

# Make Your Own Tailor's Ham

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This great pressing tool is so easy to make and it's so helpful. It will take a few tries to get the hang of how to use it, but over time it will really improve your pressing results.

## What You'll Need

Template for ham (below)

Muslin, velvet, and upholstery fabric scraps slightly larger than the template

Batting, enough for 2 pieces the size of the template

Shredded paper to use as filling

Mending supply kit (see page 24)

Sewing machine (optional)

## What You'll Do

**Step 1.** Use the template to cut one piece of muslin, one piece of upholstery fabric, and two pieces of batting.

**Step 2.** Layer the fabrics and batting in the following order:

batting

upholstery or velvet and muslin fabric, right sides together

batting

**Step 3.** Stitch around the edge of the layered fabrics, using a ½" seam allowance and leaving a 3" gap. Turn the layers right side out through the opening.

**Step 4.** Stuff the ham as tightly as you can with the shredded paper. Use a ladder stitch to close the gap. Fasten off and trim the threads.

