

# Fabric Covered Containers

Cover cans or containers to show off your favorite fabric and organize your desk. Or drop a glass vase into a tall paper container for a vase cover for a pretty centerpiece!



## Supplies

- 4 cans or containers to be covered with fabric
- 1 yard total fabric(s)
- 1 yard total coordinating lining fabric(s)
- Coordinating embroidery floss
- White craft or white fabric glue
- 1 piece of heavy card stock paper
- Chalkboard paint
- Foam roller (ultra smooth)
- Chalk

## Making the chalkboard labels

- Do this first so the paint has time to dry
- Paint your card stock with the chalkboard paint
- Use smooth even strokes
- I used 2 coats of paint
- Allow to dry



## Making the cover

- Wash your containers, and, if the cans have paper on them, remove the paper.
- For each can, measure the height and circumference and add a 1/2" seam allowance on each side. My containers had the following dimensions:
  - Oatmeal – 16" x 9-1/2"
  - Hot cocoa – 10-3/4" x 5-1/4"
  - Soup can – 10-1/2" x 4-1/2"
  - Cereal – 14-1/2" x 10"
- Cut 2 pieces of fabric – one from your patterned fabric and one from the lining fabric
  - Oatmeal – cut 2 pieces: 16-1/2" x 10"
  - Hot cocoa – cut 2 pieces: 11-1/4" x 5-3/4"
  - Soup can – cut 2 pieces: 11" x 5"
  - Cereal – cut 2 pieces: 15" x 10-1/2"
- Cut 1 piece of fabric from the lining to cover the top edge of your container. It should be 1-1/2" to 2" wide depending on how big your container is. The bigger the container, the wider your strip.
  - Oatmeal – cut 1 piece: 16-1/2" x 2"
  - Hot cocoa – cut 1 piece: 11-1/4" x 2"
  - Soup can – cut 1 piece: 11" x 1.5"
  - Cereal – cut 1 piece: 15" x 1.5"
- Place your two big rectangular pieces of fabric, right sides facing together and sew around the edges using a 1/4" inch seam allowance.
- Leave a 2 inch opening in the middle of one of the short sides.
- Clip the corners.
- Turn right side out. Use a chopstick to push out your corners so they are square. Press.
- Sew the opening closed by stitching very close to the edge.
- Press.

- Fold the long strip in half lengthwise and press. Along the open side, clip the edges about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up to the fold.
- Open the strip and place along the edge. Glue it to the outside of the can - one section at a time. Then glue to the inside in the same way. Let the glue dry.



- Wrap the cover around the can. You can use binder clips to hold your cover in place while you sew the cover closed.



### Attach your label

- Cut out your label.
- I used scissors with a fancy scalloped edge.
- Apply a layer of glue and place it where you would like the label.

*Pattern adapted from tutorial by Elsie Marley, <http://www.elsiemarley.com>*