Makerspace

Sewing: Reusable Swiffer Pad

Skill Level: Beginner

Materials
- Reusable mop cover pattern
- 11.25"x14" terry cloth
- 11.25"x14" cotton fabric
- Two 2" sew-on velcro strips
- Chalk or pen for marking
- Coordinating thread
- Pins

Tips

This design is intended for the 5"x10" Swiffer Mop. If you would like to use it for another brand or style, be sure to adjust accordingly.

For Step 2, marking out the pattern on the terry cloth can be very difficult, depending on the color or type of terry cloth. If it is too challenging to use the pattern to cut out the terry cloth, alternatively, measure and cut the terry cloth into a 11.25"x14" rectangle. Fold in half so that it is 11.25"x7", with the folded side toward you. Then, in the middle of the top (see pattern for reference), cut a square that is 3"x3". The folded terry cloth should look like a U.

BONUS! As another green option, make a couple more Swiffer pads by recycling tired towels and old t-shirts so there's always a few Swiffer pads on hand to swap out between washes.

Instructions

1. Fold both the cotton fabric and terry cloth in half so that they are both 11.25"x7".

2. Along the folded side, line up the pattern's edge marked for the fold. With the chalk or pen, trace the pattern onto the fabric and cut them out. (see tip for alternative for terry cloth)

3. Unfold the fabric and terry cloth and lay them flat.

4. With the "nice" side of the terry cloth facing up, lay the cotton fabric "nice" side facing down on top of the terry cloth. Pin around the edges. Mark a two inch gap on one of the sides to leave open to turn it right side out after sewing.

5. Sew continuously around the outside edge with a 3/8th inch seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end, but being careful not to sew over the two inch opening. Once a corner is reached, stop, lift the foot, and turn the material to continue on.

6. Snip the tips of the eight outer corners and snip notches into the four inner corners.

7. Turn the Swiffer pad right side out.

8. Tuck in the side that is open and pin in place.

9. Top stitch around with a 1/4 inch seam allowance to close up the opening and reinforce the reusable Swiffer pad, being sure to remove pins as you go.

10. It's time to attach the velcro to the Swiffer pad. Pull apart the velcro so there are the scratchy teeth (Side A) and the soft side (Side B).

11. Flip the reusable Swiffer pad with the terry cloth facing down, the cotton side facing up. It should look like an "H" when the Swiffer pad is laid out. Place Side A of the velcro in the middle of the left and right top flaps (the tops of the "H") of the nice cotton side.

12. The next step is to decide where to place the Side B of the velcro on the terry cloth side of the opposite bottom flaps (bottom of the "H"). To place Side B, either use a Swiffer mop for reference by putting the reusable Swiffer pad on and folding the flaps over the top to see where Side A would overlap with Side B. Or, if there is no Swiffer mop handy, fold the flaps over each other as if putting on a Swiffer mop. Make a note of where Side A overlaps and place Side B. With a backstitch at the beginning and the end, stitch Side B of the velcro in place on the terry cloth flap by sewing all the way around the velcro with about a 1/8 seam allowance.

13. The reusable Swiffer pad is ready to be a green alternative for mopping floors!

Reusable mop cover

cut 2 on fold (1 towel + 1 cotton)

3/8" seam allowance included

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0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

1/8 2/8 3/8 4/8 5/8 6/8 7/8 1in 2in 3in

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