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Student Chair Cover by Karen Maxwell

Hello, my name is Karen Maxwell from Lisnaweary Quilts. I am just thrilled to bring you my first Moda Bake Shop tutorial. So everyone is back at school and lets face it, who doesn't need a little encouragement to open the books and start studying? Use this tutorial to brighten up someone's workspace!



Ingredients:

- 1 Layer Cake A Morris Tapestry
- 5/8yd Moda Bella Solid Lilac
- 4yds 20mm Cotton bias binding
- 1 1/4yd 1/4" elastic

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Instructions:

1. Take 16 of your favourite squares from the layer cake and cut out a $5 \frac{7}{8}$ " square from each.
2. Cut 16 $5 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares from the plain fabric.



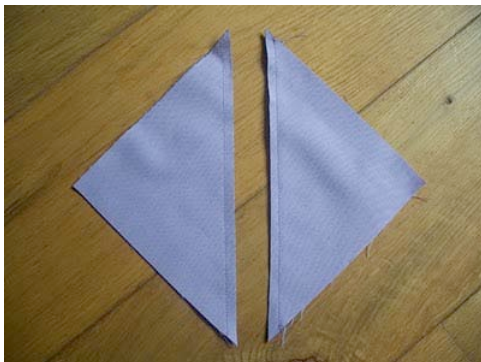
3. **Half Square Triangles:** Mark a diagonal line, from corner to corner, on each of the plain squares, using a watersoluble marker. The pen mark will be your sewing guide.



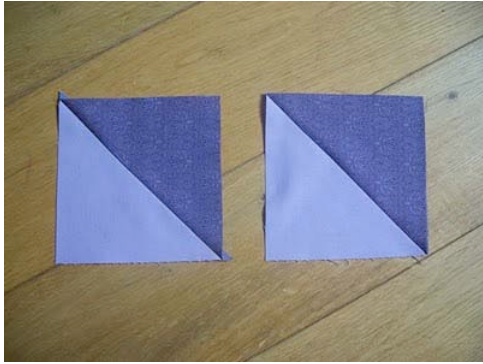
4. Place a plain square on top of a patterned square, right sides together.



5. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the diagonal line that is marked on the fabric.



6. Cut along the pen line marked on the square.



7. Press the triangles open to give two squares. Trim off any the 'ears' at both edges of the square. You should have 16 matching pairs Half Square Triangles (32 in total!).



8. Take one of each fabric pattern and arrange Half Square Triangles in a 4x4 grid. Keep swapping them about until you are happy with the arrangement. Remember, the centre four will be the ones which will be seen on the on the seat. Sew the Half Square Triangles together.

9. Make another 4x4 grid for the chair back, again swap them until you are happy with the arrangement!

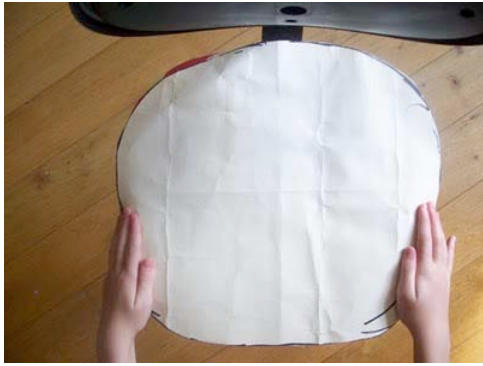


10. There are two choices when making the templates for the chair cover.

EITHER: use the original cover as a template, which will be the exact size you need. (This is the original cover for my chair back):



OR Place some heavy weight paper on top of the chair seat and using a felt tip pen, trace around the edge of the chair. Repeat for the back of the chair.



Cut out template. Place template on top of the seat to make it is the correct shape. Repeat for the back template.



Add on approx. 2" around the edge of the templates for both the seat cover and the back cover.
Cut out.



11. To make the casing for the elastic, fold in 1/2" of the end of the bias binding, place on top of the seat cover, right sides together.



12. Using a scant 1/4" seam, stitch in place around the entire seat cover, stopping 2" from where the stitching was started. On the bias binding mark with a pin where the bias binding overlaps, cut off the binding 1/2" from this pin.



13. Fold the binding back so that it meets the starting point, but does not overlap it. Sew in place.



14. Fold the bias over onto the wrong side of the cover and pin in place.



15. Sew around the inside edge of the bias binding to complete the elastic casing.



16. For the chair seat, cut a piece of elastic 22" long and for the chair back, cut a piece 17" long. Place a safety pin on the end of the elastic and thread it through the casing.

17. Pin the ends of the elastic on top of each other and sew together to secure in place.

18. Fit the cover on the seat and the chair back. Centre the pinwheel in the middle of the seat and on the chair back.



Yield:

A bright and cheery chair cover!

Sit back, relax and study!

I hope you enjoy making this project, check out [my blog](#) to see it made in an alternative colourway.

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