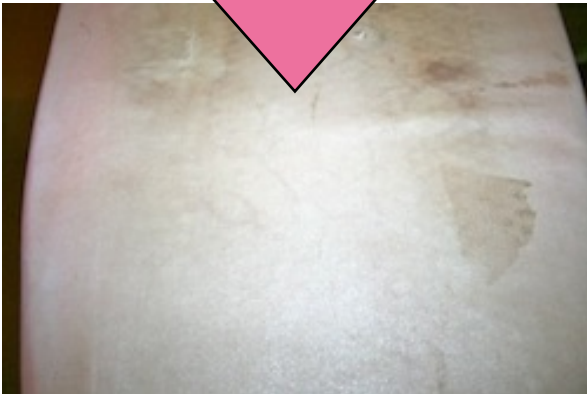


Miffy's 30 Minute Ironing Board Makeover

Before

Tired, blemished, overworked & underloved. Now, let's talk about the state of my ironing board cover!



After

Ironing will be more enjoyable with some handmade goodness gracing her smooth curves. If you can spare 30 minutes, you'll transform your Ironing Board into the best looker in the house.



You will need:

Fabric: length of your board + 20 - 30cm (8 - 12") and width of your board at the widest + 20 - 30cm (8 - 12"). I use Home Decor weight cotton - because it irons hot and is sturdy.

Twill Tape: length= circumference of your board. Use 25 - 30mm tape. You could also use ribbon, heading tape, etc.

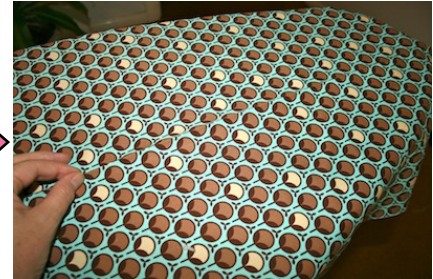
Elastic: 5mm (3/8") length = length of board + 15 or 20cm (6 - 8")

Step 1

Step 2

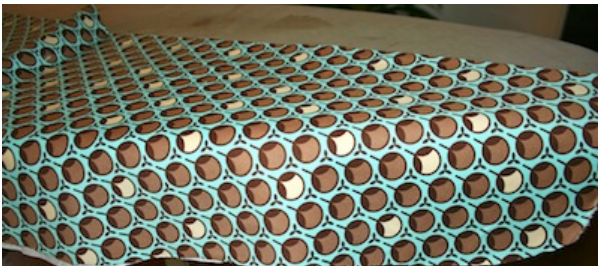


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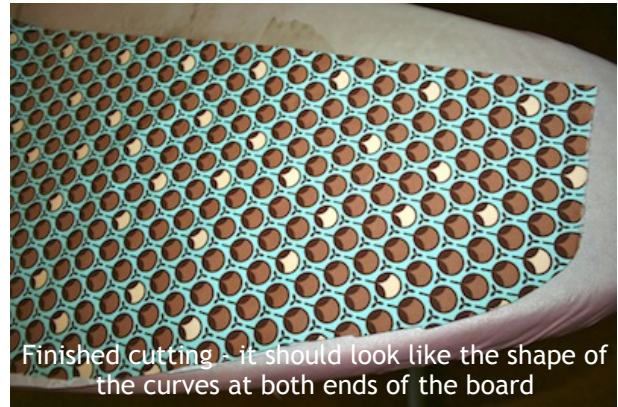


Lay fabric over the board using the centre line you ironed to mark the centre of the board from end to end

Step 4



Trim to shape, leaving an overhang of about 10cm (3") all the way around the board. I leave the fabric over the board from the centre line so I cut both sides as I go. Eyeball this. You aren't sewing a wedding dress - it isn't an exact science! Mirror the curves of the board as you go.



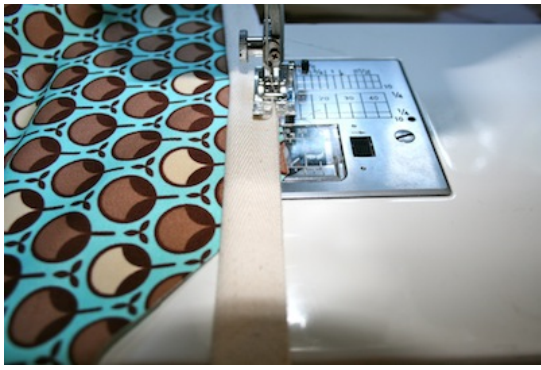
Finished cutting - it should look like the shape of the curves at both ends of the board

Step 5



Now we make the elastic casing. So move from the ironing board to your machine! Fold the start of the twill tape in half like the pic. Now hold it flush with the edge of the right side of your fabric at the centre of the fat end of the board. (remember you have an ironed crease to show you where centre is?)

Step 6



Using a wide zig zag stitch, attach the tape to the fabric. You should use a heavy duty needle to do this.

Things to watch:

- Keep your twill folded as you slowly feed it through.
- Keep the twill edges flush with the fabric edges.
- Line up your zig zag so that some of the 'zag' goes just past the edge of the fabric and twill stack.
- To go around the curves, simply stop in the 'needle down' position. lift the foot and turn the fabric slightly. repeat as you need to.
- Stop when you return to your start point and cut your tape. You have just completed the channel for the elastic.



Step 7

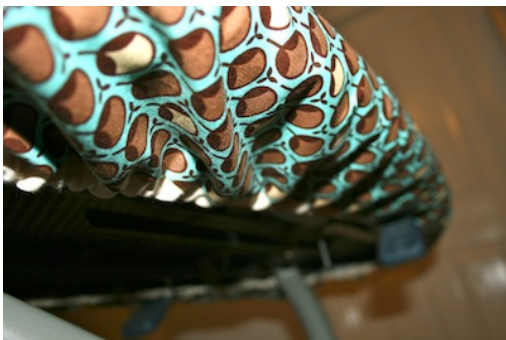


Thread the elastic through the casing. Distribute the 'gathers' so it looks even. You will need to secure both ends of the elastic - not joined but secure so they don't zing back through the casing!!



Step 8

Cover your board starting at the pointy end & working back. It will be loose fitting. Once all in place, tighten the elastic & watch the magic! I sit on the floor & tighten so I can look underneath & distribute the excess evenly so the curves all fit in the right places. It wouldn't be a makeover if the



VOILA!



Make these for all your friends & then ask them to do a basket of your ironing when they are overwhelmed with gratitude! I think these would sell great at markets too. Make them, sell them & spread some handmade goodness in your world!

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