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Free Pattern for a DIY No-sew ScrapRack Cover

Read "Suggested Fabrics" before shopping!

ScrapRack Cover: Made from washable woven fabrics using paper-backed fusible tape, with glued-on ceramic magnets for attaching to ScrapRack bases and wings. This cover will be big enough to cover full (but not over-stuffed) ScrapRacks, and is intended to be folded around the wings and magneted to their undersides. This will secure the cover against kids, pets, and breezes from open windows and all but the most determined crop attendees while you are away from your table!

This pattern is written in a way that will help guide the non-fabric person through the process. Do not let yourself be overwhelmed by too much information! Most common answers and issues are addressed, but you may not need that information now or later. Edit your reading ;)

Suggested fabrics: washable* cotton or cotton/polyester blends that are closely woven, do not shed fibers, and are "top-weight" meaning you can imagine a blouse made from that thickness/weight of fabric.

-Look for them in these fabric categories: Quilting, Novelty/Nursery prints, and top-weight Apparel fabrics.

-Avoid burlap, flannel, corduroy (and other fuzzy/fibery fabrics) for lint reasons.

-Choose fabrics with a non-directional print if this will matter to you: since the fabric will be running sideways, any faces, letters, flower stems, etc., that are not scattered in all directions will show sideways.

*IMPORTANT that fabric be washable: fusible products and glues do not adhere well, or for the long term, if fabrics are not washed first. Washing removes the coat of sizing, similar to starch, that gives new fabrics extra body and stiffness. Fabric softener should not be used during washing/drying for the same reason.

NOTE for 4, 5, and 6 BASES: ScrapRackers with 4 bases SHOULD strongly consider making a two-part cover; 5-6 bases will be covered nicely with two 2-base sized covers. Washing pieces of fabric long enough to make a one-piece cover for these sizes gives wrinkly, ropey results that are very frustrating to deal with, and since fusibles will be used the fabric must be washed. For the possibility of breaking up the bases into separate groups or downsizing in the future, consider selecting two covers that might be longer than needed for good overlap now, but can still be used later on smaller setups.

Custom DIY No-Sew Cover for ScrapRack

# Bases	Purchase this Length of Fabric (42" wide or more) (1.1m wide or more)	Cut to this size [cut width 39" OR 1m]	Finished size [fin. width: 36" OR 92 cm +/-
1	2y 1.8m	58" 1.5m	55" 1.42m
2	2 1/2y 2.25m	74" 1.9m	71" 1.82m
3	3y 2.7m	89" 2.3m	86" 2.22m
4 (one piece) Not recommended	3 5/8y 3.3m	105" 2.7m	102" 2.62m
4 (two pieces)	Two pieces @ 2 1/8 yard each (4 1/4 yards) two @ 1.9m	62" 1.6m	59" 1.52m

IF there's not quite enough fabric at some point, you can buy/cut a hand's width less (about 4", 1/8 yd, or .1m) as long as you don't have a "fluffy" ScrapRack.

If you don't wish to use magnets on the sides, you can buy/cut your fabric 6" shorter. (15cm)

Why so much extra fabric must be purchased: fabric shrinks, and fabric distorts. You will likely find after washing that the cut edges are not longer square with the selvage edges (the woven sides.) I have allowed for average shrinkage for cotton fabrics (5%), and average results how the edges might be after washing. *Talk to an experienced fabric cutting clerk to make sure your fabric will behave as expected.*