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PATCHWORK VASE COVER

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The vase, decorated with a mosaic of coloured fabric squares, makes a striking decorative object even without flowers.

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How to make it

Materials from Gütermann
- Sew-all Thread in matching colours
- Deco Stitch 70, matching colour
- Textile glue HT2

Tools
- Scissors
- Fabric markers or tailor's chalk
- Tape measure
- Ruler
- Pins
- Iron
- Sewing machine

In addition
- Cylindrical glass vase of any size
- Black cotton fabric, 140 cm wide, fabric length to match the vase height + 10 cm (max. vase diameter 30 cm; for larger diameters, fabric length should be 2 times the height of the vase plus 15 cm)
- Cotton offcuts (loose weave that frays easily) in 4 different shades

1 Cut out the outer fabric and lining

Wrap the tape measure around the vase and note the circumference. This dimension will be the width of the pattern. Measure and note the desired height of the vase cover on the vase. Using these dimensions plus 1.5 cm seam allowance, cut out the vase cover pieces two times from the black cotton fabric. Mark the seam allowances all round on the outside of one pattern piece.

2 Cut out the patchwork

To calculate the total number of squares needed, divide the height of the vase cover by 3.4 cm, then divide the circumference of the cover by 3.4 cm. Multiply the two results together; this gives the total number of patchwork squares you need, each measuring 3 x 3 cm plus spacing of approx. 0.4 cm. Cut 3 cm-wide strips out of each of the different coloured cotton offcuts.

Tip: If you can pull a thread out of the cotton fabric, simply do this and cut along the 'gap' – this saves you having to mark the fabric.

Cut the strips into 3 cm-wide squares. To create the fringing, pull out 2–3 threads from all around the edges of the squares.

3 Arrange the patchwork pieces

Mark out a grid of squares on the vase cover, spaced 3.4 cm apart, within the seam allowance. If a slightly wider or narrower strip remains near the side seam, this is not a problem; a strip of ribbon will be glued over it at the end. Arrange the different-coloured patchwork squares on the grid on the vase cover and secure them with a pin or a dab of textile glue HT2. Once you're happy with the arrangement, use a ruler and chalk to mark vertical lines down the centre of the squares.

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Using Deco Stitch 70 and a decorative stitch, stitch the squares onto the outer cover along the markings.

Sew the vase cover 4

Place the outer fabric (with the patchwork) right sides together on the lining fabric, and pin them together along the top and bottom edges. Stitch a seam the width of the seam allowance and iron the seams. To turn the outer fabric inside out with the lining, reach into the fabric sleeve and grasp the opposite side edge. Pull these edges through the inside until the side edges of the outer fabric and the lining lie flush against each other. Pin the edges together, making sure the crosswise seams line up exactly. Mark an opening about 10 cm long in the centre of the lining.

Starting from this mark, stitch all the way around the seam of the lining and outer fabric cover up to the opening mark. Iron the seam. Turn the outer fabric and lining right side out through the opening in the lining. Iron the cover along the seams, then close the opening in the lining with a narrow-edge machine stitch on the right side or with hand stitches.

Decorative ribbon 5

Cut a strip of cotton fabric to cover the gap at the side seam. Calculate the width as the distance between the squares minus 2 × 0.4 cm. For the length of the strip, cut or piece together a length equal to twice the height of the cover plus 20 cm. Fray 2–3 threads along each long edge. Wrap the strip around the cover and tie a knot at the top edge. Secure the strip to the cover with glue. Slide the cover over the vase.

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Tip: You can also make this decoration without a cylindrical vase: Make a tube by gluing cardboard together, then create the mosaic cover according to the instructions, making sure it's tall enough to cover the entire tube. Place a mason jar inside the tube to serve as a vase.