

COUNTRY CHAIR COVERS

Create an instant new look with these quick and pretty chair covers.

SUPPLIES

The following supplies will make two 18" by 12" chair covers.

- ✦ ¾ yard of solid fabric, 45" or wider
- ✦ ¼ yard of coordinating fabric for embroidery
- ✦ ¼ yard of patterned fabric for accents and ruffles
- ✦ 3 ½ yards of 1/8" grosgrain ribbon
- ✦ Tear-Away Stabilizer
- ✦ Embroidery thread
- ✦ Bobbin thread
- ✦ Sewing thread
- ✦ Serger thread (optional)
- ✦ Embroidery and sewing needles
- ✦ Serger needles (optional)
- ✦ Victorian Trellis Bridal Collection and Victorian Trellis Bridal Companions from My Fair Lady Designs (www.myfairladydesigns.com)



INSTRUCTIONS

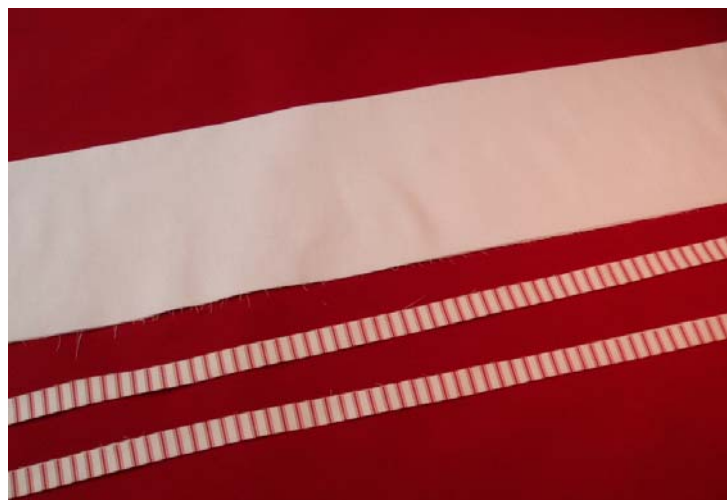
These instructions are written for one chair cover.

Measure Chair Back

- 1) Measure the back of the chair you would like to cover. This chair cover will be made from one piece of fabric and folded in half, so start measuring from the bottom of the back to the bottom of the front as shown. Add 1 inch to the length and width for a ½ inch seam allowance. When measuring, add extra width for the thickness of the chair, or if the back of the chair curves at all.

Cut and Prepare the Fabric

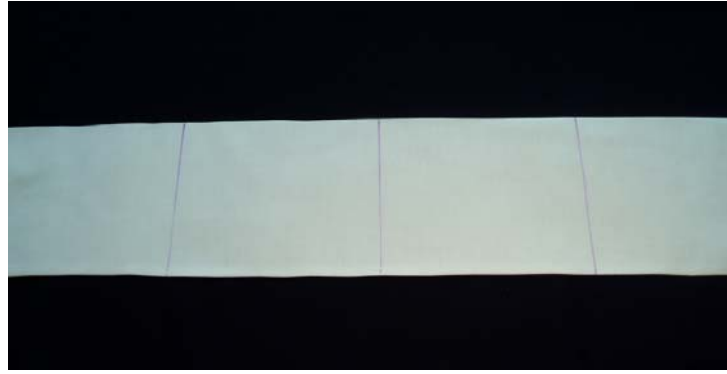
- 2) Cut one piece to size measured for chair back from the solid fabric. This will be referred to as the main fabric. Press.
- 3) Cut one 7" strip from the coordinating fabric for the embroidery. The length should be the same as the main fabric. Turn the long sides under ¼" and press.
- 4) Cut two 1 ½" strips from the patterned fabric. Their length should be the same as the main fabric. Fold in half and press.



- 5) Cut one 3" strip from the patterned fabric. This will form the ruffle. The length should be approximately twice the distance around the back of the chair.

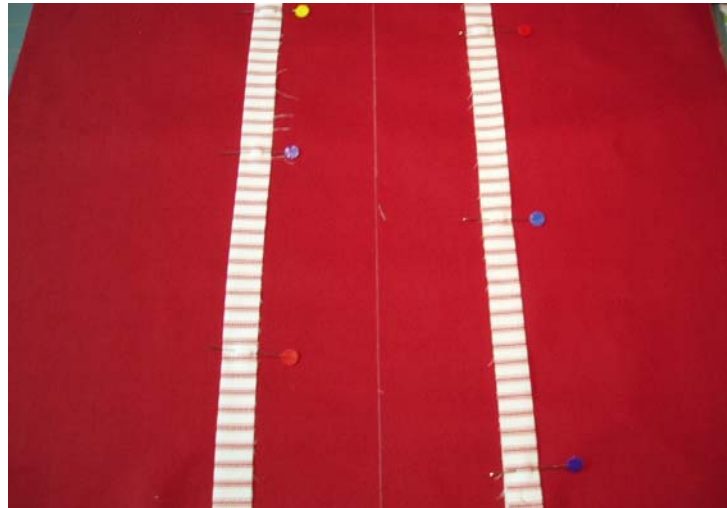
Prepare for Embroidery

- 6) Determine where you would like the embroidery to be placed. Mark the 7" embroidery strip in fourths using tailor's chalk, disappearing ink, etc.
- 7) Hoop the fabric with tear-away stabilizer and embroider. Remember that the strip will fold over the top of the chair, so the embroidery on one half should be opposite the embroidery on the other half. If your hoop is too large to comfortably hoop a 7" piece of fabric like the one shown, you can use spray adhesive to attach the fabric to the tear-away stabilizer. Hoop the stabilizer with the attached fabric, catching the top and bottom of the fabric in the hoop. Three separate hoopings were used in this chair cover.
- 8) Once all of the embroidery is done, cut the threads, tear away the excess stabilizer, and press.



Put it Together

- 9) Mark the vertical center of the main fabric. Mark a vertical line 3" away from either side of the center mark.
- 10) Center the folded patterned strip on the outside marks and pin in place.
- 11) Baste the accent strips to the main fabric.
- 12) Center the embroidered strip between the accent strips and pin in place.
- 13) Baste the embroidered strip in place using a long, narrow zig-zag.



14) Top-stitch both sides of the grosgrain ribbon so that it covers the zig-zag stitch.

Sew the Sides

15) Fold the chair cover in half with the right sides together. Place over the chair and pin the sides. Mark any curves that you would like to include in the side seam.

16) Remove chair cover and baste side seams. Turn right side out and check the fit. Make adjustments if necessary. When the chair cover fits snugly, serge around the edges to finish the seams. If using a sewing machine, finish with a straight stitch and trim excess fabric.

17) Turn the chair cover right side out.

Prepare the Ruffle

18) On one long edge of the 3" strip of patterned fabric, sew or serge a rolled hem.

19) Ruffle the other edge using a serger and ruffling foot. If you are using a sewing machine, baste along one edge. Take the fabric out of the machine, and gently pull the bobbin thread. Slide the fabric along the bobbin thread until the fabric has the amount of ruffle you prefer. Or, sew a long zig-zag stitch over a piece of fishing line or dental floss. Pull the fishing line or floss and slide fabric until you have the desired amount of ruffle. Pin in place.

20) Pin ruffle to chair cover, right sides together. Serge or straight-stitch ruffle in place. Make sure that the ends of the ruffle meet at one of the side seams.

21) Turn ruffle down and press.

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Sources

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