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DIY FABRIC WRAPS- NO-SEW TECHNIQUE

Materials

2x Pieces of Cotton Fabric (or cotton blend/ quilting fabric) enough for 47x47cm per piece, which will give you a 45x45cm wrap (allow for extra seam allowance if using a thicker hemming web) . Fat quarters make the perfect size and are a cost effective purchase. They can be purchased from your local fabric shop, Hobbycraft, online, eBay and even The Range and Dunelm! By all means you can make your wraps bigger, this size just works for a lot of medium sized pressies.

Hemming web- I use some that is 1cm in width to make the wrap based on the cotton measurements (above). If you have a thicker hemming web you need to account for this in the cotton size/ seam allowance if you want the wrap to still be 45x45cm. I buy this from eBay but you can also buy in the above-mentioned shops and I've also seen it in shops like Wilko.

Satin Ribbon (I use 1.1/2" width and like to work with a length of 52cm for each piece but you could buy a 1m length and it would still be enough) Again, the ribbon can be purchased from fabric shops, Dunelm (they do cut lengths too) but I buy a ribbon reel of 25m online. It just depends how many wraps you want to make or with different ribbon tie colours!

Sewing Machine I use a basic machine from John Lewis.

Tape Measure or ruler, any type will do.

Iron & Ironing board or surface suitable to iron onto. You can use your household iron but I have some I just use for crafts which are around £5.00 from Wilko.

Scissors

YOU MAY NEED TO 'REFRESH' YOUR WRAP AFTER USING IT SEVERAL TIMES OR AFTER WASHING IN CASE YOUR HEMMING WEB STARTS TO COME AWAY. SIMPLY USE YOUR HOT IRON OVER IT AGAIN TO BOND THE HEMMING WEB BACK TOGETHER.

Instructions

1. Choose your fabric for the front and back of the fabric wrap and check the width of your hemming web. Using a tape measure or square pattern, cut each piece 47x47cm (this allows for a 1cm seam allowance around the edges so if you are using a wider hemming web, please allow for this). Cut two pieces of ribbon angled at the ends, making them 52cm in length each at the longest part.



- Starting at the top of your chosen fabric for the main wrap, measure 1cm (or whatever the width of the hemming web you are using) and fold it over to the back of the fabric all the way along the length of the fabric. Use the iron to press the seam down to create a neat fold.



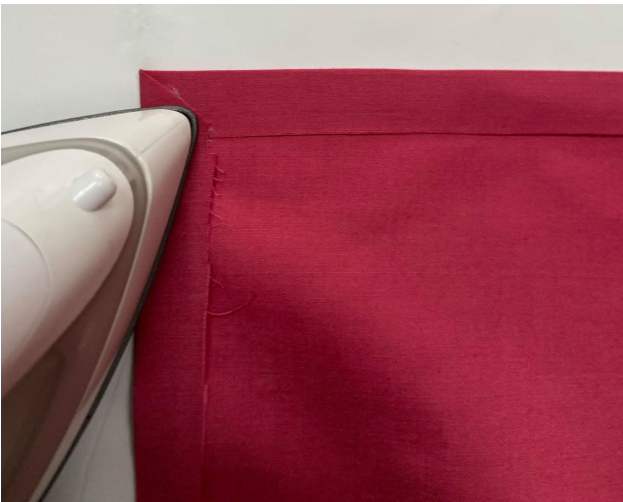
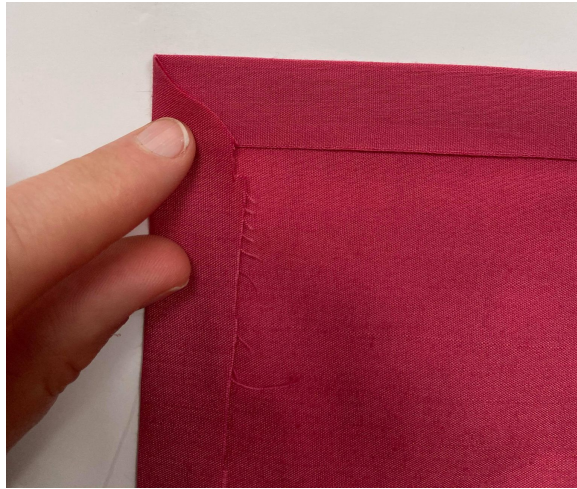
- Continue to do the same for each side of the fabric. Then also repeat the same process on your backing square of fabric until you have two neat squares with seams.



- Trim each of the corners using your scissors at an angle so there are no edges hanging over and the seam sits neatly on the squares of fabric.



5. Take a small piece of hemming web and place it underneath one of the corners. Place your heated iron over the top and hold for a few seconds to bond (make sure none of the hemming web is showing, any that is will stick to your iron!) Repeat this for all corners on each fabric square so they are neatly bonded down.



6. Cut a piece of hemming web that is the same width as your ribbon and then place the webbing as close to the top left hand corner of your backing piece of fabric as you can.



7. Take one of your ribbons and with the flat edge, line it up so it is covering the hemming web. The length of the ribbon should be facing away from you, not along the fabric. Use your iron to bond it together again, being careful not to have any hanging over that might stick to your iron.



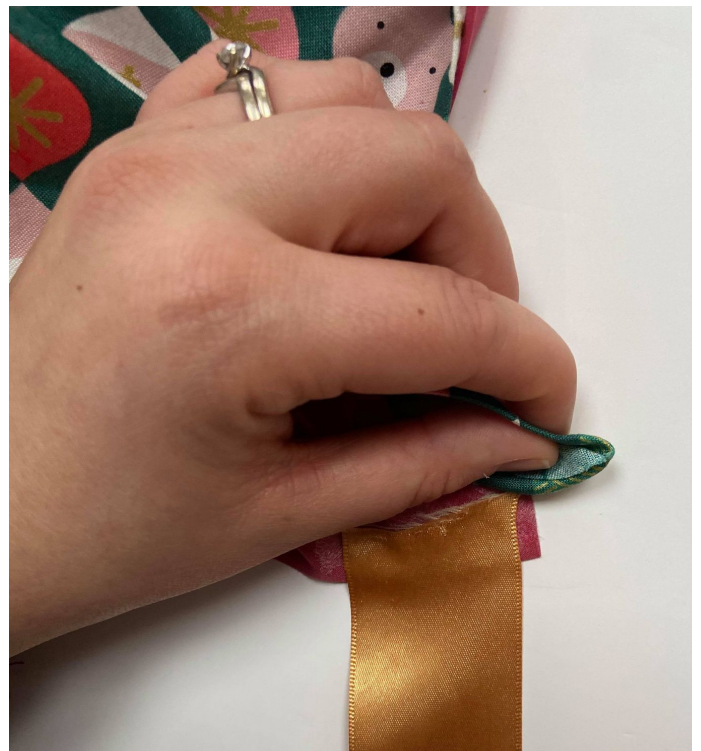
8. Cut a length of hemming web the same length as your top seam and covering the ribbon too. Place your top fabric facing you the right way up and place it over the top of the backing fabric. Make sure you line it up neatly with no backing fabric showing through but also so that the backing fabric is close to the edge. Iron in place each corner first and then you can distribute the rest of the fabric evenly across the top. The top edge of your wrap should now be bonded together, if not run the iron over a couple more times to seal the webbing.



9. Repeat for the right hand edge making sure you bond both the corners first and then you can spread out the rest of the fabric evenly.



10. When you get the bottom edges, repeat the same process off adding the ribbon to the bottom right hand corner by cutting a piece the same width of the ribbon first and then attaching it to the bottom fabric.



11. Repeat the same process of adding a length of hemming web to the bottom edge and place the top fabric on top and press into place.



12. Lastly, take your final edge, open it out and place more hemming web along the seam, pressing it neatly in place. Give the wrap an iron over and check all the seams are sealed with the hemming web; your fabric wrap is complete! If you wash your wraps, the webbing may become loose in the wash, if this happens, once it's dry, you can just pop an iron over it to bond it together again. You can neaten the ribbon ends by using some pinking shears or apply some heat to the ends to seal them. There are lots of different techniques you can use and tutorials online.

