

vintage style fabric bracelet

Turn fabric & findings into
this whimsical vintage-tinged
floral bracelet.

materials

- 30cm x 30cm linen or other light fabric
- 5 x silver tone bead caps
- 5 x pearl beads
- 5 x bracelet connectors
- 10cm chain
- 11 x jump rings
- clasp
- needle & thread
- sewing machine (optional)
- spray starch
- pinking shears
- iron
- scissors

step 1

Cut five fabric pieces each 14cm x 3.5cm and cut the long edges using pinking shears. Fold the fabric lengthways along the 2 cm line and iron.

step 2

Open out the folded piece. Hold the short ends together so that they can be machine stitched. Make a 0.5cm cut along the fold line. You will have one long seam to sew and one short one. If the outside of the fabric shows a mountain fold, stitch the longer seam, if it is a valley fold, then stitch the shorter seam. Turn the piece inside out and sew the remaining seam. When you fold the shape again your seams should be hidden on the inside. Repeat for all five flower shapes.

step 3

With a needle and thread, make a long basting stitch along the fold line. Pull both ends of the stitching tight to gather up the shape into a flower. Secure the ends with a knot and then overstitch the inner parts of the flower to secure the gathers into a permanent flower shape. If desired spray with spray starch to stiffen.

step 4

On the back of each flower, stitch a jewellery connector – you will use this to connect chain from one flower to the



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next. On the front of the flower, sew an upended bead cap with a pearl bead in it using a few neat stitches. Repeat for all five flowers.

step 5

To assemble, place the flowers face down on your work surface and cut 6 x 1cm lengths of chain. Using jump rings, attach the chain to the ends of each of the jewellery connectors to connect the flowers together.

handy hints

- The best fabric to use for this project is one that is relatively light & has either a plain colour or a woven pattern so both sides of the fabric look the same.
- As an alternative to jewellery connectors, use a longer piece of chain for the bracelet & hand stitch the flowers to links in the chain.

Before adding an extra piece of chain to each end of the bracelet check the bracelet for size and if necessary, add or remove some of the chain. Affix a jump ring to one end of one and a clasp to the other.