

How to... make a doorstop

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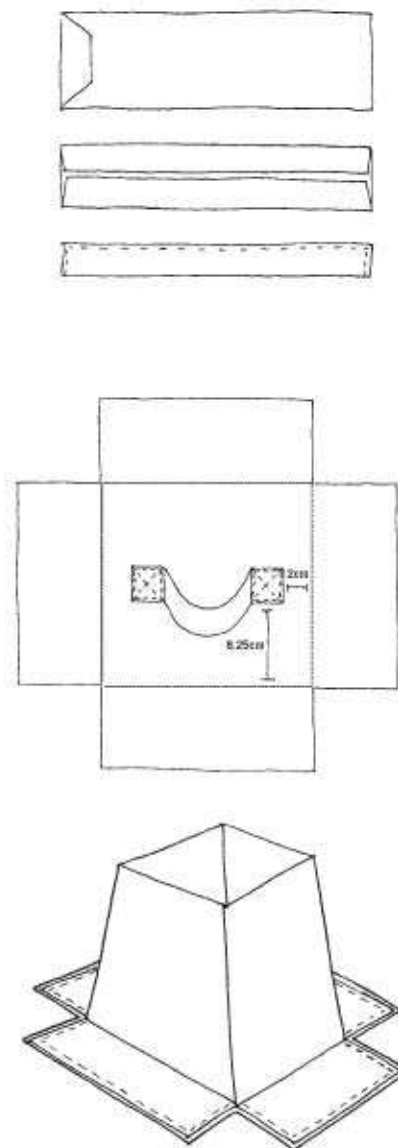
The doorstop is an unusual and functional way to display your special fabrics at home. It is filled with dry beans for weight. The practical handle makes it easy to move. This project will only take a couple of hours to complete if you are familiar with a sewing machine.

Step 1. Cut out all pattern pieces from the fabric:

Pin the pattern pieces to the fabric, aligning the grain marked on the pattern with the grain of the fabric. Cut out a top, bottom and four sides. Measure and mark the dimensions for the handle onto the wrong side of your fabric and cut out.

Step 2. Make the handle

Turn a 1.5 cm hem along both sides of the fabric and press. Trim the corners at a 45 degree angle to reduce the bulk. With the wrong side of the handle fabric facing up fold over 2.5cm toward the centre



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of the handle on the long sides then press. Next, fold the handle in half lengthwise and press again. Stitch around the open seams.

Step 3. Make the top

Pin the handle to the top piece, approximately 2cm in from opposite edges, and centered 8.25cm from the other opposite edges (do not sew into the seam). Attach the handle to the top by stitching a rectangle. For added decoration and strength you can stitch an X inside the rectangles.

Step 4. Attach the top to the sides

With the right sides together, place two side pieces together, matching up the raw edges. Starting 1.5cm from the end, stitch a 1.5cm seam along the matched raw edges, stopping 1.5cm from the end. Press the seam allowance open. Using this method, stitch the other three side pieces together to make a tube.

With the right sides together, and matching up the raw edges, pin the completed tube to the top. Make sure you match the corners of the top with the corners of the tube. Using a 1.5cm seam, stitch them together. Make sure you stitch through both layers, especially when turning corners. Press towards the sides.

Step 5. Attach the the bottom

With the right sides together, pin the sides to the

bottom. Make sure you match the corners of the bottom with the corners of the sides. Using a 1.5cm seam, stitch around all 4 sides, leaving a 10.2cm opening on one side. Press toward the bottom.

Step 6. Finish the Doorstop

Turn the doorstop right side out. Use a point turner or knitting needle to push out the corners. At the 10.2cm opening, fold both edges under 1.5cm and press. Fill the doorstop with beans, then slip stitch the opening closed.

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