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headboard slipcover & pillows

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HEADBOARD SLIPCOVERS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 56"x45" piece of 1/2" plywood
- Two 1"x4"x62" wood planks
- 3½ yds home decor fabrics for slipcover
- Thread to match fabric
- 70"x57" piece muslin
- 6 yds lofty polyester batting
- 20 screws
- Tape measure
- Screwdriver or drill
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Staple gun for 1/2" staples
- Iron & ironing surface

DIRECTIONS:

HEADBOARD

1. Attach wood planks to back of plywood 6" down from the top of the board, spaced apart according to the bed frame used. Screw at least 10 screws evenly spaced on each plank.
2. Cut 3 layers of polyester batting to fit the headboard, adding 4" for wrapping around each side. Have someone help hold the materials in place while stapling, so headboard can be completed standing upright. It is much easier to see the finished appearance and to work out any flaws.
3. Place the first layer of batting extending over the top 3" and over each side by 4". Staple to plywood on all three sides. Some batting should be left to wrap around the bottom slightly. Staple in place.
4. Repeat with second piece, except place batting even to the top and overlap the rest on the bottom and sides.
5. The third layer will be done just like the first. They need to be staggered for a smooth appearance.
6. Cut muslin to size and press. Wrap evenly on all 4 sides, cutting out for legs. When stapling, fold under the muslin for a finished look.

COVER:

1. Measure around the entire width of headboard and add 3". Sample measures 51"x120".
2. Fold fabric right sides together 51"x60" pinned together. Sew a 5/8" seam allowance along 51" sides and press open seam. You have created a tube shape.

3. Place on headboard to check fit. The cover needs to be loose enough to allow for taking on and off.
4. The seam will be centered in the back of headboard. Pin together the top portion and sew a seam. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press.
5. On the open end, fold up 1/2" to the wrong side and press. Fold over again and press. Sew the hem. Press entire piece and place on headboard. The headboard slipcovers are easy to sew and can be changed with the season.

COORDINATING PILLOWS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 54" home decor fabrics:
 - 2/3 yd for 18" square pillow
 - 1/2 yd for 16" pillow, 14" pillow & 12"x16" rectangular pillow
- 2¼ yds quilting or home decor fabrics for bed pillow shams
- Pillow forms for selected pillow sizes
- Rotary cutter, mat & grid ruler
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron & ironing surface

DIRECTIONS:

CUTTING:

- 18" square pillow: one front piece 19½"x19½", one back piece 19½"x15½" and one back piece 19½"x11½".
- 16" square pillow: one front piece 17½"x17½", one back piece 17½"x13½" and one piece 17½"x9½".
- 14" square pillow: one front piece 15½"x15½", one back piece 15½"x11½" and one piece 15½"x7½"
- 12"x16" rectangle pillow: one front piece 17½"x13½", two back pieces 17½"x9½".
- Bed pillow sham: one front piece 25½"x31½", two back pieces 21½"x25½".

SEWING (same for all):

1. Fold over 1/2" to wrong side on one wide edge of each back piece.
2. Lay front piece right side up.

3. Lay the largest back right side down on the front piece with three raw edges matching. Lay the smaller back piece right side down with three raw edges matching. Pin around edges. Sew all pieces together around the edge using a 5/8" seam allowance.
4. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press and insert pillow form.
5. For sham, top stitch 2" in from the edge all around to form flange.



Skill Level 3: Experience necessary

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