

SCALLOPED ARMCHAIR COVER

Materials: checked linen (around 6 m for a small armchair), upholstery T-pins, contrasting bias binding, pins, dressmaker's chalk

1 Measure a panel of fabric about 10 cm larger all round than the inside back of the chair. Using T-pins, pin the panel to the chair, right-side out, making sure to keep the checked pattern straight. Make two darts at the top edges. Trim the fabric down, leaving a 1.5 cm seam allowance on all sides, except where the seat meets the back, where you should leave the full 10 cm for tucking in.



3 For the seat, measure and cut out a panel of fabric from the back of the seat to the floor in front of the chair, adding 10 cm, plus 10 cm on both sides for the tuck-in. Using T-pins, pin in place. Trim away the excess fabric between the front of the arm and the top of the seat only, leaving a 1.5 cm seam allowance.



2 For the arms, measure two panels of fabric about 10 cm larger all round than the inside arms. Using T-pins, pin panels to chair, right-side out, keeping checks straight. Make darts at the front of each arm. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving 1.5 cm seam allowance, except for tuck-in area on seat.



4 For the outside arms, cut two panels of fabric, allowing 10 cm extra on the top and two sides, but taking the length right to the floor. Pin into place with T-pins and trim excess fabric (except bottom) to a 1.5 cm seam allowance. ▶

