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in the Middle*

Ruffled Stool Cover Skill Level: Intermediate

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Combine gingham and polka dots to create this custom ruffled stool cover. Sample used gingham and polka dot fabrics from Riley Blake Designs.

Fabrics Needed

Gingham fabric for top seating area
Gingham fabric for ruffle
Polka dot fabric for ruffle
Lining

1 fat quarter
1 yard each of two fabrics
1 yard
1-1/2 yards

Materials Needed

Pellon[®] 987F Fusible Fleece
Thread

One 9" x 18" rectangle

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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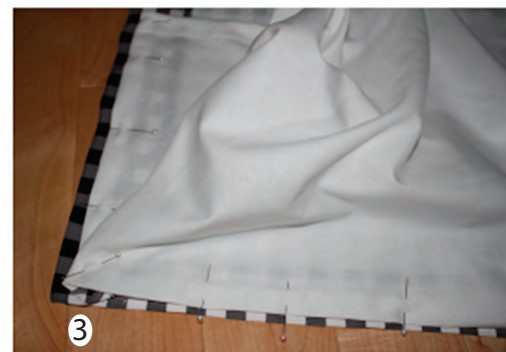
Step 1. Measure the seat of the stool. Place the fat quarter of fabric on the floor, wrong side up. Place the stool on top of the fat quarter. Fold the edges of the fabric in and pin or clip in place as shown in the photo.



Step 2. Press the folded edges. Cut one piece of Fusible Fleece to fit inside the folded edges. Fuse into place following manufacturer's instructions.



Step 3. Fold the lining in 1/2" as shown in photo. Pin the lining to the stool top as shown. Stitch around the skirt lining using a 1/2" seam allowance.



Optional: Fold and hem the bottom of the skirt lining if desired. It will be covered by the ruffles.

Stool cover should look like the photo shown at right.



Step 4. To cut fabric for the three ruffles, measure the perimeter of the stool. Cut 8" x twice the measurement for each ruffle.

Fold one long edge in 1/4" and press. Fold in again 1/4" and press. Stitch along that edge. Fold the opposite edge in 1/2", press and stitch to secure.



Step 5. Hand stitch the ruffles as shown on the polka dot fabric or machine stitch a ruffled edge by pleating as shown on the yellow gingham fabric.

NOTE: The hand gathered method will give more body to the ruffle than the pleated method.



Step 6. Pin the first ruffle close to the top of the skirt lining. Sample was placed 1/2" from the seam on the stool cover seat.



Step 7. Stitch around the top of the ruffle.



Step 8. Slip stitch the stool cover seat to cover the first ruffle's edge as shown in photo.

Pleat the corners with a couple stitches. Decorative buttons can be placed here.



Step 9. Place the top edge of the second ruffle about 1" under the first ruffle and pin in place. Stitch. Make sure the skirt lining is not showing.

Repeat with third ruffle.



Step 10. Make sure the skirt lining is covered. If it is too long, fold under and slip stitch all the way around.

Add decorative button on each corner if desired.