

# DIY Custom Lampshades

## From plain to plaid



### Materials Needed:

- white lampshade
- fabric
- scissors
- newspaper
- tape
- sewing pins
- hot glue
- iron



### STEP ONE:

Wrap the lampshade in newspaper and tape it in place. Cut the extra around the top and bottom off. Cut a straight line through the newspaper from the bottom to the top. Lay the newspaper pattern out flat.



## STEP TWO:

Cut a strip of fabric 1.5 inches wide long enough to go around the top and the bottom of the lampshade. Take these strips and press the edges over to form a trim band.



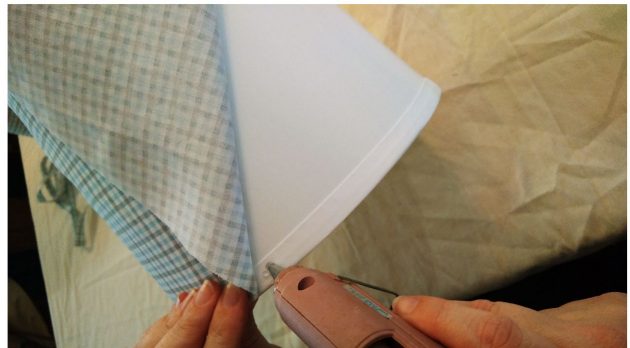
## STEP THREE:

Iron your fabric so that there are no creases or wrinkles. Fold the newspaper pattern in half and line up the center of the pattern on the fabric. Unfold the pattern, pin in place, and cut it out. Make sure that on one end of the cut out, you leave about 1/2 to 3/4 inch extra fabric to fold over for a finished edge.



## STEP FOUR:

Begin in the center of the lampshade. Place a dab of hot glue on the bottom and attach the fabric. Place another dab at the center top and attach the fabric. Continue to glue the fabric around the bottom, then the top. Make sure that the overlap of the fabric is tucked under and glued up the center.





### STEP FIVE:

Beginning with the center seam, glue the bottom of the band around the bottom of the lampshade. Make sure that you pull the fabric tight as you work. When you reach the seam, leave 1/4 inch extra and cut off excess. Fold extra under and fix with a dab of glue between the layers, then glue it to the shade.



### STEP SIX:

Starting again at the center seam, glue the top band around the top of the lampshade, making sure to pull the fabric tight as you work. Cut 1/4 inch extra at the seam. Fold extra under and tack fold with glue. Glue the fold to the shade.



*Now you have a pretty new lampshade!*

