

Smocked Lamp Shade

Here is a quick, fun project to add a special touch to any room in your home. This size lamp shade only requires a 13" x 45" piece of fabric so reach into your stash and start creating!



The sample shown here was smocked to fit a lamp shade with a top diameter of 4", bottom diameter of 9" and height of 7". Adjust width and length of smocked piece for larger or smaller shades.

Use our example as a starting point. Experiment and have fun. Try a silk dupioni shade for more formal areas or something soft and cute for baby's room. Try adding a beaded fringe or other trims.

Instructions

Cut or tear a piece of fabric 13" long by 45" wide. Remove selvages. Press top edge under to wrong side 1/2" and bottom edge under 1".

Pleat top of shade with 7 full space rows (including 1 bottom holding row) with the top row 1/2 space (approx. 3/16") from the top folded edge. (Include half spaces if you have them.) Pleat bottom of shade with 4 full space rows (including two holding rows) with the bottom holding row approx. 3/8" from folded edge.

Unpick pleating threads for 1/2" on both edges. Tie off and block to approximately 15".

Smock with your favorite bishop smocking plate. The sample shown was smocked with a shortened version of **Wonderfully Made's Jewel**. The bottom edge of the lamp shade is smocked with Rows 7-1/2 through 10 of **Jewel**.

When smocking is completed fold one back edge under 1/4" to wrong side. Press. Fold other back edge under 1/4" to wrong side and fold under again flush with smocking. Lap flush edge over the other back edge matching smocking. Invisibly slip stitch the two back edges together.

Slip smocked lampshade cover over purchased lampshade. Gently pull the smocked shade into the correct position.