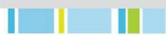# Show Me How

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Making a Lamp Shade

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Requirements

- Sinamay Fabric
- Lampshade frame
- Beaded trim for top and bottom of lampshade
- Glue gun

Instructions

Step 1: Measure your lamp shade, and cut the Sinamay fabric accordingly, leaving a seam allowance at the top and bottom as well as sufficient overlap for the back.

Step 2: Cut two bias strips of Sinamay fabric to the same length as the lamp shade fabric, but only 5cm wide. These will be used to finish off the top and bottom of the shade.

Step 3: Cover the shade with the Sinamay and join in a roll flat seam. Use the glue gun to stick the fabric together at the seam.

Step 4: Fold the top and bottom edges over the wire frame and use the glue gun to stick the seams down.

Step 5: Take the bias strip and fold it in half lengthways, so that it now measures 2.5cm in width. Press the fold down to create a line. Unfold the bias to reveal the fold line and then fold the outer edges in, so that they touch the fold line. Press the outer seams flat. The bias band should now be 2.5cm wide with a 1.25cm seam on either side.

Step 6: Glue the bias strips along the inside of the top and bottom of the shade. Leave the outside edges uncovered at this stage.

Step 7: Fold the bias strips over to the outside of the lamp and use the beaded trim to finish off the top and bottom of the lamp. Use the glue gun to attach everything in place, working on a small section at a time. Work in a neat manner so that the glue doesn't show through the trim. You're now ready to attach the lampshade to your preferred base.

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