



Hand Painted Matzah Cover

This matzah cover was originally designed by Harriet Hoffman and Charlotte Prywes of the Eastern Long Island Branch. We have modified the original directions for this posting.

This matzah cover uses fabric paint or fabric markers to present a design that is special for Pesah. The cover can also become the top layer of a multilevel matzah pocket cover. It can be assembled by hand sewing if a sewing machine is not available and can be completed in a very short time.

Materials

1. A 15" by 15" piece of cotton/polyester fabric or a ready made napkin
2. Fabric paint or fabric paint markers
3. 1 Fine point, permanent marking pen such as "Sharpie" and a pencil
4. 1 sheet of sandpaper
5. 1 sheet of wax paper
6. Designs of Pesah motifs
7. Sharp needle
8. Sewing thread

Directions for the Matzah Cover

1. Choose your design motif for the matzah cover. This motif may be centered on your

15" by 15" fabric or the motif may be a decorative border.

2. If you wish to fringe the edges of the matzah cover, fringing should be done before you start your design transfer. At the edge of the fringe (where the fringe begins) stitch a backstitch row, with the same color thread as the fabric, to define the fringe.

3. Place your sandpaper sheet on a flat surface. Then, place the 15" by 15" fabric on top of the sandpaper. (The sandpaper will keep the fabric from slipping while you are working.)

4. Trace on to the fabric with your pencil the design motif you have chosen.

5. Go over the design motif outline with the "Sharpie" pen.

6. Select the colors you wish to use in your design. For fabric painting, use a clean brush for each color and carefully paint your design. For fabric markers, use the marker as indicated by the company.

Note: Start your painting with light strokes and then increase the intensity of your strokes to make a color brighter.

7. Sign your completed design with your name or initials and add the Pesah date.

If you wish to make this a multilevel matzah cover, sew three additional layers of fabric to the completed cover. This becomes the top of the matzah pocket cover.

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