

Fabric Flower Hair Clip

This is a quick and easy project with a very pretty, “how’d-you-do-that?” result. This fabric flower is also a great way to use up those last bits of scrap fabric. Need a quick present? Need a little somethin’-somethin’ to top off an outfit? Need something to do for twenty minutes while you wait for your daughter to get out of school? Make one of these hand-stitched flowers!

For this hair clip with a flower having a diameter of about 4 ½ inches you will need:

- 5 squares of woven fabric, each side measuring approximately 3 inches long.
- A scrap of jersey (knit) fabric, approx. 6-7 inches long and 1½ -2 inches wide, cut across the courses (perpendicular to the ribs).
- One 70 mm fabric-covered metal hair clip (hair clips are available from many online sources).
- A sturdy hand sewing needle and strong thread.

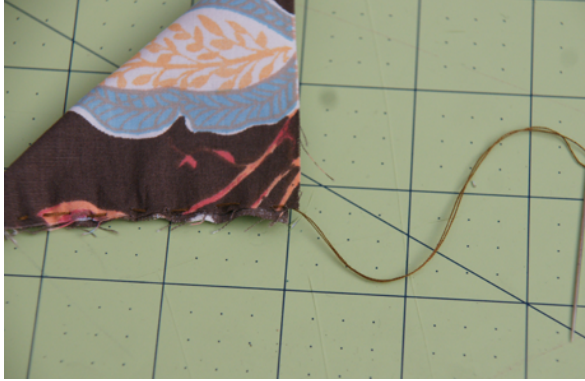


Instructions:



Here you see the materials you will need: 5 little squares of fabric, a strip of jersey and a covered hair clip.

1. Thread your needle and put a knot in the end. Leave a tail of thread beyond the knot approximately 4-5 inches long.



2. Fold a square of your woven fabric in half diagonally into a triangle.

3. Along one of the open edges, hand stitch a basting stitch.



4. Continue hand stitching a basting stitch along the other open edge of the folded triangle with the same thread.



5. Gently pull the thread, so both stitched edges gather. See the petal you are forming?



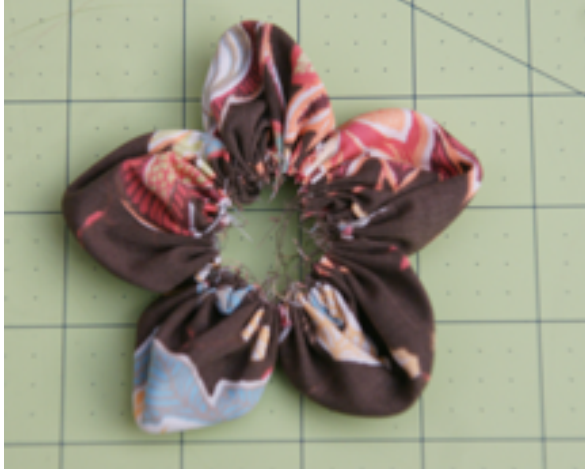
6. Push the resulting “petal” down the thread to the knot at the end of your thread. Keep the petal on the thread.



7. Repeat the above steps for the remaining four squares of fabric. Continue stringing the petals along the thread and scrunch them down to the end of the thread



8. Tie the ends of the thread together into a secure knot (aren't you glad you left a long tail after the bottom knot?). Trim the threads close to the knot you just tied.



9. Voilà! There you have a ring of flower petals.



10. To make the center of the flower, fold the strip of jersey material in half lengthwise.

Along the folded edge, snip little cuts across the knit fabric's courses. Do not cut all the way to the other edge of the fabric. Just snip little slits along the fold.



(Alternatively, you may use a strip of felt. When using felt, there is no need to fold the felt in half lengthwise. You may just cut little fringes.)

11. While still folded in half lengthwise, roll this snipped strip of jersey material tightly. It is easier to roll the uncut edges



12. Secure this bit of rolled fabric with stitches through the roll near the base (not through the little loops of material). A thimble helps to force the needle through all that tightly compacted material.



13. Stitch the ring of petals to the flower around the base.



And there is your completed flower!

14. With this same thread still attached, you may stitch this flower to a headband or brooch or dress or hat or skirt or pair of jeans or...



...or attach it to a hair clip! In a final step, just stitch this flower to the hair clip. Be sure to stitch around the center part of the metal clip, so that the flower is anchored securely. Stitch a few stitches along the edge of the fabric clip cover until the flower is secure and lays nicely.

Fabric scrap flower



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And that's all there is to it!

(For smaller, 50 mm hair clips, use fabric squares that are only about 1½-2 inches long along one side.)

Wasn't that fun?

