



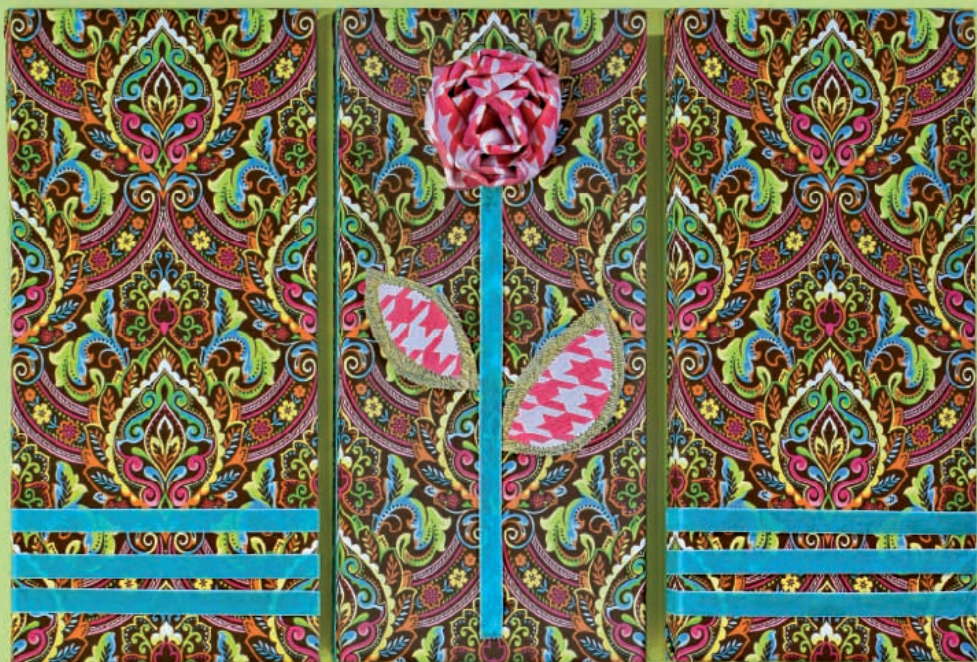
THESE SEWING CRAFTS  
REQUIRE ONLY THE BASICS,  
SO DON'T BE SHY!

Minimal skill required...  
maximum joy  
*guaranteed!*



simple & fabulous!

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY.}



*sleep bright* Fix your bed-in-a-bag blues with some yummy handmade accessories. You can start with pop-of-pink pillowcases (Simplicity Pattern #5600). Now pile on the patterns—that's right, everything from sheets to coverlets to duvet covers. You can't do it wrong when it comes to our made-to-go-together fabrics.



## « *up on the wall*

Fabric on canvas equals fabulous art! Glue on a playful mix of textures, like velvet ribbon and frayed burlap. Then, bring the whole look home with a can't-fail rosette. Just fold, bunch and spiral 'til you like it (gluing as you work).



## » *row your ribbon*

Use glue or double-sided adhesive to glue rows of ribbon or trim to a fabric-covered canvas. Choose something with some texture for interest, and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the end result. Yep, this is honest to goodness art—and you made it yourself!

Try some velvet trim to add texture & dimension to your custom wall art!

In a former life, this napkin ring was the center from a roll of packing tape.



### no-work napkins

Make your home sweet home happy with adorable cloth napkins, playful placemats and coordinating curtains (*on the cover*). All three projects require little more than cutting and hemming—and you can easily adapt them to your skill level.



Want perfectly pointed squares? After turning the coasters right side out, slide the handle of a slim paintbrush inside to gently poke out each corner.



### coast along

Cut two 4½" x 4½" fabric squares, and apply fusible fleece to the back of one. Then place right sides together and stitch, leaving an opening for turning. When you've turned it right side out, iron it flat, sew up the opening and quilt as shown.

## *Best chef*

You're not really cooking until you're dressed for the job. You'll need an eye-popping apron, sewn from Simplicity Pattern #2691. This piece is reversible, so it's the perfect excuse to play with our trendy mix-and-match fabrics.



← Not in the mood for sweet cupcakes? Switch it to polka-dots! This sassy apron is reversible!

## » *sit with style*

You'll always be sitting pretty on this custom-covered chair cushion. And don't panic—the job is easier than it looks. Simply unscrew the cushion, and add batting (if needed). Then, stretch fabric across the top, stapling it to the underside of the cushion. Staple the sides first, and finish up with the corners.



### *houndstooth hare*

Draw a simple pattern for this doorstop—do the animal of your choice, but keep the shape simple. Then, stitch with right sides together leaving a small opening gap for next step. Next, turn right side out, and fill the bottom half with plastic pellets (available in the Craft Department). Finally, stuff the top half with fiberfill, and sew up the opening.

Make a yarn tail with a pom-pom maker, and glue it into place.



## Laundry Luggin'

Even laundry day looks good when you tote your clothes in a custom-made bag. This piece is made from a single panel of fabric which means minimal sewing and more time for suds.



### instructions:

1. Cut a 47 x 36" panel of fabric. Fold the top edge (36" side) over 1 1/4" with wrong sides together to create a casing then leave an opening of about 2". Continue stitching to the end. Stitch 1/4" from the raw edge for about 4".
2. Cut two 30" pieces of wide grosgrain ribbon. Stitch, fuse or glue the ribbons back to back. Fold short ends under 1/2".
3. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise with right sides together. Press to crease.
4. Open up fabric and, on the right side, center ribbon on crease. One end should rest 1/4" below the casing, and the other end should rest 5" from the bottom of the bag. Stitch the ends of the ribbon to the bag.
5. With right sides together, stitch around the raw edges of the bag.
6. Turn the bag right side out.
7. Feed cording through the casing to finish.

## instructions:

### FOR THE BAG:

1. Cut a 20 x 40" piece of fabric. For the handles: cut two-4 x 32" pieces of fabric.
2. Fold the bag with right sides together and edges even. The fold will become the bottom of the bag.
3. Place fusible bonding tape between the right sides of the fabric, along the edges. Leave the top edge open.
4. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to press and fuse the fabric.
5. Turn the top edge under 2" and press. Place bonding tape under the raw edge and press according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### HANDLES:

6. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
7. Turn fabric under 1/2" along the long edges. Press.
8. Place bonding tape between the folded edges and fuse according to the manufacturer's instructions.
9. With bonding tape, adhere handles 3" from the side seam, having the ends even with the raw edge of the fold.
10. With bonding tape, adhere ribbon embellishment 2" from the top edge.



*no-sew tote* You don't live to stitch and, believe it or not, that won't be a problem. This snazzy tote is held together with fusible bonding tape! Cut a 20" x 40" panel for the bag, and cut two 4" x 32" strips for the handles.





## *déjà spa*

Use a jellybean-shaped pattern to help you create a simple sleep mask. The mask features two pieces of fabric (one backed with fusible fleece) and a simple elastic strap. And while you're at it, make a coordinating heating pad—a microwavable sachet filled with uncooked rice and dried lavender.

← TLC...for you!  
Pamper yourself & treat those sore muscles to the warmth of fragrant lavender, then drift off for a refreshing nap. You deserve it!

## instructions:

### SLEEP MASK:

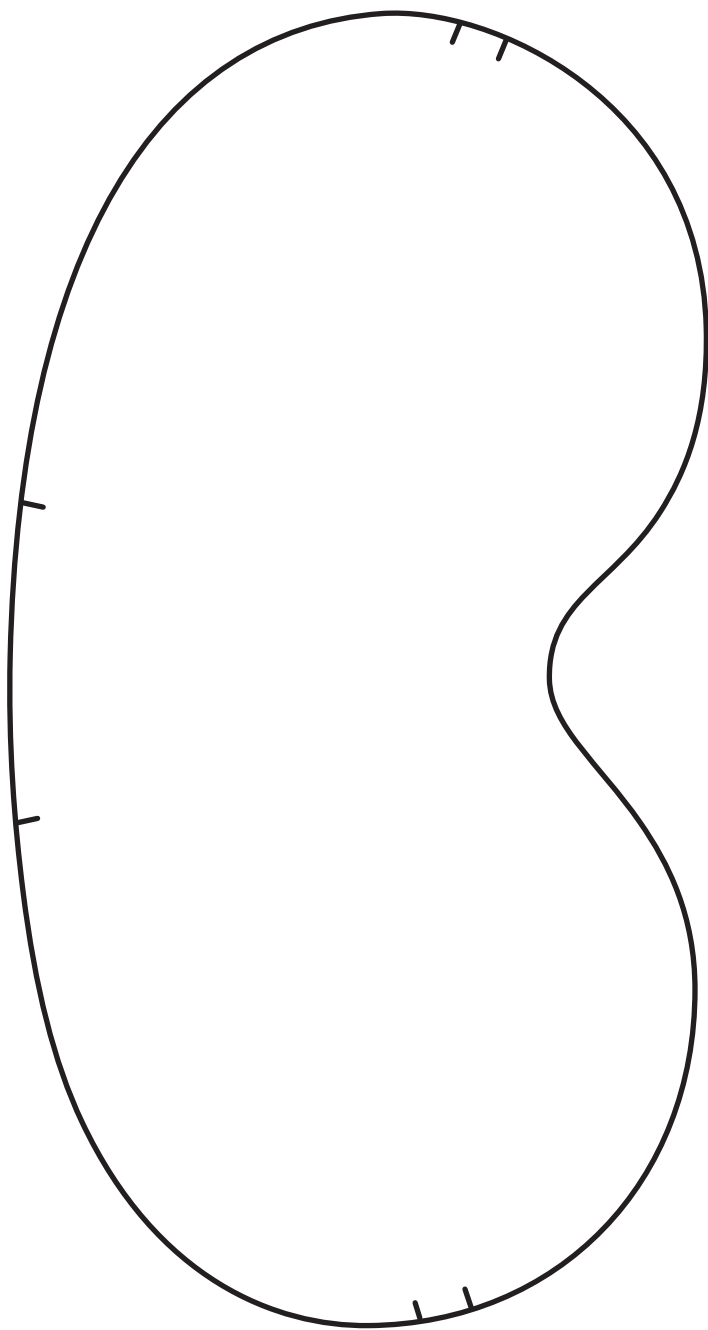
- Using the pattern on page 10, cut two pieces of coordinating fabric and one piece of fusible fleece.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to fuse the fleece to what will become the back of the mask, on the wrong side of the fabric
- Measure and cut an approximately 7" length of soft, narrow elastic—the length may vary depending

- on the wearer. Pin the elastic into place on each side of what will become the front of the mask, on the right side of the fabric.
- Pin the fabric pieces with right sides together. Stitch around the edges, leaving an opening to turn.
- Turn fabric right side out. Fold in the edges at the opening, and press with an iron to crease.
- Topstitch around the edge of the mask.

### MICROWAVABLE HEATING PAD:

- Cut a 6" x width of fabric (approximately 44") piece of fabric.
- Fold the fabric in half to measure approximately 6" x 2" with right sides together.
- Stitch all 5 open sides, leaving a 3" opening to turn and fill.
- Turn the pad right side out, and fill it half full with uncooked rice and dry lavender.
- Stitch the opening closed.

*template* (for sleep mask from pg. 9)



SLEEP MASK

*step up* Keep those boots at bay with a pair of make-them-in-a-snap boot stuffers. They're single panels of fabric, sewn into tubes and stuffed with fiberfill. For maximum chic-ness, cinch the open ends with coordinating ribbon.



## ≈ *night light*

It's a case of fly by night fashion...and you can do it yourself! Just match your flashy pink pillowcase (Simplicity Pattern #5600) to your sassy pink jammie pants (Simplicity Pattern #2280). Then, trim a standard tee to coordinate.



## *use your head*

Cut two equal strips of fabric—measure your head to determine the length—and stitch with right sides together, leaving the ends open. Turn right side out, and slip in a strip of elastic. Machine-stitch elastic on each side to secure. Then, hand-stitch to close up the opening.

Rest is best when your jammies match your pillowcase. Sew awesome!

## » *hang tight*

Let's face it, wire hangers need a little help. You can come to the rescue with fabric scraps—just rip strips and wrap—and a set of cozy covers. Trace around a hanger to make a pattern—you'll need to add an inch all around. Now cut two pieces of fabric, and place them with right sides together. Stitch around the sides and the top, leaving a small opening for the top of the hanger to poke through. Finish by hemming the bottom of the cover.



## « *pick a pocket*

Add a cute little pouch to your cozy hanger cover. It doesn't have to be fancy! Simply cut out the shape and stitch it to the right side of the fabric, leaving the top open. The look is cute-as-can-be, even with visible seams!

*Tip:* For a little extra character, try fraying the edges of the fabric with a needle.

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