, you will be sewing "wrong" sides together.

It will help to clip the curved edges, but don't clip too much since you need the binding to finish off the edges. I used 1/2" double fold bias tape to finish the edges.