Making a Stockinette "Sausage"

When large textiles need to be folded for storage, it is important to pad out or cushion each fold in order to prevent creasing or eventual splitting of fibers. Although crunched acid-free tissue can be used, sometimes a softer more durable system is preferred. The following is a simple method of preparing "sausages" using Musetex batting and cotton or polyester stockinette.



Scissors, batting, stockinette, small tube





The batting is inserted through the tube and the stockinette is threaded onto the outside of tube. Pinching the batting and stockinette at one end, pull gently a few inches at a time. Always cut the stockinette longer than the final necessary length. Its length shrinks as it expands in width, and you'll want a little extra on each end.



Tuck in the raw edges of the stockinette at each end.