

Hot Water Bottle Cover

Most light to medium weight cottons are suitable and block prints and ikats are especially nice to mix and match. Using wadding with lighter fabrics will help to make the cover more substantial and disperse the heat evenly. Using thicker fabrics, like our Cotton Jacquard which is a quilt-like, means that wadding isn't so necessary. The cover is bound together with a blanket stitch, try using a complimentary colour to create a nice feature. A tie fastening at the neck can be substituted with a snap fastening.

Equipment Needed

Outer fabric - 2 pieces approx. 30x45cm

Lining fabric - 2 pieces approx. 30x45cm

Wadding (optional) - 2 pieces approx. 30x45cm

Hot water bottle for template

Chalk or pencil

Scissors

Pins for tacking

Thread & sewing machine (or hand sewing needle)

Embroidery thread for binding

Ribbon or webbing for the tie closure

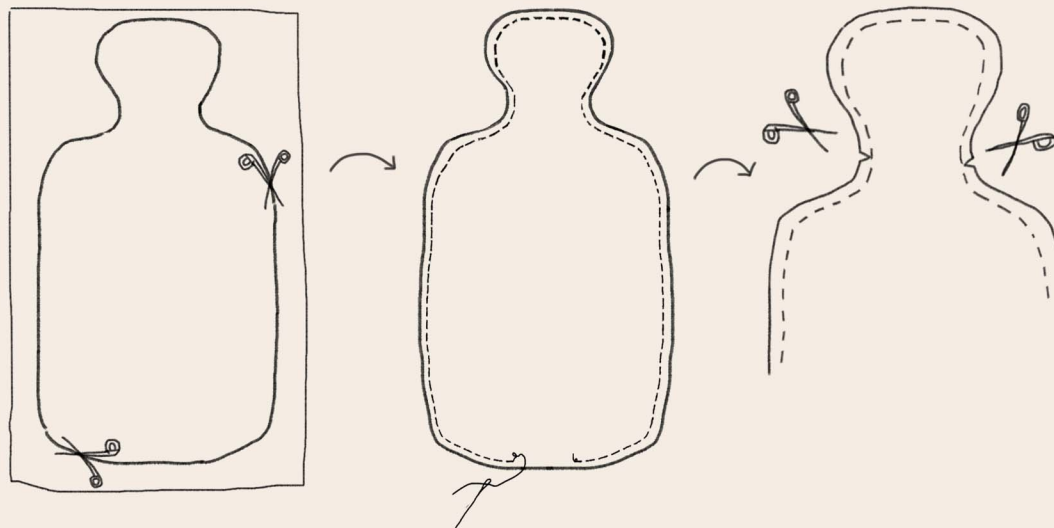


Step 1.

Lay your hot water bottle on your outer fabric and draw around in chalk or pencil leaving a 2.5cm gap on all edges. You can also do this on paper if you prefer, as a template. Ensure the piece is symmetrical and cut out your fabrics and wadding (if using.)

Step 2.

Stack your pieces into 2 piles, with the outer fabric on the bottom of the pile face up, the lining fabric on top of that face down, and then any wadding used on top of that. Pin the 3 layers together on both piles. There is 1cm seam allowance, so measure 1cm from the edge and, starting from the bottom, sew a running stitch around the edge of each pile, leaving a 2inch gap at the bottom so you can turn the pieces inside out. Snip small notches at the curve of the neck.



Step 3.

Turn each sewn piece inside out and poke out the corners. Iron flat and then carefully close the hole with a whip stitch. Lay the 2 sides of the cover together, so that the lining sides are on the inside and the outer side is facing out and pin these together.

Step 4.

Use a blanket stitch to bind the edges. Start at one shoulder and work down, around bottom and back up the other side, leaving the top open. A step-by-step guide to blanket stitch is available on our blog.

Step 5.

To make the tie closure use a piece of ribbon or cotton webbing approx 30cm long and sew it on to the neck. Alternatively you can make a loop out of elastic and use that, or a press stud sewn into the inside.

