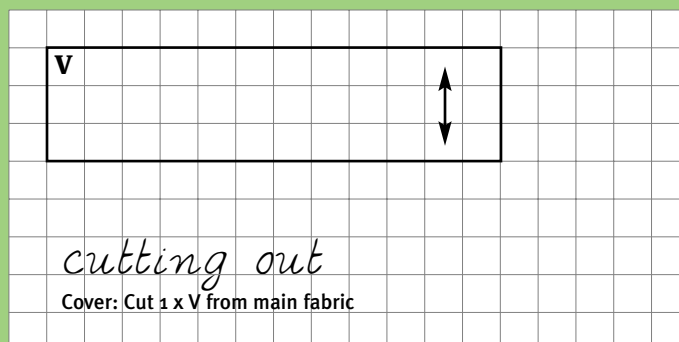


Coat Hangers

SKILL LEVEL 

Give your best frocks the special treatment they deserve, and prevent the shoulders from creasing, with these quick-to-make hangers. They have been padded in thrifty style by binding the wooden arms with old tights: you could also use strips cut from an old t-shirt or jumper.



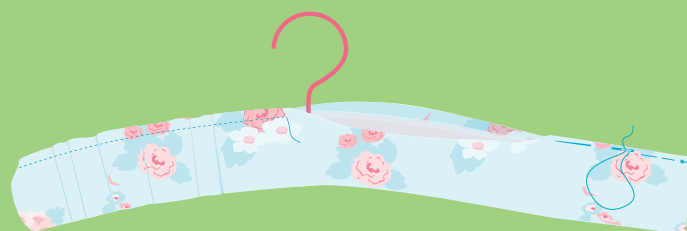
1 Bind the padding around the coat hanger. Starting at one end, wrap it tightly towards, and then past, the hook. Sew on new lengths when needed and secure the ends with a few stitches.

2 Cut a length of binding 2cm longer than the hook. Press under a 5mm turning at one end. Fold in half lengthways and slip stitch the folded end and the long edges together to form a tube. Slide the open end over the hook and sew the raw ends to the padding.

3 Press a 1cm turning at the short edges and a 2cm turning along the long edges of the cover. Fold in half widthways and mark the centre point.

4 Slip stitch the folds at each short edge. Sew the top edges on the left side together, from the corner to the centre point. Use 5mm running stitches, worked 5mm down from the folds.

5 Slide the hanger into the cover. Pull up the thread so that the fabric gathers over the padding. Even out the folds and fasten off the thread. Gather the other side in the same way.



6 Make a bow from the remaining bias binding, trim the ends and stitch to the cover at the base of the hook.

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A LENGTH OF DOUBLE-SIDED TAPE FIXED ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE ARMS OF THE HANGER WILL STOP THE PADDING FROM SLIPPING ABOUT AS YOU WIND IT IN PLACE.

