

Ironing Board Cover Tutorial & Giveaway!

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Y'all, my ironing board was a SAD SAD sorry looking excuse of a thing. The cover was ugly and the foam beneath it had worn so thin it felt like I was ironing on the metal board itself.

No clean lines and smooth pressing here. No, I got lumpy, bumpy ridges every time. Not that I use my ironing board for clothes mind you (although I should) but my sewing projects were starting to protest!

It was time to take action!

And so I present to you, the super easy, quick and satisfying:

Ironing Board Cover Tutorial!

Fabric Loft graciously sent me this super cute fabric to work with and I'm so glad they did!

Fabric Loft is a new line of fabrics that you can pick up at TARGET! Target y'all! How cool is that? The world must really be getting on our already crafty bandwagon!

Right now the fabrics are only in limited Target stores but you can pick them up anytime [online](#)! I can't wait till the Target by my house carries these!





Make a New
Ironing Board
Cover in 30
minutes!



Ironing Board Cover Tutorial

It may not make the chore of ironing go any quicker but you'll definitely enjoy the extra padding and the cute new cover!

2 Yards home decor fabric

1 Fat quarter of accent cotton fabric

3 Yards 3/8" elastic

1 Yard of [Insul-brite](#)

1 Yard cotton batting

Bodkin tool

Pencil

Fabric scissors

Rotary supplies

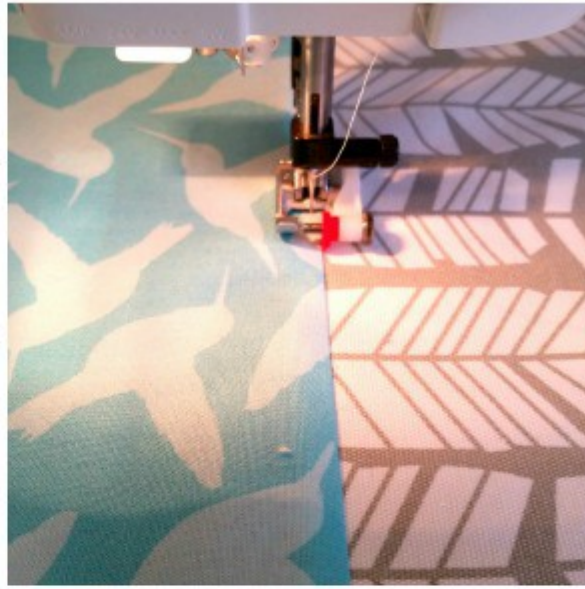
Coordinating thread

***Wash all fabrics first!**

*Directions are based on my ironing board which is 13.5" x 53" but can be easily tailored to any size ironing board.

Directions:

1. Cut the yard of Insul-brite into (2) 18" X WOF. Sew the 18" ends together with a 1/2" seam allowance then press the seam flat.
2. Cut the yard of cotton batting into (2) 18" x WOF pieces.
3. Cut a 5" x 22" strip from the accent fabric fat quarter.
4. Cut one yard of home decor fabric into (1) 22" x 22" piece.
5. Cut one yard of the home decor fabric into (1) 22" x 36" piece.
5. Sew the 5" accent strip in between the two home decor pieces using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seams flat. Topstitch along both seams with a 1/8th seam allowance. **Be sure to match your directional print!*



6. Remove the old cover from your ironing board. If there is an old piece of foam under your cover, you will use that to trace your batting. Otherwise, turn your iron upside down and trace your batting pattern.

7. Trace the outline of the ironing board onto the Insul-brite adding a 1" overhang on all sides. Repeat for both pieces of batting. Cut out all three pieces.

8. Pin the two pieces of cotton batting on top of the Insul-brite. Sew around the perimeter with a 1/2" seam allowance. This will keep your layers together. Be sure to smooth out the layers as you sew around so they stay smooth and flat. Set aside.

9. Place the fabric panel on the floor right side down and trace the ironing board making sure to add a 3" margin on all sides. If you have the old cover from your ironing board, use that instead and lay it flat on top of the new fabric and trace it adding a 1/2" seam allowance for the hem.



10. Cut along the line you drew. **Sew around the perimeter of the fabric using a tight zigzag or overlock stitch or a serger. This will keep your edges from fraying.**

11. Fold the edges under a 1/2" on all sides and press. Sew the hem down 1/8th from the zigzagged edge. Be sure to leave 4" gap to thread the elastic through. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the gap.

12. Insert the elastic using a bodkin. Thread the elastic through the casing you made, working slowly. When you get to the starting point, shimmy the elastic through the whole cover so that it is distributed evenly. Use a safety pin to hold elastic pieces together for the time being.

13. Place the batting layers on the ironing board with the Insul-brite seam on the bottom. *Use masking tape to hold in place along the edge if you like.

14. Put the new cover on over the batting layers. Unpin the elastic tails and pull the elastic tightly to gather the cover and hold it in place. Tie the ends of the elastic together in a double knot. Trim the tails leaving a 2" tail for each.

15. Remove the cover, tuck the tails inside the casing and use your machine to stitch the gap closed, backstitching at the beginning and end.

16. Put your new cover back on your ironing board and marvel at how great it looks! Ask yourself why it took you so long to give your board a make-over! Enjoy!



I'm loving my new cover and kicking myself that I waited so long to make one. This is such a quick and easy project! Be sure to tag @ellisonlane if you make one and share it on social media. I'd love to see it!

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