

Plant Pot Cover

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Tom Collison is a Designer Maker who uses traditional craft techniques such as quilting and woodwork to make unusual pieces of furniture.

Here Tom shows you how to create your own Plant Pot Cover to give house plants a new lease of life! Try repurposing old furnishing fabric — have a look in charity shops or ask friends to donate textiles they don't want anymore.



materials

You will need:

- Scissors
- A needle
- Pins
- A ruler
- An iron
- A pencil or tailor's chalk
- A piece of cord, roughly a metre
- Top stitch thread (such as Guttermann)
- Fabric, 100x150cm or 100x100cm (thick fabric such as canvas works well)



Part 1: Making the shape

Before you start:

For a big plant pot cover:

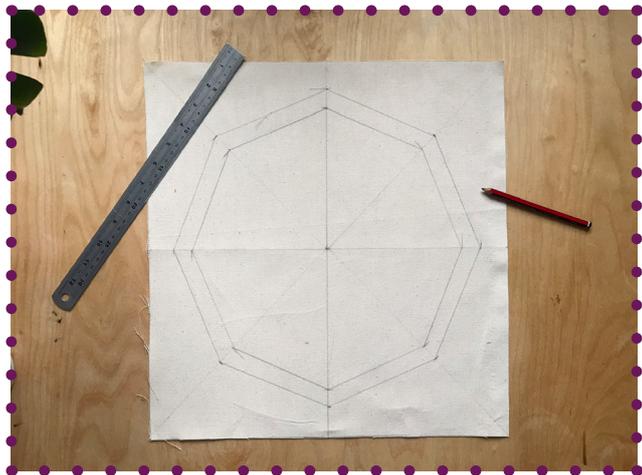
- Cut two pieces of fabric, one rectangle 52 x 94cm and one square 55 x 55cm.
- On the square piece, draw lines through the centre of the square from top to bottom and left to right.
- Draw two lines diagonally across the centre. On each diagonal line, measure 15cm and 17cm away from the centre and mark (see image 1).

For a small plant pot cover:

- Cut two pieces of fabric out, one rectangle 28 x 64cm and one square 25 x 25cm.
- On the square piece, draw lines through the centre of the square from top to bottom and left to right.
- Draw two lines diagonally across the centre. On each diagonal line, measure 10cm and 12cm away from the centre and mark (see image 1).

Next join each point to create an octagon – this will become the base of your plant pot cover.

TIP:
If you are a beginner, try a checked fabric as the squares offer a good guide for a straight edge or seam.



1. Now you have drawn out the octagon on the square piece of fabric, cut it out along the outside edge.



2. Fold the 2cm edges inwards and iron over the fold.



3. Now take the rectangular piece. Measure 2cm from the edge of the fabric and mark with a line. Fold the edge inwards along the marked line and iron flat.

4. From the top, mark out a 4cm line, fold inwards and iron flat.



5. Place your piece of cord under the 4cm fold at the top of the fabric. Then pin in place. This will be the drawstring part of the pot cover.

6. Stitch a straight line about .5 of a cm in from the edge of the 4 cm fold. If it's easier, draw a pencil line on the inside to ensure a straight line.



7. Next take both sections of fabric with the insides facing each other. Place one of the corners of the octagon just on the inside of the 2cm fold of the rectangular piece of fabric.



8. Pin the bottom edge of the rectangular piece to the edge of the octagonal piece. Then pin the two sides of the rectangle together up to the top.

Part 2 (easy option): Sewing it together



9. Now you have the structure you can start your decorative edging stitch. Begin the stitch just under the drawstring fold, about 1cm in from the edge of the fabric.

Make sure you tie a double knot in the thread to secure it.



TIP:
Before starting Part 2, tack (loosely stitch) all the pieces together.

10. Pull the needle and thread through the fabric and loop it round to sew the fabric together.



11. Continue sewing all the way along the edge and around the corners. Make sure the stitch is pulled tight each time and try to keep the stitches the same length.



12. Go all the way around the octagon with the same stitch. Remember to tie a double knot when you finish a seam and trim any long threads.

Part 2 (expert option): Sewing it together

Try this decorative triangle stitch if you're a confident sewer.



1. From the starting point, go between 0.5 to 1cm along the fabric and stitch.



2. Pull the stitch through almost all the way but leave a loop like a really loose stitch.



3. Bring the needle from the back to the front of the fabric and go through the loop.



4. Pull the thread back over the top of the loop. Take the needle to the back of the fabric then put it through your first stitch.



5. Make a triangle by putting the needle through the second stitch hole.



6. Continue this all the way down the fabric. The triangular stitch will alternate each side. Remember to pull the stitch tight each time.



7. When you get to the bottom corner, finish in the same way you made the first stitch by looping round the outside of the fabric in a straight line. Do the same thing at the beginning of the octagon so it creates a right angle.



8. Go all the way around the octagon with the same stitch. At the end create a knot looping around the bottom corner of the triangle stitch, then stitch back into that corner pulling the needle out of the edge of the fabric to conceal the loose thread.



13. Tie a knot at the end of the two drawstring cords and the cover is complete.



14. Simply put your plant in it's pot in the cover and draw the string allowing room for the plant to grow.

Check out our Pinterest board with other stitches you can try out!

Remember to place your plant on a saucer before putting it into the cover!

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