

TEACHING NOTES

Virtual Lampshade Making Workshop

1. Introduction

Materials, Shade Sizes and Fabrics

- Fabric - cotton wovens, not stretch
- Fabric pattern - size of pattern for size of shade
- Consider the fabric and the light it will give off
- How easy will the fabric be to work with? Heavy weight fabrics will be less translucent
- Measuring and cutting your fabric - fabric is ironed, cut using fabric scissors

2. Lampshade PVC

Working with the Lampshade PVC

- Fabric on a flat surface with the wrong side facing upwards
 - PVC backing onto the fabric with the paper side facing down
- TOP TIP:** hold the PVC backing in place using small sections of masking tape if needed
- TOP TIP:** To help line up the fabric edges mark a guide line using a magic fabric marker.
- Pull the around 5 cm of the paper away from the underside of PVC and stick down
 - Rub your hand along the PVC smoothing out any creases
 - Pull away the remaining paper slowly ensuring the PVC in the correct position on the fabric.
- TOP TIP:** Flip over when PVC in place and check for creases on fabric side
- Cut along the length of the fabric using the edge as a guide.
- RIGHT short edge – stick line of 9mmtape from top to bottom and trim the fabric to 1 cm wide

3. Preparing the Lampshade Rings

- Plain ring first - tape sits with centre line of tape on the ring
- Cut off just short of where the ends of the tape meet.
- Roll the tape around the ring, using your fingers and thumb for coverage.
- Repeat on the utility ring.
- Remove red backing from tape
- THINK where the rings will go on the shade

Table lamp: Utility ring - at the bottom (facing inwards) with the plain ring at the top

Pendant light: Utility ring - at the bottom (facing inwards) with the plain ring at the top

4. Rolling the Rings

- Remove backing from utility ring first, place on table top, lamp holder face down
- Remove backing from plain ring
- Position the plain ring on the edge of the PVC at the short cut end, to roll towards the taped edge
- Position the utility ring on the opposite side of the PVC - utility section facing inwards
- Slowly roll the rings along the tape - flush as possible to the edge of the PVC,
- Rings move at the same pace, to create an even shade.
- 10 cm before reaching the overlapped short end, turn the shade around so that the opening is facing you
- Remove the tape on short edge.
- Bring the overlap over making sure edges are straight and matching

5. Tucking under the Fabric

- Cut away a small square of fabric from the inside seam where the fabric overlap.
- Fold in the fabric all the way round to touch under the ring
- Starting at the inside of the shade seam
- Serrated tool to push under the fabric underneath the ring
- Work your way round to the overlap.
- Utility ring - cut the fabric that sits above the struts of the shade
- Use the smooth edge of the tool to run around the shade to smooth under loose edges

TOP TIP: Don't put pressure on the ring with your hand as this will stop the fabric from going under.