



# Slipcovers

Refresh the look of your furniture by making your own slipcovers. Creative designs can change the look and feel of a room, or transform old couches and chairs into a new living room set!

## Skill Level

Intermediate

## Materials Needed

V.I.P.<sup>®</sup> by Cranston Calico Collection fabric: V0059-S, W6685-Z, V0032-S, S33513-S  
Zippers and cording

## Create your patterns

1. Begin with your fabric. A good starting point is to measure your cushions. Measure the widest part first, lifting up cord and seams. Once you measure, define where the center is and mark with a straight pin. Then measure the shorter part of the cushion, defining the center.
2. Fold the fabric in half place fold on center and anchor down (Pin down the entire fold).
3. Where fabric is still intact, take your chalk and mark down along the cording. Remove the pins. Allow 3/4" edge and cut along the marked lines on the fabric. Repeat with bottom cushion ( create a gusset for each cushion-Measure the length and width of the gusset and cut a strip of fabric)
4. Next, measure the chair. Start with inside back and measure widest part, defining center and marking with chalk.
5. Measure tine inside lower back, defining center and marking with chalk.
6. Measure deck of chair, including the deck with the lift; define center of both. Add an additional 2" on your pattern for tuck in.
7. Create the sleeves for your slipcover by measuring width along the arm to the outside back (this will determine where the sleeve will start). Repeat this for the center back and deck lift.

## Cut out patterns

Take all of your marked patterns, allow 3/4" seam and cut out. Clip around curves (for arms of chair or skirts). Then lay out all your patterns and pin onto the chair. Be sure to mark your patterns as you are cutting them out so you know where to place them back onto the chair.

### *Creating the Skirt*

1. Measure the circumference of the bottom part of the chair; allow 4" per pleat or allow 2" for gathering
2. Remove all pins; bring pattern to fabric to cut
3. Cording
4. Choose your cording to be applied

## Putting it all together

Fold fabric with right side facing up. Place pattern over fabric and pin down. Cut and sew. Sew on zippers and cording.\*

## Fitting slipcover on cushions and chair

1. Pull in ears of top cushion and fit in cushion following the welt line.
2. Place slipcover over the chair; match welt lines with the lines on the chair.  
Tuck in arms of slipcover first then tuck in the rest of the slipcover. Adjust the skirt before zipping up the slipcover.

\* Advanced level instructions. Must know zippers and cording.

