

Pattern Making

To make a tailored lampshade you will need a pattern to fit the frame. There are a number of methods to make the pattern and we have provided some information below.

Cut on the Bias (cross of the textile)

There is one very important rule which must be observed when making tailored soft shades. The fabric (your textile) must always be cut on the biased so that the stretch is even in all directions. To cut on the bias, the fabric is rotated at a 45° angle.

Method 1

- Place your textile face down over a cushion or a pillow. Make sure the textile is on the bias so that the stretch is even to all sides.
- Press your lampshade frame into the textile so it forms the shape.



- Carefully draw around the outline of the vertical struts and the top and bottom rings of the frame and mark with [tailors chalk](#) or a pencil.



- Add 15mm (minimum) to the top and the bottom of the mark lines so you can use this fabric to pull the cover on to the frame and adjust.

You have now made a pattern for your frame, cut out the required pieces (on the bias) and stitch or overlock them together. Pull the completed cover over the frame and adjust to fit

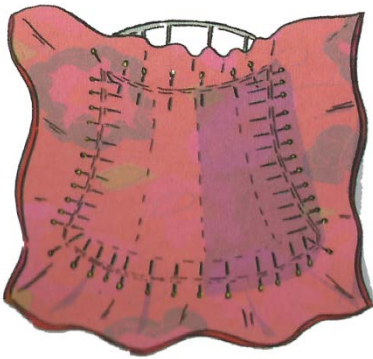
You may wish to copy the pattern to a piece of stiff card, you can use this as your pattern template in the future.

Method 2

- Using [cotton binding tape](#) cover the top and bottom rings of the frame as well as two opposite vertical struts, overlapping each twist of tape as you go.

This is your base to stitch your textile to.

- Make sure the fabric is on the bias so that the stretch is even to all sides.
- Using dressmaker pins, pin the fabric to your frame, gently stretching the fabric and adjusting the pins as you go.



- When you have removed all the wrinkles and your textile is smooth, use [tailors chalk](#) to mark the vertical struts.
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Variations

Depending on the lampshade shape and the textile being used you can create a pattern to cover more than one section of the frame.

Recommendations

If you want some more detailed information into making lampshade patterns we recommend purchasing Elizabeth Cake fabulous new book **“Make your own Lampshades”** [click here](#) for more information.

Tools

Needcraft supply many useful tools to help you make the lampshades see the links below.



Tailors Chalk for marking fabrics [click here](#)



Dressmaking shears for cutting fabrics [click here](#)



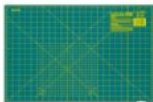
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Binding tapes for sewing fabrics to the frames [click here](#)



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