Lampshade Making Kit - Hexagon
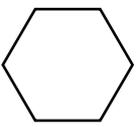
What's in this Box

1 x Self-Adhesive PVC Panel
1 x Painted Metal Frame with UK/EU Utility Fitting
1 x Painted Metal Frame
1 x Roll of Double-Sided Self-Adhesive Tape
1 x Finishing Tool

Preparation - You will need

* Covering of choice
* Clean flat working area
* Sharp Knife or Scissors & Pencil
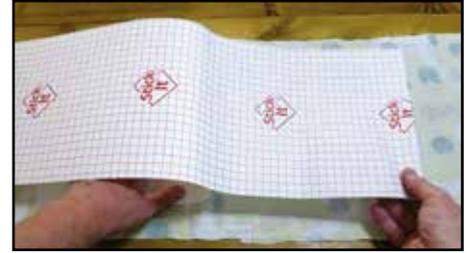
Recommended (not essential)

* Seam Roller

Lampshade Making Instructions

1. Cut down your fabric to a workable size larger then the S/A Panel. Now turn them both over face down with S/A panel on top (next pic).

Tip! *Iron covering to remove any creases.*

2. When you're happy with placement peel back some of the release paper and stick down onto your covering.

Tip! *Use a weight (tin) to stop panel moving!*

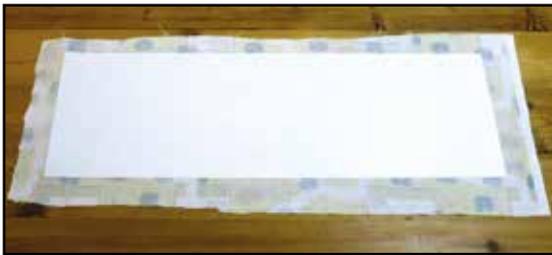**3.** Smooth out from the middle and press the adhesive into the fabric firmly until all the release paper is removed.

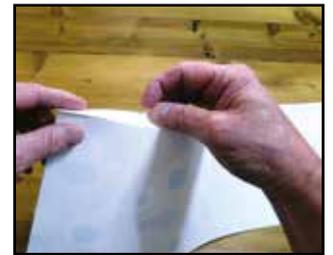**Tip!** *If you feel a crease, peel back and try again!*
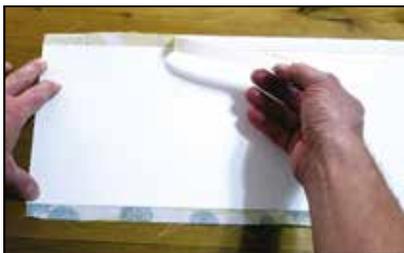
4. After you have inspected your panel for creases, the panel is now ready for trimming.
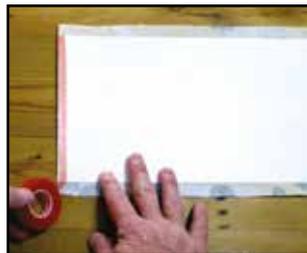
5. Cut off the surplus covering around all the edges of the panel as cleanly as possible using scissors or a sharp knife.
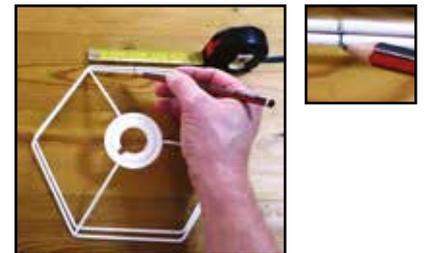
6. Snap back the creased edges around the panel to break the edge of the PVC.
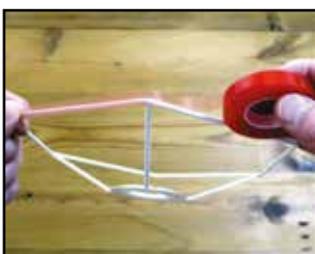
7. Carefully, to avoid fraying, remove the broken strips of PVC to leave your covering's edge on both sides.
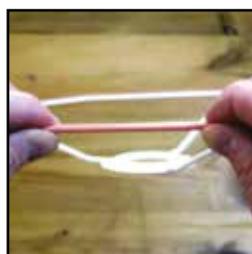
8. Apply double-sided tape to one side of the PVC edge of the panel. This will be used to stick the seam.
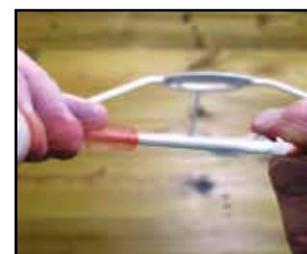
9. Hold frames together and make a pencil mark on the welds or the centre of both frames on one of the sides.

10. Apply double-sided tape to the outside of each frame. Apply evenly and avoid creases.
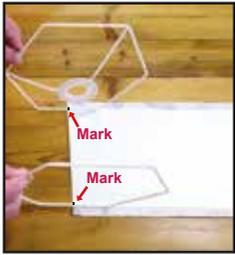
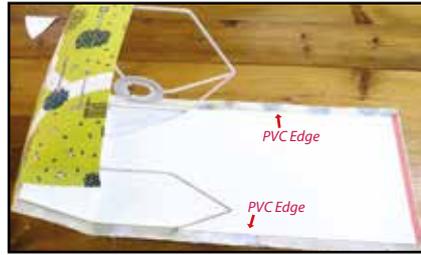**11.** Press the tape down evenly and firmly onto the frames.

12. Remove the release paper and you now have two sticky frames to fix to the panel.

If your covering is directional you need to think about which frame to place at the top or bottom of the panel. The utility frame needs to be placed at the bottom if you want to use with a table lamp, for pendant use (ceiling fitting) the utility frame goes at the top, so check to make sure your covering is the correct way before continuing to the next step.

Mark
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13. Position the frame marks (step 9) on the PVC edge and start to fold towards the seam edge (step 8).

Tip! *Ask someone to help you hold the frames.*

PVC Edge
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14. Keep frame in line with the PVC edge at all times. If you run out of line go back and correct.

15. As the lampshade starts to take shape, it will be easier to keep in line.

Tip! *Keep the frames in contact with the PVC*

16. When you get to the seam (the overlap) remove the release paper on the D/S tape.

17. Now overlap and stick the seam down but do not apply any forceful pressure.

18. Turn over so the seam is now on a hard surface and apply firm pressure pressing the tape down with your hand.
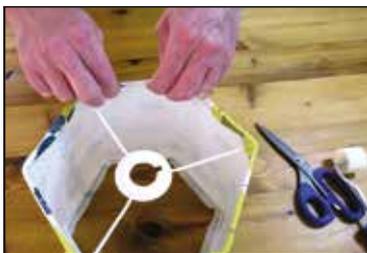

19. For best results use a seam roller to apply the pressure, rolling up and down the seam.

20. Snip the covering in line with the struts on the utility frame so that the covering can be folded behind.

21. Pinch the fabric, pull down taut and fold it onto the sticky frames.

22. Continue pulling the fabric taut and folding onto the frame all around.

23. Use the finishing tool to push the fabric behind the frames.

24. If the tool gets bent, cut with scissors to refresh.

25. Force the tool between the gap and swipe around the inside rim of the frames until you're happy with the finish.

26. You will now have a professionally finished top quality Hexagon lampshade.

Optional Extras
If you purchased a diffuser, it sits on the lip of the bottom frame.