

Fabric Covered Tape Measure

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Materials

- Retractable tape measure
- Fabric scraps
- Cardboard
- Spray on starch
- Vliesofix
- Embroidery floss
- Thread

Tools

- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Iron
- Marking pen
- Sewing machine



Method:

1. Trace the circumference of the tape measure onto the card and cut it out.
2. Using the card as a template, trace two circles onto the rear of the fabric and cut it out adding a 1/4 inch seam allowance.



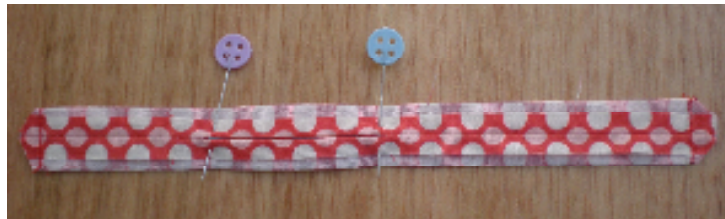
3. Moisten the seam allowances of the circles with spray on starch. With the wrong side facing upwards, place the cardboard template onto the circle, and then using an iron gently press the seam allowances towards the centre of the circle.



4. Measure the circumference of the tape measure from the opening of the where the tape comes from right around to the opening on the other side. Add 1/2 inch to this measurement and this is measurement A.
5. Measure the width of the tape measure. Double this measurement and add 1/2 inch. This is measurement B.
6. Cut out a strip of fabric that is Measurement A x Measurement B.



7. If desired appliqué a design to one circle of fabric using vliesofix and contrasting fabric. Secure appliqué using preferred method (blanket stitch, zig zag etc) This can make it easy to identify which side of the tape measure has the button to retract the tape measure.



8. With right sides together, sew the long strip of fabric together using a 1/4 inch seam allowance leaving a 2 inch gap in the centre. Press so that the seam is in the middle of the tube. Stitch across each end using a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Clip corners. Turn this strip right side out and press. Slip stitch the gap used for turning closed.

9. Slip stitch one long edge of the fabric strip to the edge of one of the pressed circles .
Stitch the other side of the long edge to the other circle piece. When you have sewn half way around the circumference, position the tape measure in the cover, and then complete the sewing until the tape measure is fully enclosed. Ensure you line up the end of the tape measure with the gap.

