



Three Ways of Marking Fabric

With expanding interest in sewing, manufacturers have developed new pens and pencils for marking fabrics. I have used some of the new markers; however, the three true and tried methods are my go-to ways to mark fabric.



Tailor's Chalk is widely used in sewing and not just for tailor's marking suits while fitting.

Pros: Multi colored packs allow for marking on dark and light fabrics, color coding markings, rub away or heat removable, easy to sharpen, long lasting and inexpensive.

Cons: Crumbles occasionally, needs sharpened frequently, marks may not all come off fabric—takes a bit of work removing depending on type of chalk used.



The Hera Marker is terrific for marking notches in curves, dart markings and on fine fabrics when chalk is not wanted.

Pros: No marks to remove so it's safe for all fabrics. Leaves a nice crease, very visible, easy to use. Needs no sharpening or maintenance.

Cons: Can't use it to mark clothes during fittings.

Day Dreams Sewing 2016

Tailor's Tack

1. Use thread of contrasting color. Double thread the needle.
2. Insert at mark (usually a large dot), draw down through all thicknesses.
3. Bring up at near same point, leaving a long loop (about 1" - 2").
4. Snip loop in half.
5. Snip threads in between layers in half.

