



Umbrella Headwrap

Umbrella Hacking in response to Covid 19 How to guide by Jeni Roddy



About This Hack

With no access to hairdressers it is time to look at alternative solutions for how to deal with our bad hair days.

Taking inspiration from a gorgeous array of variously tied head wraps, here is how you can make your own unique umbrella head wrap.

Not being able to get to a fabric shop makes you resourceful.

So root out that broken umbrella from the back of the cupboard and get sewing.

Skill level: Intermediate

Umbrella Orphanage

Umbrella Orphanage is a project by artist Jeni Roddy to rescue and transform broken umbrellas into functional artworks. It was commissioned and curated by Ríonach Ní Néill for Hope it Rains | Soineann nó Doineann, a project for Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture which aims to turn our bad weather to good use, and make Galway the place to be because it rains and blows.

These Umbrella Hacks are Jeni's response to the Covid-19 crisis, and we hope they will be of use to you.

Created at home during the lockdown.

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What you'll need for this hack



- 1 x Broken Umbrella Canopy*
*Please follow 'Broken Umbrella Deconstruction,' instructions to remove the canopy from the frame
- Thread, Matching or Contrasting
- Straight Pins (any type)
- Scissors small and large
- Tape Measure
- Seam ripper
- Tailor's chalk, or regular chalk if you are stuck
- Set Square or book if you don't have one (book used here)
- Sewing Machine with straight stitch at length 2.5 or 3.
If you have no sewing machine please follow the same instructions using hand-stitching.)

10 Simple Steps



STEP 1

Fold Umbrella into quarters, top side facing up.



STEP 2

Pin around the hem edges to hold the fabric in place.



STEP 3

To create your fabric rectangles place a book in line with the edge of the umbrella fabric. To help to make sure of your placement, notice the book will cross over a diagonal made by an umbrella segment seam. Draw a line on the fabric with tailor's chalk using the side of the book as a guide. Continue drawing the straight line to the bottom folded edge.



STEP 4

Draw a straight line of dashes 1 cm distance from the newly drawn line. The dashed line should be drawn on the side where the umbrella hem is, not on the folded side. Cut along the dashed line from the folded edge to the hemmed edge.



STEP 5

You are working with four layers of fabric. Cut between the bottom two layers and the top two layers all the way from bottom to top. The cut line is the long side of the rectangular shape. It is opposite to the cut line you have made in step 4.



STEP 6

You will be left with two long rectangular pieces. My umbrella had a frill along the edges. I removed the frill from one end of each rectangular fabric piece with a seam-ripper. Skip this step if you have no frill.



STEP 7

Place your two new fabric rectangles end to end narrow ends together. The fabric should be facing wrong side up. Join the narrow ends by pinning them together.



STEP 8

Sew together a 1cm seam to join the two fabric rectangles where you pinned in step 7.



STEP 9

Sew a 1cm hem along the two long sides of your newly joined pieces. Face the fabric wrong side up on your machine. No need to pin the fabric, just turn the edge of it over 1cm as you sew on the machine. This will create two flat hems.



STEP 10

Press flat your newly sewn seams and hems.

Your final Umbrella Headwrap

