



Furry Foot Stool

Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	varies depending on stool size

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Add a little whimsy to your home décor by adding this trendy faux fur slip cover to a round stool.

Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All Purpose thread**
- 1 yd. faux fur*
- 1 pkg. ¾" double fold bias binding
- 1 pkg. ¼" elastic
- Scissors
- Long glass head pins
- Marking pen/pencil
- Large sewing machine needle

**Featured fabric is Luxury Shag Fur from Shannon Fabrics.*

Making Pattern

1. Stool top pattern piece - Turn stool upside down and trace around top on paper, muslin or pattern drafting fabric. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
2. Side pattern piece around stool - height dimension - measure from top seam down to bottom of stool top, adding $\frac{1}{4}$ " for seam allowances: ____ For width dimension measure around stool for the circumference and add 1" for seam allowances: ____ This may need to be adjusted after trying slip cover on stool since faux fur may stretch. Draft pattern piece using above measurements for rectangle - ____ H x ____ W

Cutting

1. Cut stool top and side following faux fur sewing tips below. Cut the side strip so that it is perpendicular to the selvages.

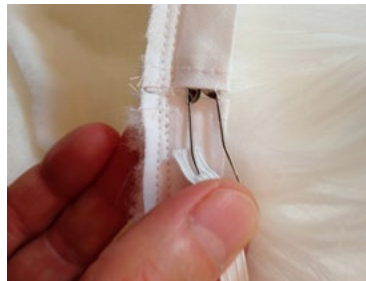
Stitching

1. With right sides of fur together on short sides, fold side strip in half. Pin and baste $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances. Try on slip cover with right side of fabric toward stool. If loose, pinch at seam to take up more seam allowance. Trim fur in new seam allowances. Stitch seam and cut seam allowances to $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
2. Mark faux fur stool top in quarters in seam allowance. Determine the top long edge of the strip. The fur should brush smooth toward the floor when placed on the stool. On the top long edge of the side strip, mark in quarters with the seam being at one quarter mark. With right sides fur together, match marks of top to marks on side. Pin and stitch the circular seam. Finger press seam open. (Note: Direction of Faux fur on stool top should be pointed away from side seam toward front. Side seam will be at back of stool.)

3. To make casing for elastic, cut a length of bias binding, the circumference of the stool plus 1" for seam allowances. Press folds of bias tape open. Fold in $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each short end and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge. Fold binding in half with lengthwise and press.
Note: Stitched ends become opening for elastic.
4. Pin cut edges of bias binding to right side of fur with opening facing fur. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



5. Cut a length of elastic the circumference of the stool minus 2". Using a safety pin on one end of elastic, thread elastic through binding at opening, pinning opposite end of elastic near opening so it will not slip into casing. Work elastic around stool inside casing and pin to other end of cut elastic.



Fit slip cover over stool and pull elastic tighter for a snug fit if needed. Stitch ends of elastic together overlapping one side on top of the other. Stitch opening together by hand.



FAUX FUR SEWING TIPS

Cutting

1. Use with nap layout. Direction of fur lies down toward ground when stroked.
2. To avoid pattern layout mistakes, mark arrows in direction of nap on fabric selvages and seam allowances of cut pieces.
3. Lay fabric fur side down, use sewing clips, extra-long pins, glass heads facing pattern edge on backing of fur.
4. Slip lower blade just under backing. Cut only backing then lift pattern piece up, separating fur.

Stitching

1. Before stitching, eliminate bulk in seam allowances by trimming fur $\frac{1}{2}$ " from raw edge with exception of seam allowance at bottom of side piece being trimmed at $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



2. Test seam first on scrap fabric 6 - 8 stitches/inch with large needle in direction of nap.
3. Decrease pressure of presser foot. Pieces of fabric should feed through at same rate without slipping.
4. When stitching, smooth fur toward garment and away from cut edge. Press upper layer of fabric down with your hand as it goes under presser foot.

Pressing

5. Finger press seam allowances open.
6. Use a knitting needle, crochet hook or large needle to pull fur caught in seams to right side and smooth down.