

Reusable Fabric Bowl Covers

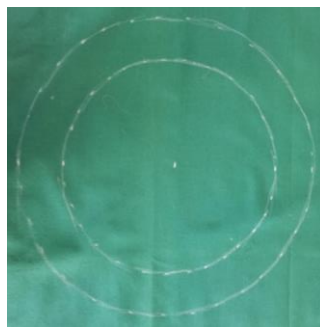
Adapted from BeginnerSewingProjects.com

Required materials:

- Sewing Machine
- Thread and bobbin
- 10-12 inch fabric square
- Double fold bias tape
- Elastic
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Fabric scissors
- Ruler
- Measuring tape
- Safety pin
- Marking pen or tailors chalk

Instructions:

1. On the **WRONG** side of the fabric, use chalk or a marking pen to trace around the outside edge of your bowl or measure out a circle of the desired width.
2. Trace out another circle 1" wider all around.



3. Use fabric scissors to cut out the larger circle.
4. Calculate the rough circumference of the larger circle (width x 3). Cut a length of double-fold bias tape around two inches longer than this measurement.
5. Unfold one side of your bias tape. You may wish to finger-press the bias tape open, but do not iron: you want to be able to see the crease!

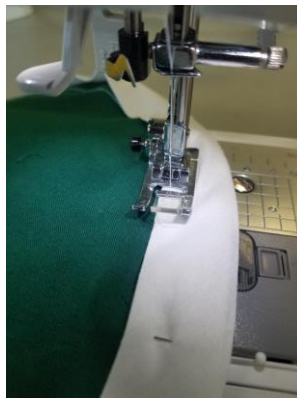
6. Pin bias tape to WRONG side of fabric all around, matching raw edges. The ends of the tape should overlap by at least half an inch.



7. Sew a curved seam along the crease in the bias tape, all the way around your circle. This seam will not necessarily be $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the fabric like a usual seam allowance.



8. Flip bias tape over the edge of the cover. Do not unfold the remaining fold in the bias tape. Pin in place if desired.
9. Beginning opposite the overlap in the bias tape and working from the RIGHT side of the fabric, stitch along the edge of the fold. The raw edge of the bias tape should be INSIDE the tube you are creating.



10. Stop 3-4 inches before completing your seam, leaving a gap on the top side of your cover.



11. Cut a piece of elastic around 2 inches shorter than the circumference of your bowl.
12. Attach a safety pin to end of the elastic. Using the pin to help you, thread the elastic into the gap and work it through the tube created by the bias tape.
13. Overlap the elastic ends slightly and stitch them together.
14. Work the stitched elastic into fully into the tube, and stitch across the gap to complete your top seam.