

THREE BEARS PRINTS

Tutorial



Cover a Drum Lampshade



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Welcome to this Three Bears Prints tutorial! Three Bears Prints is run by me, Marliese Richmond. I live in Perth, Scotland, with my husband, daughter and dog. My first passion is linocutting and printmaking, and I also apply these skills to fabric design and pop up cards. I love teaching my creative skills and this tutorial is part of that.

Come and visit me on my website, where I share my artistic interests, especially my prints and designs. On a weekly basis on my blog, I let you see my latest artistic projects, my sources of inspiration and give an insight into my creative processes.



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Project Description: Cover a Drum Lampshade



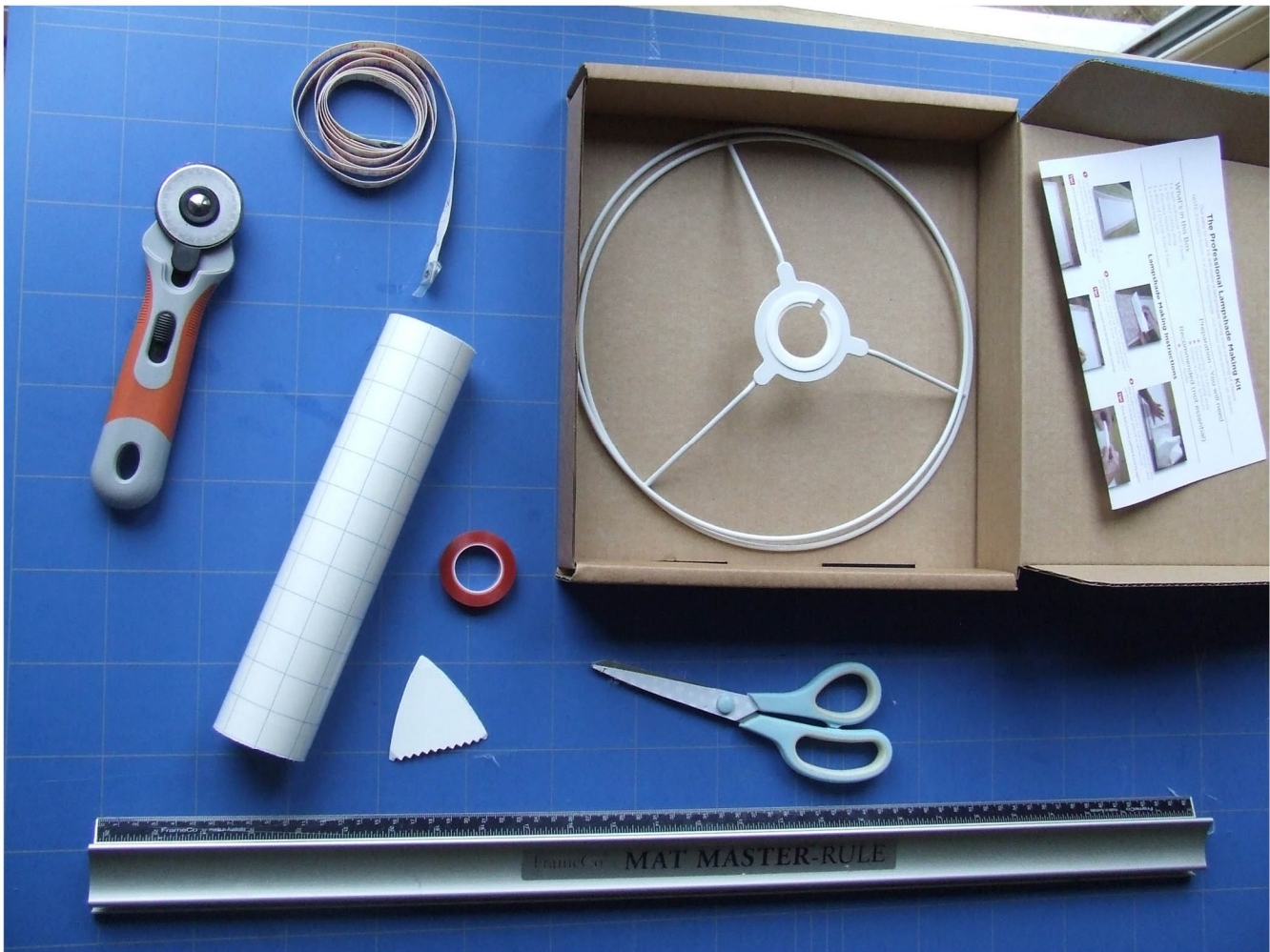
Covering a drum lampshade is one of the most satisfying fabric projects you can do. It's relatively quick - once you have everything in place it takes 1 - 2 hours - and they can have such an impact. You can make the lampshade the size you want and choose a fabric which fits the room you wish to put it in. If it's a present, you can customise it to the recipient. It's so much fun!

If you have never made one before, I highly recommend that you buy a kit - I buy mine from Needcraft (<https://www.dannells.com/> - You can get all the other materials you need from there too). It makes it very easy, as all the measurements and materials are there - all you need is the fabric. However, if you have made one before, you will hopefully find my tutorial and take on how to re-cover a lampshade useful - this is how I do it!

If you want to see more information and photos of my lampshades, as well as photos of my fabric, go to my website.



What you will need: Cover a Drum Lampshade



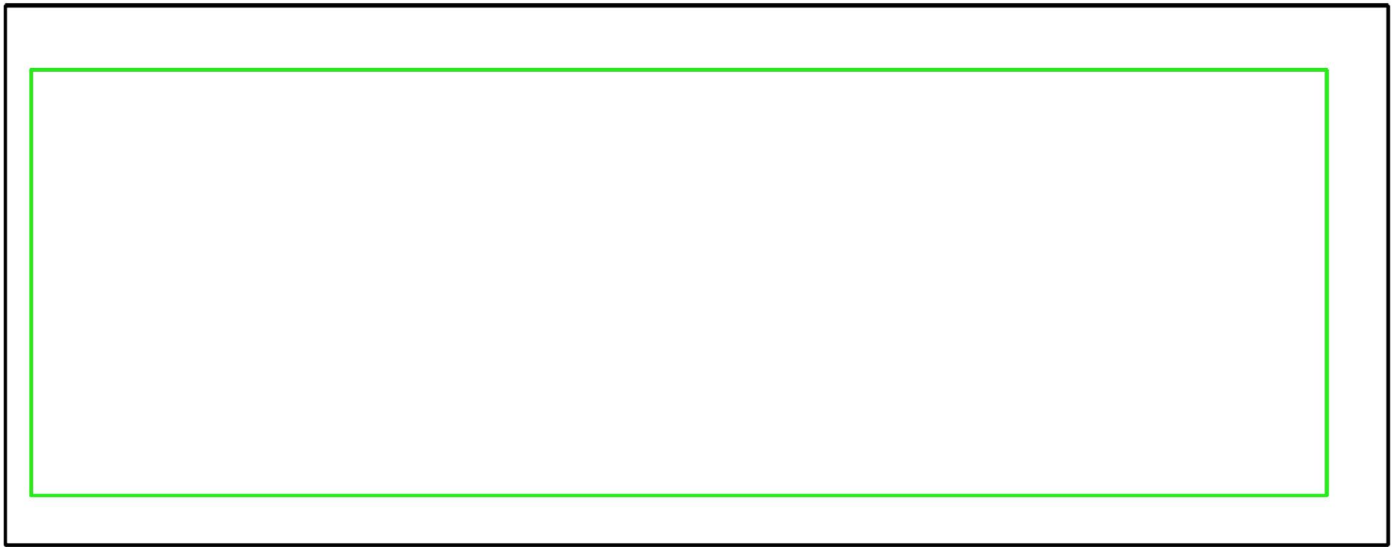
What you will need:

You will need lampshade PVC, lampshade rings, and double-sided tape. Alternatively, buy a lampshade making kit which will have all of this in it. I use Needcraft (<https://www.dannells.com/>) to buy all my supplies and/or kits. You will also need a cutting mat, scissors and or rotary cutter, tape measure and steel ruler. You will also need a piece of plastic to make tool shown. Finally, you will also need fabric, 10cm (4 inches) wider than the circumference of your lampshade, and 10cm (4 inches) taller.

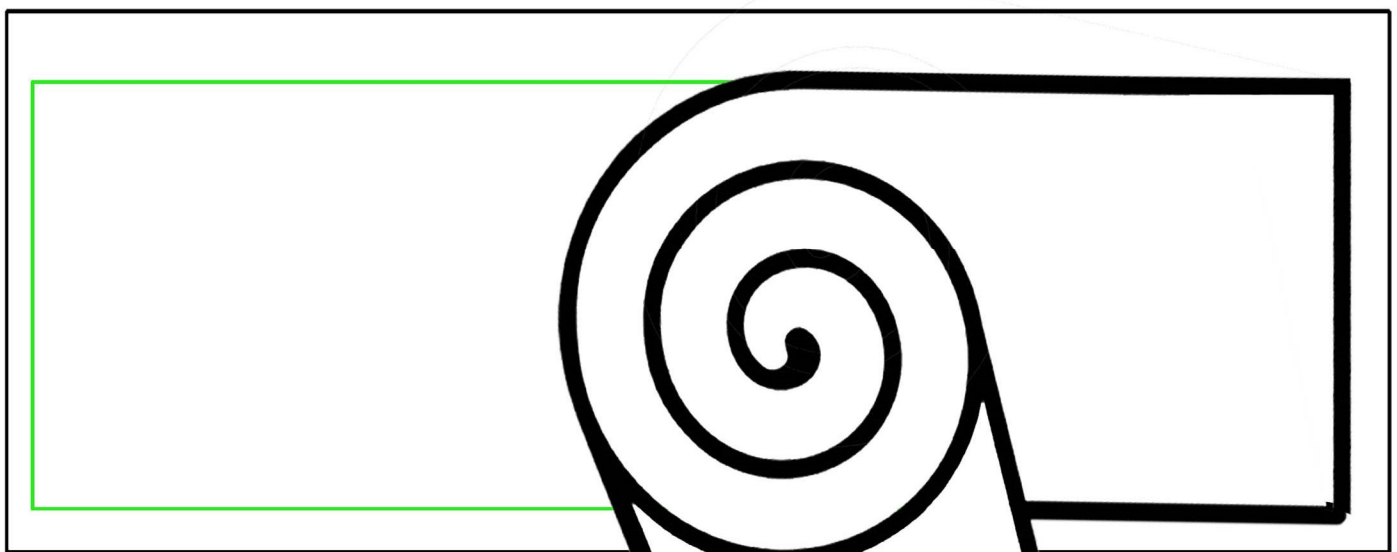
A note about double sided tape - it **MUST** be good quality, otherwise, over time, the lampshade will peel apart - this has happened to me! Also, if you are using a slippery, shiny fabric, like satin, you should stabilise it first using a thin interfacing - this makes it much easier to handle.



How to do it: Covering a Drum Lampshade

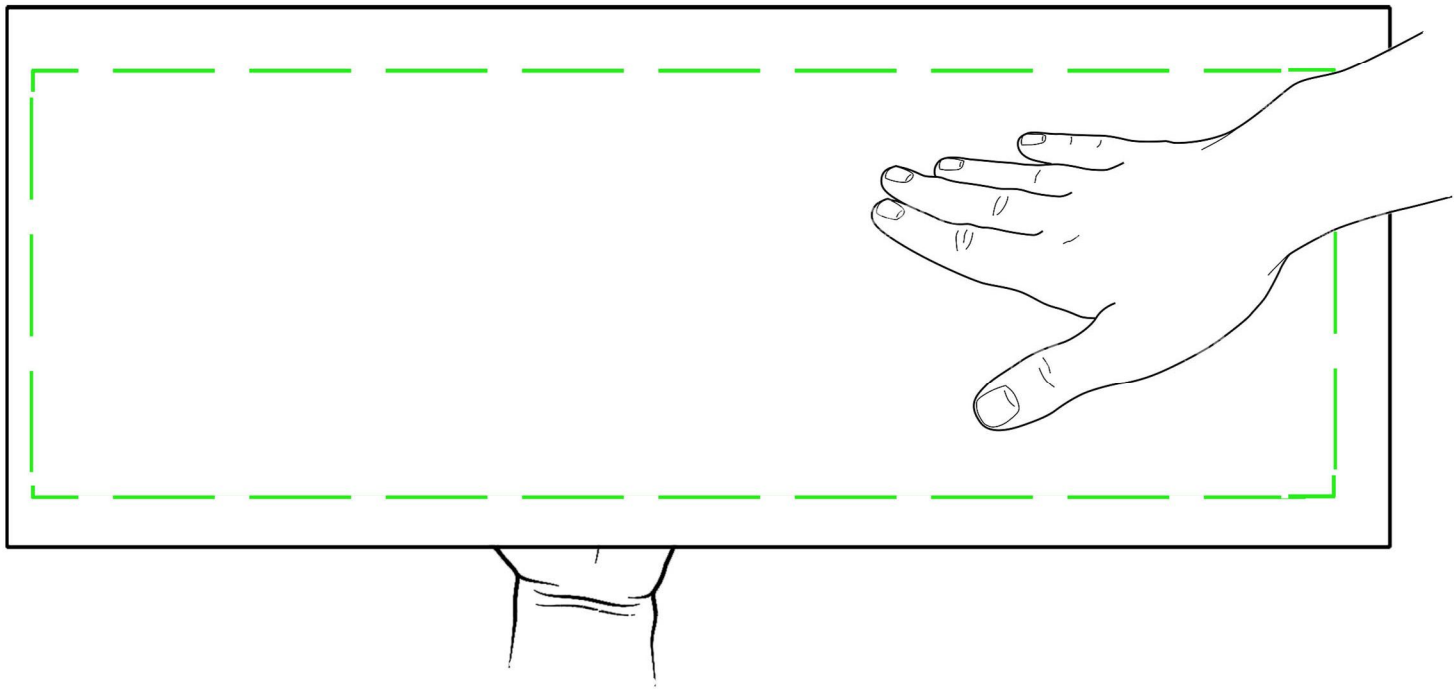


1. Take off the old shade, making sure you remove everything off the lampshade rings, such as old glue and bits of plastic. If you want your shade to be exactly the same as your old one, use those measurements. Alternatively, you may wish to change the height of the lampshade, making it taller so it makes more of an impact. Measure the circumference of your lampshade ring, and add on 1.25cm (1/2 inch). Decide on the height. Cut your lampshade PVC to this size. Cut your fabric 5cm bigger all the way round - make sure your fabric is ironed nice and flat. Make sure you take time to think about the pattern of your fabric and how you are going to cut it. Lining everything up correctly is one of the most important parts of the process. Lay your lampshade PVC on the wrong side of fabric, arranging it so that it lies slightly more towards one end. Draw round lampshade PVC.

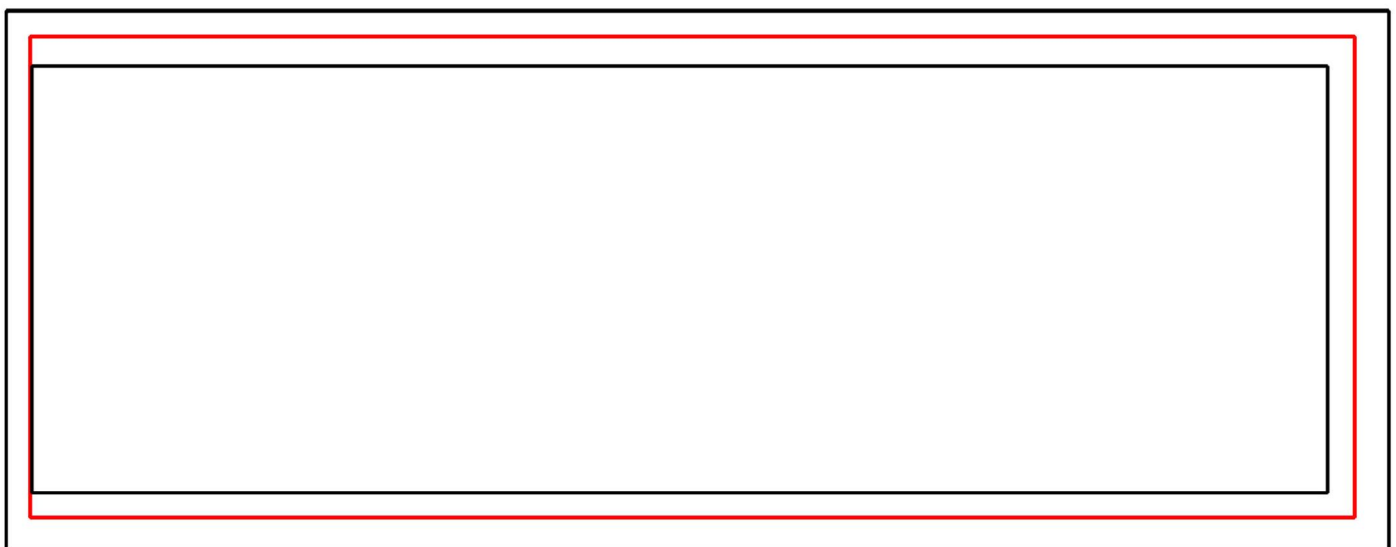


2. Carefully peel off approximately 7.5cm (3 inches) of the backing of PVC. Line this up with one end of your outline and stick into place, making sure fabric is smooth.

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3. Flip fabric over so that you are looking at the right side. Now that one end of the PVC is secured into place, continue to remove backing, smoothing fabric as you go. I find this easier to do from the fabric side of things. Take it slowly, unpeeling about 2.5cm (1 inch) of backing off PVC at a time. Keep going until all the PVC is in place - even though you are working from the right side of fabric, it should still match your outline drawn on the wrong side perfectly.

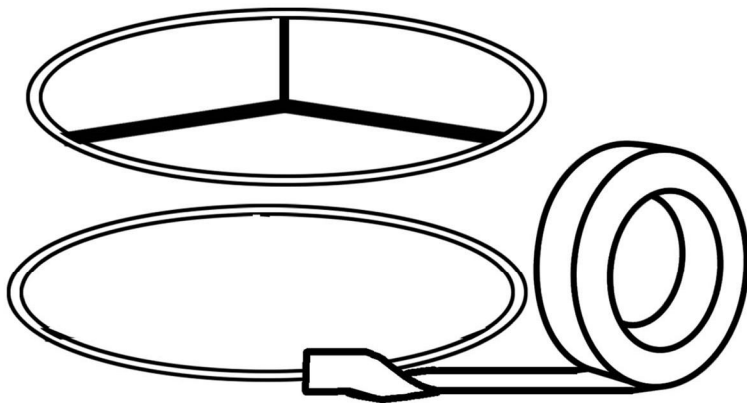


4. Flip your fabric back over so that you are looking at the PVC backing on the wrong side. Now it's time to trim your fabric, indicated in the red line here. Trim it down to 1.5cm (0.6 inches) on 3 sides, and flush with the PVC on one of the shorter sides.

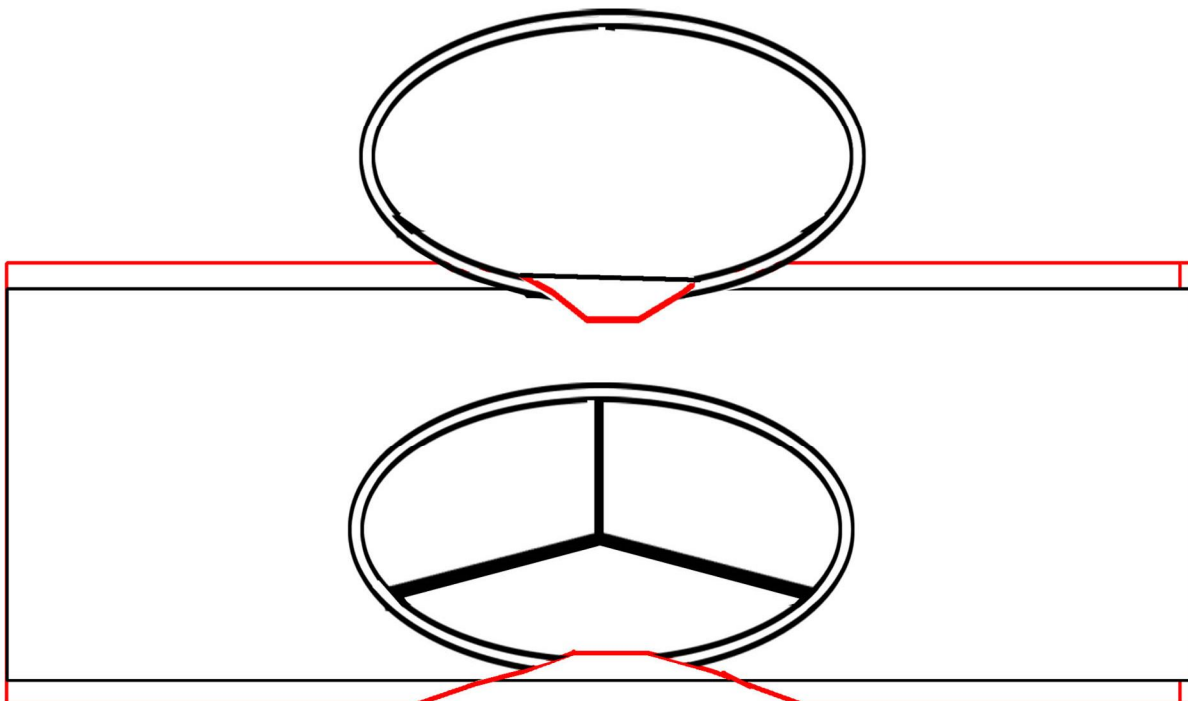
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5. Apply double-sided sticky tape to the shorter end of PVC where there is the excess fabric - press this fabric onto tape.

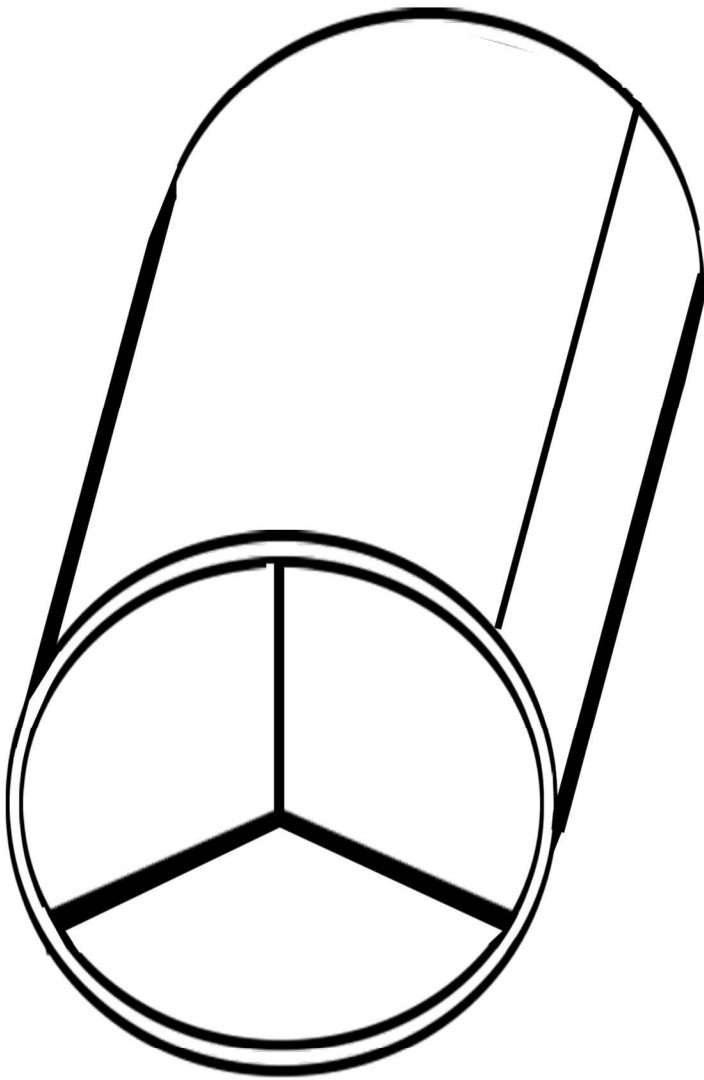


6. Now to the rings. Using double-sided sticky tape, press it onto each ring, then remove the backing off the tape. You will have two super sticky rings - I find it easiest to lie them on greaseproof paper or another surface they will not stick to too much!



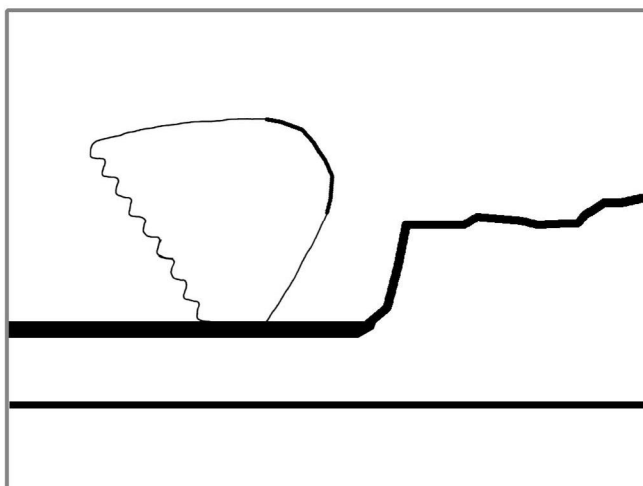
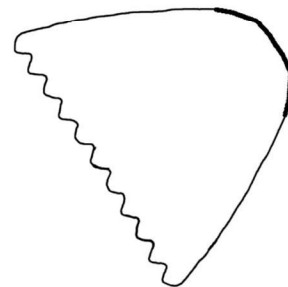
7. It's time to stick the rings to the PVC. The way I do this is to position each ring ever so slightly in from the edge of the PVC and at perfect right angles. If you keep this position consistently, making sure the rings are exactly perpendicular then your lampshade will turn out perfectly. You may find it easier to have someone to help you if it's a large lampshade. Press the fabric onto the tape to hold the rings in place as you go.

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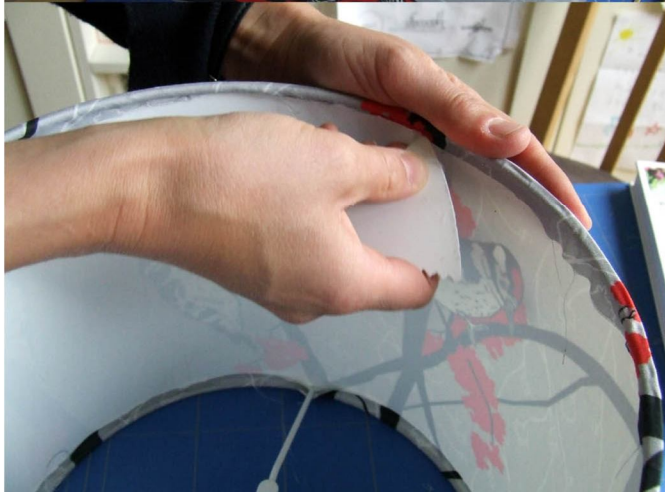
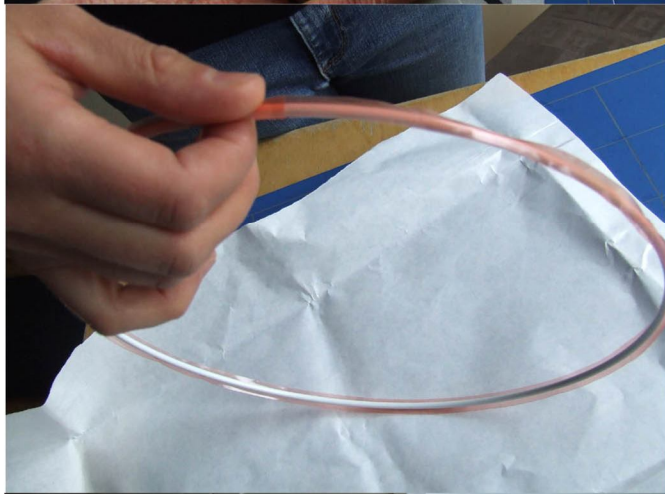
8. Roll rings into place, sticking as you go, rolling towards the end of the PVC where fabric was cut flush to PVC. Then roll towards the other end, and when you come near to the part which has the fabric folded over, apply double sided tape along shorter edge of PVC. Stick your lampshade seam into place, using firm pressure of your fingers for a good seal.

9. You will need to fashion yourself a piece of plastic in this shape and approximately this very size. I cut up old takeaway dishes to do this.



10. Using your tool, ease the edge of the fabric down behind the ring, so that you have a neat edge all the way round your lampshade ring.

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Here are some photos of the process:

- Peeling off the backing and smoothing on the fabric.
- Applying tape to the rings.
- Rolling the lampshade rings on.
- Neatening the fabric edges.
- The final lamp!

