Sewing an Oilcloth Liner for a Clementine Crate

**Materials:**
bass wood strips
X-acto knife
wood glue
1 yard oilcloth
tape measure
scissors
thread to match your fabric
sewing machine

[Clementine boxes may be somewhat standard in size, but there are variations, so please make your own measurements instead of relying on mine.]

Before purchasing the bass wood strips, **measure** the distance between the top of each side of the crate and the wooden corner posts of the box.



For my box, the short sides were slightly less than 1" different from the wooden corner posts, and the long sides were slightly less than 1.5" shorter than the corner posts. So, I purchased two 24"-long, 1"-wide bass strips. On the short sides, the strips would come up slightly higher than the corner posts, and on the long sides, there would be a half-inch gap when I glued on the strips. I figured this was OK, because the liner will cover these edges. The point of building up the box is to add stiffness under the liner, and more or less to even out the sides of the box.

Now, measure the sides of the crate. My box was 7.5" x 11.5."

Once you've purchased the bass wood, cut into two strips 7.5 inches in length, and two strips of 11.5 inches in length. To cut, first score with your X-acto knife, and keep scoring—carefully—until you've made the cut.
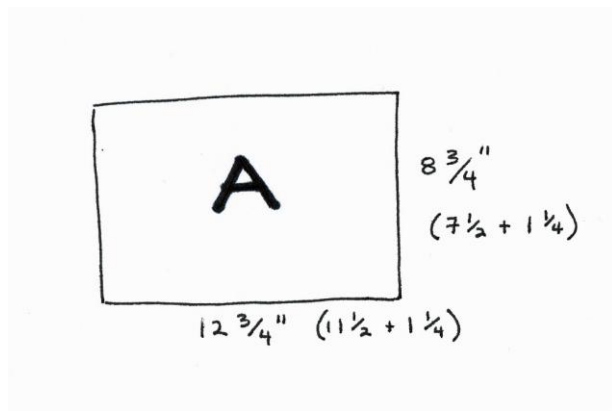
Using wood glue, adhere the strips along the sides of the box. (short side view below)





In this image of the box's long side, you can see the half-inch gap between the side and the wood strip.

The next step is to sew the liner. First, measure the bottom of the box and add 1 ¼" to all sides. This will be one piece of fabric.
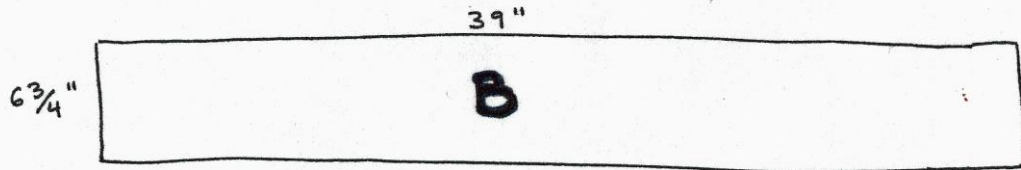


Then, measure the interior depth of the box and add 2.5 inches. Measure the outside perimeter of the box and add 1 inch. This rectangle will be the second piece of fabric.

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perimeter = 38" + 1 = 39"

interior depth = 4¼" + 2.5 = 6¾"

39"

6¾"  B

On fabric piece B, fold over one side a half inch and sew. This will form the finished edge of the liner.

To sew A and B together, first lay down A, right side up. Right sides facing, pin the edges of B to A.

At the seam, sew up the side, leaving a 3/8-inch seam allowance.

Slip the liner inside of your clementine crate and fold the liner over the sides for a snug fit!