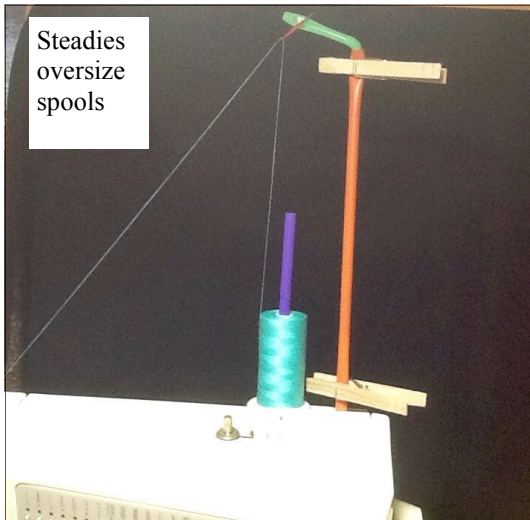


SMOOTHY THREAD POLE

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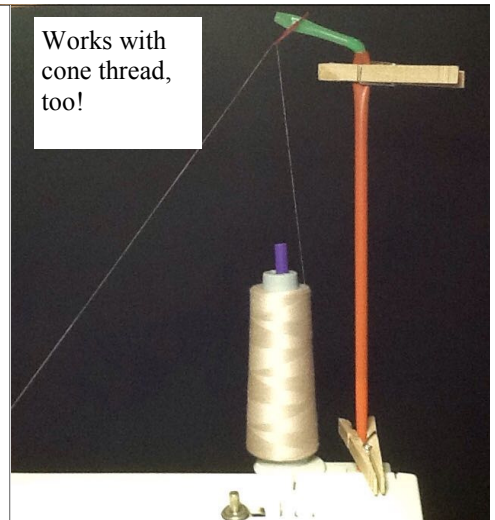


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oversize
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Assemble in seconds!

Space-saving thread stand allows thread to unwind and feed freely from vertical spools on sewing machine.

Travels easy, too!



Works with
cone thread,
too!

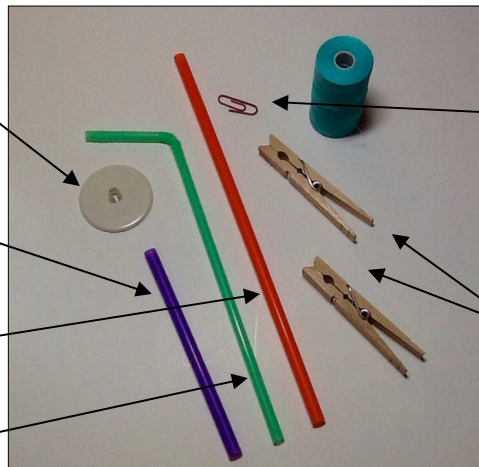
SUPPLIES

Spool Cap
(usually included with machine)

Support Straw* (Purple)—5"

Support Straw* (Orange)—10"

Guide Straw (bendy) (Green)—10"



Paper Clip—I like the plastic-coated ones for their smooth, snag-free surface.

Clothespins—2, I use the kind with springs for a secure hold.

*For the Support Straws, I use Milkshake Straws (Smoothie Straws)—choose a straw that has a large enough diameter to fit over the machine's spool pin. It must also be large enough to fit over the bendy straw like a sleeve.

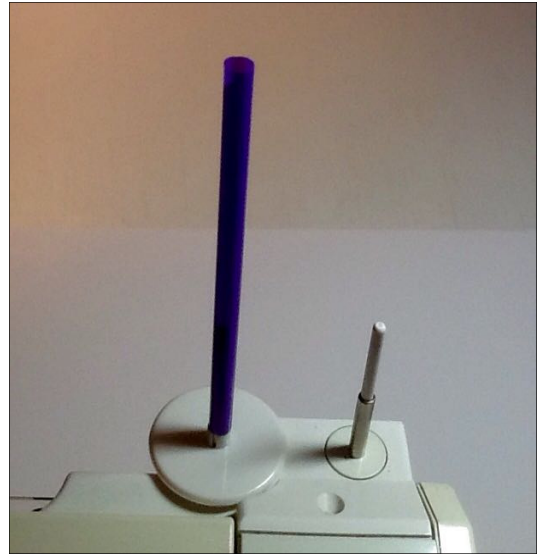
Do not shorten the tall straws—their height is needed for the thread to travel freely and smoothly.

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ASSEMBLY

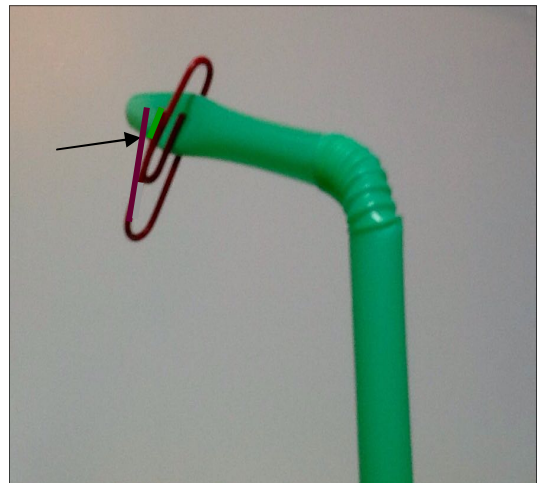
Place spool cap and 5" Support Straw on left spool pin.

Note: The spool cap used *under* the thread keeps the thread spool more level and prevents wobbling. If you do not have a spool cap, one can be made from a sturdy piece of cardboard—cut a cardboard circle a little larger than the base of your spool of thread and in the middle of the circle punch a hole to fit over spool pin. Don't make the hole too big or spool will wobble.



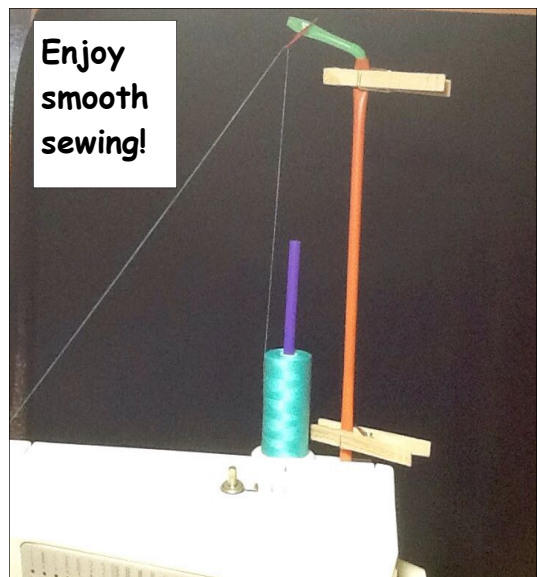
Insert the bendy straw into the paper clip as shown. Clip is pinching the straw. Most of the clip hangs below the straw—this is where the thread will be inserted.

Tip: If you insert the clip *exactly* as shown in the picture, you can slightly unbend (open) the end of the clip that is NOT touching the straw (see arrow) to allow lay-in threading.



- Put the tall (orange) straw onto the right-hand spool pin.
- Put long end of the bendy straw inside the tall straw.
- Use clothespins on the tall straw to keep straws steady and secure.
- Put thread spool on short straw and pass thread through the paper clip from right to left, then thread your machine as normal.

Note: Omit purple straw if it interferes with thread on small spools.



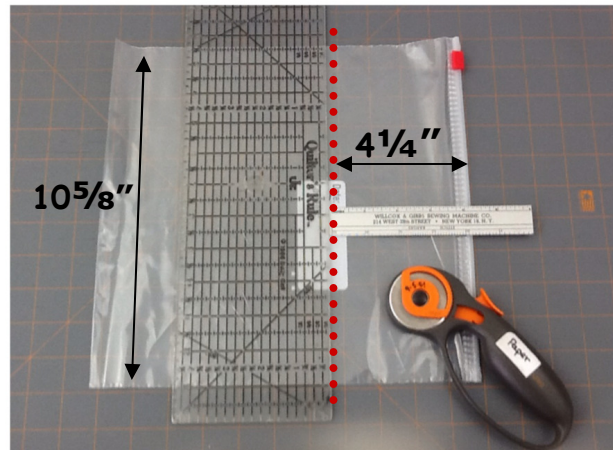
STORAGE/TRAVEL BAG (a.k.a. Bag-a-Minute)

SUPPLIES

- Plastic food storage bag with 10⁵/₈" wide zip-type closure
- 2" x 11⁵/₈" wide fabric strip for binding

LET'S GET STARTED—

Cut 4¹/₄" from bag closure as shown at right.



BIND CUT EDGE:

- Press long edges of fabric strip to center of wrong side.
- Fold under short ends 1/2" and press. Then fold on center and press, enclosing raw edges.

- Insert cut edge of bag into center of pressed strip and sew close to open fabric edges with a medium length stitch (3.0)—be sure to catch fabric edge on underneath side, too. Backstitch to secure thread tails.

If you ever want to store your Smoothy Thread Pole pieces, now you have the perfect-sized bag!

