

Sewing instructions for a bernette dust cover



You will need:

- 0.5 metre each of lining and outer fabric (you will probably have enough fabric left over to decorate your dust cover or to sew a matching pincushion) and iron-on interlining.
- Matching sewing thread
- Other items for embellishing, such as piping, trimming or lace
- Scissors, a ruler and chalk
- Pins
- Iron



Preparation and cutting out

Wash the fabrics once in the washing machine, dry them and press them flat. This will prevent your dust cover from shrinking later on and no longer fitting over your machine.

Cut out the following pieces from the lining and outer fabric and the interlining:

- A and B: 30 cm x 43 cm
- C: 19 cm x 99 cm

All the measurements include a 1 cm seam allowance.

Then iron the interlining onto the outer fabric according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Sewing

Make a mark on the long side of piece C of the outer fabric, at a distance of 29 cm from the short side, and cut into the fabric slightly – but only within the 1 cm seam allowance!



Now pin parts A and B onto part C so that the corners of A and B are on the cut in marks and with the right sides together. Do this very slowly and careful, using plenty of pins, to ensure that the corners of A and B are exactly opposite each other.

Now carefully sew pieces A and B onto piece C along the pinned edges. Then press the seam allowances open as neatly as possible.



The shape of the cover should now be recognisable!



Sew the lining in exactly the same way as the outer fabric.



Now you can sew the outer fabric and lining together. To do this, turn one of the pieces the other way, so that the outsides of the two fabrics are facing each other. Now pin the open edges of the two pieces together, making sure the corners are lined up precisely. For this step, it is helpful if you carefully press the seam allowance open beforehand.



Mark a turning opening of 5-10 cm – this is where you will leave the seam open when you sew the edges together so that you can turn your dust cover the right way out.



Now sew the open edges of the lining and outer fabric between the markings, press your seam, and turn the cover the right way out via the opening. Press the edge again, especially at the place where the seam is still open. Finally, topstitch the whole of the bottom edge, 1 cm from the edge, which will also close the opening in the seam.



And you're done! Admire your handiwork and share it with other sewing fans using the #mybernette hashtag