

# YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT STITCHER TO REVAMP YOUR BEDHEAD WITH AMANDA WALKER'S EASY HEADBOARD COVER



Hey, sleepy head! Wake up with a brand new look and **revitalise** your **bedroom** with this cunning how-to, which demonstrates the method needed to breathe new life into a drab **headboard**.

Often the fabric becomes tired whilst the structure remains solid, so only a little sewing **ingenuity** is needed to bring it back to **life**.

Here, Amanda Walker's design would be the *pièce de résistance* of any **children's** bedroom, and it only takes six simple steps!

PERFECT FOR  
A LITTLE  
GIRL'S  
ROOM



## YOU'LL NEED

- > Fabric: Dotty Brown Teacups Apple, gingham check rose; scrap, spotty, blue; lining
- > Wadding
- > Ribbon, pink satin, 38mm
- > Self-covered buttons and button maker
- > Set square

**1** Measure and note your headboard's, height, width and depth. Calculate half the depth measurement: as an example the headboard here was 7cm, half this is 3.5cm. Add this figure, 3.5cm, to each end of the height measurement and 3.5cm to one edge of the width. Finally, add a 1.5cm seam allowance to all the edges. Use these dimensions to cut out two pieces in the face fabric. We cut one in the teacup design and one in pink gingham. Prepare two in white lining and two in wadding.

**2** Lay the two pieces of face fabric together with right sides facing and position wadding above and below this, effectively sandwiching the two fabric layers. Pin and stitch each side and across the top. Repeat the process on the two lining pieces, but leave a 30cm gap in one of the side seams.

**3** Make the gussets at each corner which shape the top of the cover. Working on one corner, place the cover on a surface with the opened top edge seam lying directly over an opened side seam: a triangle will be formed. From the point of the corner, lay a set square along the top edge seam and draw a line out at 90 degrees, this line should measure 3.5cm. Extend the line on the opposite side to the same measurement and then stitch across. Trim away the triangle leaving a 1.5cm seam allowance and repeat the process on the remaining corner. Repeat on the two corners of the white lining.

**4** Turn the cover to the right side and tease out the gusset corners. Cut four lengths of ribbon long enough to extend from the base of the cover to the top and tie a bow. Pin two ribbons to the base of the front of the cover and the remaining two at the back bottom in the corresponding places. Place the turned cover inside the unturned lining, matching the seams.

**5** Pin the matched edges together and stitch around the base with a 1.5cm seam allowance. Turn the white lining to the right side through the gap left in the side seam. Close the opening by hand slip-stitching or with a sewing machine. Push the lining up inside the outer cover and position the ribbons up from the base of the cover to the top and tie the two ends in bows.

**6** To cover the buttons, cut four circles in blue spot fabric. Place the disc of material with the right side facing down over the corresponding size of button on the rubber part of the button making tool. Push it down into the rubber circle, fold all the raw edges into the centre of the casing and place the back onto the button. Push the red hard plastic piece of the gadget over the rubber and click the back. Remove the covered button. Make up three more and stitch them to the ribbons on the front of the cover. Slide the cover over the headboard and adjust the bows if necessary.