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Braided Rag Rug By Vanessa Christenson

Ingredients:



1 honey bun of your choice
(featured is "sweet" by urban chiks)

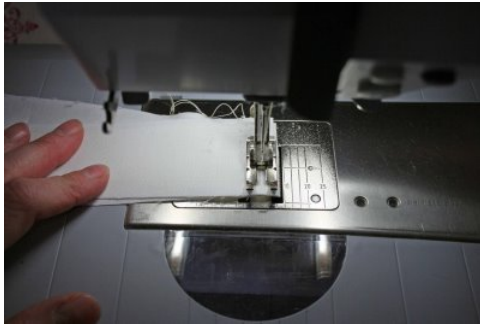
4 yards of white fabric

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Instructions:



Cut your 4 yards of white fabric to 1 1/2 inch widths (yup ALL of it)



Once it's all cut up get three strips of fabric and sew them stacked on top of each other (I wanted the middle of my rug to be all white)



Safety pin your three sewn strips anywhere you can be comfy (you are going to be there for a while! I did mine attached to my runner on my dining room table) this is the start of your braid.



Start braiding your white fabric

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Once you get close to the end of your braid you are going to fold over the end of your strip and snip with your scissors a slit.



Like so, and then you will do the same to the next strip that will be the following strip to lengthen your braid (do this to each of the three strips)



You will take the next strip and place it on top of the braided strip



Grab the end of your new strip (the end without the slit) and pull through both slits (from behind)



This will adjoin your strips and you will be able to continue your braid

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This is what it should look like, now keep braiding.



Once you get close to the end of your braid you are going to do the same as you did before and make a slit at the ends of your braided strips and at the beginning of your next strips this time wanted to add color so I took one strip of the honey bun and two of the white strips I cut out.



It should now look like this. This will be what you do through out the whole process of braiding your rug. One color in the middle and two whites on the outside.



As you continue to braid your braid will get too long so unhook your safety pin and re-pin it closer to your end.

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This is how it should look as you continue to braid. Make sure your fabric "folds" with the right side out



Once you have completely braided ALL your strips together. You are going to sew you braid "shut" this tail will be tucked at the very end and you wont see it.



Now that you have a whole mess of a braid going on...we are off to hand sew it together.



Get some sturdy thread (cotton) and a needle and you are going to start off by coiling your start of the long braid (the whites)

Start by hand stitching your coil center like so. (Start in the very center of your coil first and work your way out)



You are going to continue to hand stitch your braids together, do this for the whole rug. What you are sewing is your back, when you are done, the stitches should be fairly hidden from the top. (the other side)



When you get to your end, make sure you tuck and stitch the end of your braid so that the tail is on the bottom of your rug and hidden when you turn it over. (snip the extra part of your tail if you like)



Look what you made! Isn't it pretty? And it will look so great ANYWHERE! (Make some smaller circles to make bar stool seat covers!)

Yield:

1 rag rug with width of 32 inches

to clean your rag rug properly we advise you to wash your rug and lay flat to air dry

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