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CORDUROY VASE COVER WITH BOW

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This corduroy cover turns
any vase into a decorative highlight.

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How to make it

Materials from Gütermann
- Sew-all Thread in matching colours
- Deco Stitch 70 (in contrasting colour to cotton fabric)
- Thermofix, approx. 0.5 m

Tools
- Scissors
- Textile markers or chalk
- Ruler
- Iron
- Sewing machine

In addition
- Conical glass vase of any size
- Corduroy leftovers in different shades (enough to cover the length of the glass vase)
- Cotton fabric leftovers in different shades
- Tissue paper
- Adhesive tape
- Thin cardboard (optional)
- Baking paper (optional)

Create a template 1

Wrap the tissue paper tightly around the vase so that it protrudes at the top opening of the vase and the base. Secure the tissue paper in place with several strips of adhesive tape. Using a marker, trace the upper curve of the vase opening onto the tissue paper. The easiest way to do this is to place the tip of the marker on the rim of the vase and run it all the way around the paper to mark a cutting line. Mark the curve of the base of the vase onto the outside of the tissue paper by drawing around the bottom edge.
Carefully slide the paper cover off the vase; the adhesive strips will remain in place. Cut away the top and bottom curved edges along the marked lines. Place the tissue paper sleeve on the table, with the top and bottom 'curved halves' lying on top of each other, perfectly aligned. Smooth down one side edge with your thumb. This is the 'seam line' of your pattern. Cut the pattern along the seam line.
Lay the pattern flat on the card, trace along the straight edges with a ruler and draw the curves freehand. Mark a 1 cm seam allowance along the side edges. Cut out the card along the markings.

Make the strips 2

The length of the strips depends on the height of the vase. As the vase will not fully covered from top to bottom, cut the strips to

vase height x desired double strip width

without a seam allowance. Cut several corduroy strips in different shades and widths. Also cut 3-4 strips of cotton fabric to the height and double the width of the vase.

Fold all strips lengthwise, wrong sides together, and iron the fold lines. Unfold the strips again. Cut a piece of Thermofix for each strip, matching the length and width of each strip. Place the Thermofix on the wrong side of the fabric strip,

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up to the fold line. Fold over the other half of the strip. Be careful not to allow the Thermofix to protrude beyond the cut edges, as this will dirty the iron.
Iron the strips so that the wrong sides of the fabric are stuck together. Check that the edges are fixed all the way along and re-iron if necessary.

Tip: Place baking paper between the fabric and the iron so that it protrudes beyond the fabric strips on all sides . Melted Thermofix can be easily peeled off the baking paper.

For the decorative stitch seam on the cotton strip, choose one or more decorative stitches. Stitch down the centre with Deco Stitch 70 in a contrasting colour.

Sew the vase cover 3

Place the corduroy and cotton strips on the cardboard pattern in an overlapping arrangement starting from one side, ensuring they also cover the side seam allowance. To create the conical shape of the vase, place the strips so that they overlap, with less excess at the top and more at the bottom, while arranging the top ends of the strips in 'steps'. Secure all strips to each other with several pins.
Carefully wrap the cover around the vase to check the fit and look. If you're happy with the arrangement, transfer the lower rounded edge of the cardboard pattern piece onto the wrong side of the cover. Cut away the protruding strips along the marking. Stitch the first strip onto the second strip underneath using Deco Stitch 70 and a decorative stitch about the width of the presser foot. Sew all the strips together one after the other. The final seam closes the fabric piece to form the cover.

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Sew the bow 4

Cut a strip of corduroy measuring 70 x 10 cm (including a 1 cm seam allowance). If you do not have a piece of this length, cut the strip from several pieces. Fold the strip lengthways, right sides together, and iron. Pin the cut edges together and mark a 10 cm section in the centre of the long edge for the turning opening. Mark a 45-degree angle at both ends of the strip.

Stitch from both ends along the markings and continue along the seam allowance width to the turning opening. Trim the seam allowances on the bias at the narrow edge. Turn the strip over and shape the ends. Fold the seam allowances at the opening inwards, pin and press. Close the turning opening with hand stitches. Tie a bow and sew it onto the vase cover wherever you like using hand stitches.

Tip: If you don't have enough corduroy for the bow, tie a wide velvet ribbon in a matching colour into a bow, or make the bow from one of your scraps of cotton.