

Covered by Design's fitted tablecloth instructions

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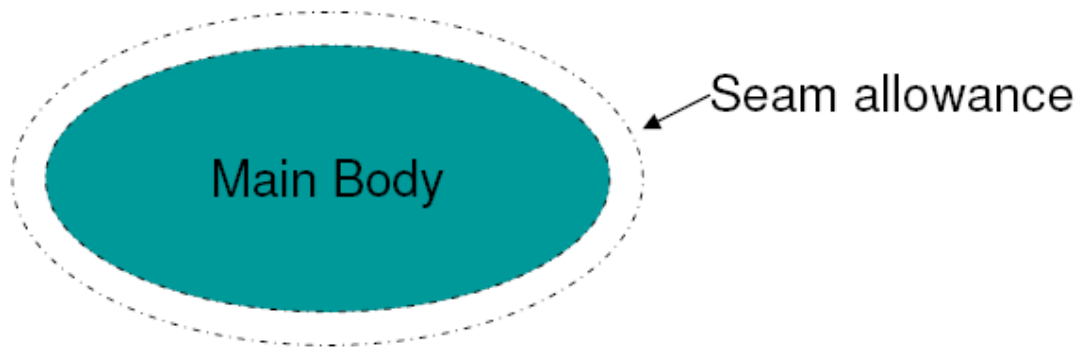
Full instructions on making the pattern and how to put it together. Fine Print: You can use this pattern to make and sell items but you may not reproduce, sell and distribute the pattern itself.

Supplies needed:

- Table, yes you need this to be able to measure correctly ;)
- Plastic drop cloth (found in the painting aisle). If your table is smaller you might also be able to use pattern paper or muslin as well.
- Marker, if you use permanent marker make sure it doesn't bleed through what you are tracing on and wind up on your table.
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Fabric, main section needs to be long and wide enough to cover the top of the table. Coordinating side piece can be out of the same or coordinating fabric depending on the style you want.
- Thread

Directions for making the pattern:

1. Lay out your tracing material on the top of your table. If using painter's plastic you can use a blow-dryer to smooth out wrinkles.
2. Set some heavy objects around the top of the table to hold the plastic down and keep it from shifting.
3. Take your marker and trace around the entire edge of the table. Make sure you get as close to the edge as possible.
4. Don't cut it out yet. Take it off the table and lay it on the floor. You need to add your seam allowance. Let's just say $\frac{1}{4}$ ", now draw the seam allowance onto the pattern. Make sure you write down what seam allowance you use to avoid later confusion. I just freehand, you are welcome to measure with a ruler or a drafting compass also works well.
5. Now you can cut it out ☺
6. This is the main body pattern.



Directions for the side fabric:

1. Determine how long you want the side fabric. I like mine to be about 4 inches. Make sure to include seam allowances.
2. Measure all the way around outside edge of your table and write this measurement down on the main pattern. This will be the amount of fabric needed for the edge. I always add a couple extra inches just to be on the safe side.
3. Unless this is for a very small table, you will be piecing together several pieces of fabric for the edging. Say my fabric is 44" wide and the measurement around my table is 86". The length I want the fabric is 4 inches, so my pieces are 2 pieces $4.5''$ (1.4 seam allowances) $\times 44''$. This gives you about $1.5''$ extra leaving $.5''$ for seam allowances. If your table is bigger then just keep cutting strips at the length desired until the fabric is long enough to go around the table.
4. Sew your strips together forming one long strip. You can use a straight stitch followed by a zigzag on the edge to keep the edges from fraying if you like.
5. Attach your side fabric to your main fabric, right sides together. Make sure not to put the side piece on upside down. For my examples I used a $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance but you can use any size you want. I always start at the end of my main piece so the seams line up fairly even around the table.
6. Again you can use a straight stitch followed by the zigzag to secure the edges.
7. Then sew the ends of the side piece together and cut off any excess fabric.
8. You might need to clip v's out of the corners if you are doing a square table, or use pinking shears to make the fabric drape better.

9. Hem the bottom of the side piece.

10. All finished, try it on your table.



For a variation you could use pleating, ruffling or gathering for the edge piece.



You can also use a solid piece of fabric for the side piece if you are using a solid or non directional print fabric. But this will take significantly more yardage.



You could also use a wide ribbon for the coordinating side piece.

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