

BEAUTIFY YOUR FURNITURE AND HIDE MESS IN ONE SWOOP WITH CORINNE BRADD'S QUICK

CABINET CURTAIN

Beginner stitchers, this is the project for you – all you need to be able to do is sew in a straight line! You can use as much (or as little) fabric as you like, depending on the size of your cabinet, and it's just a case of hemming the bottom and creating a channel for the top. The curtain is attached to the cabinet by means of wire and screw hooks and they're incredibly simple to work with, too. If you really get going, you could apply the method to making full-sized curtains.



ESSENTIAL KIT

- › Fabric, thehomemakery.co.uk
- › Wire
- › Sewing machine

STITCH A CURTAIN

- 1 Measure the area for the curtain and add half again to the width. Add 5cm to the length for hemming.
- 2 Double hem 5mm on either side of the fabric. Fold under 5mm along the top, then turn under 1.5mm to

make a channel for the curtain wire. Hem 2mm from the first fold. Measure the curtain's depth and double hem the bottom to the correct size.

3 Cut curtain wire 4cm shorter than the width. Thread through the channel and fix screw hooks into either end. Spread the gathers of the fabric out evenly along the wire.

4 Fix screw eyes into the front of the cabinet and hook the curtain to these, pulling the wire taut to fit the cabinet without sagging.



My sewing room



JANOME CXL30I

As an experienced stitcher, I know my way around a sewing machine. The CXL30I has all the standard features I'd expect, but then goes one step further: the 30 built-in stitches, automatic needle threader, start/stop button and extra needle penetration are all so handy that I couldn't imagine life without them now! Also, the fact that it's all fully computerised means everything's ready and waiting at my fingertips, so I can just get up and start stitching with no fuss whatsoever. This is also the reason why it's fantastic for beginners too; the machine is so simple to use and isn't in the least bit daunting. If my curtain project is your first foray into stitching for your home, I would definitely recommend the CXL30I. It'll have you zooming along in no time at all, and adding appliqué details is a doddle with the needle up/down button, as it allows you to effortlessly pivot around corners and shapes.

Corinne Bradd, Designer



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