

cloth-covered cases

Here's yet another clever use for fat quarters ... this time we're using them to decorate sensational stash storer.



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materials

- papier mâché luggage – travel case with twine handle, beauty case with rattan handle or trunk with leather handle
- 3 co-ordinating patterned flat fat quarter cotton fabrics
- acrylic paint – colour to match fabric
- paint brush & palette
- sharp craft knife
- scissors
- tape measure
- PVA glue
- large sheets scrap paper for patterns
- pencil

step 1

Remove and set aside any handles or straps that are not permanently fixed to the case. Paint the case around the fixed fittings – locks, handles, hinges, etc and leave to dry. **Optional:** paint inside of case and lid if desired.

step 2

Place the case on a sheet of scrap paper and trace around the base. Place closed case face down on a second sheet of paper and trace around the edge. Cut out the patterns. To get the dimensions for the side of the case measure around the side, including the back, then measure the depth of side, use the measurements to create a pattern. Measure the depth of the edge of lid as well as around the edge of the lid and create a pattern.

adhere the fabric to the side of the case with 1.5cm at top and bottom, overlapping ends at the back and smoothing out any bubbles as you go Trim any excess from locks and fitting using a sharp craft knife. Cut small slits into the 1.5cm excess and glue the top to the inside and the bottom to the underneath of the case. Using the pattern for the base cut out fabric to size and glue to the bottom of the case.

step 4

Select the fabric for the side of the lid and using pattern cut out fabric adding an extra 1.5cm on all edges. Apply glue mix to lid and adhere fabric in place with 1.5cm overhanging all edges. Cut slits into excess and glue to side edges of lid.

step 5

Cut strip for edge of lid to size allowing 1.5cm overlap at the back. Glue in place and allow to dry before reattaching any handles or fittings.

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Flat Fats from Spotlight.

step 3

Select the fabric for the side of the base and using pattern cut out fabric adding an extra 1.5cm on all edges. Mix a small amount of water with some PVA glue and brush onto the side of the base. Starting at the back