

COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS FOR YOUR TRAVEL SEWING KIT

1. A sturdy cardboard or plastic box.
Ideal dimensions are 25.5cm (10") long, 12.5cm (5") wide, 7cm (3") high.
 - Clearly label the travel kit as soon as you get it.
 - When it is packed, secure it with tape or rubber bands to prevent spillage.
 - Store it where it can be easily found.
2. Full size scissors (for trimming skirts or other major cutting. Add to box at the last minute.)
3. Snipper scissors (for cutting threads)
4. Seam ripper (make sure it's sharp)
5. Elastic in 3 colors: black, white, beige — in two widths - 7mm (1/4") and 10mm (3/8")
 - Use to quickly replace a broken dress strap or secure men's trouser hem underneath shoes or skate boots.
6. Ink Pen, Pencil & Eraser
7. Sticky notes or a small pad of paper
8. A variety of fabric markers in several colors
 - pink or blue water-soluble "chalk" pencil
 - white water-soluble "chalk" pencil
 - disappearing pen (These pens dry out in just a few months. I don't leave one in the travel kit all the time. I add it right before I leave — thanks to a handy reminder note :-)
9. Lightweight fabric glue (FrayChek™ is a common brand.)
10. Measuring tape (preferably a retractable one or keep the full-size tape bound nice & tight.)
11. Thimble (if you have long nails, get a thimble with an opening made especially for this)
12. Rubber needle pulling pad (great when your hands are sweaty or slippery with tanning lotion)
13. Needles, several sizes - keep at least three (3) in case one breaks!
14. Hooks & Eyes, Snaps - keep a variety of sizes in silver & black in a small plastic bag
15. Straight pins (keep tidy in a small box)
16. Safety pins (keep tidy in a small box)
17. Several spools of thread:
 - always keep basic colors: black, white, beige, "clear"
 - PLUS the color of your current dress
18. Thread wax or conditioner