



# Umbrella Headscarf

Umbrella Hacking in response to Covid 19 How to guide by Jeni Roddy



# About This Hack

With no access to hairdressers, it is time to look to the past for inspiration on how to deal with our bad hair days.

Taking inspiration from the 1940's, here's how to make a unique umbrella headscarf.

Not being able to get to a fabric shop makes you resourceful.

So root out that broken umbrella from the back of the cupboard and get sewing.

Skill level: Intermediate

## Umbrella Orphanage

Umbrella Orphanage is a project by artist Jeni Roddy to rescue and transform broken umbrellas into functional artworks. It was commissioned and curated by Ríonach Ní Néill for Hope it Rains | Soineann nó Doineann, a project for Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture which aims to turn our bad weather to good use, and make Galway the place to be because it rains and blows.

These Umbrella Hacks are Jeni's response to the Covid-19 crisis, and we hope they will be of use to you.

Created at home during the lockdown.

[www.hopeit rains.ie](http://www.hopeit rains.ie) | [www.jeniroddy.com](http://www.jeniroddy.com)

Irish & English guides available | Treoir Gaeilge & Béarla ar fáil

# What you'll need for this hack



- 1 x Broken 8-panel Umbrella Canopy\*  
\*Please follow 'Broken Umbrella Deconstruction,' instructions to remove the canopy from the frame
- Thread, Matching or Contrasting
- Straight Pins (any type)
- Scissors ( large and small)
- Tape Measure
- Seam ripper
- Tailor's chalk, (or use normal chalk if you don't have tailor's chalk)
- Iron & ironing board
- Book
- 50cm Ruler
- Sewing Machine with straight stitch at length 2.5 or 3.  
(If you have no sewing machine please follow the same instructions using hand-stitching.)

# 12 Simple Steps



## STEP 1

Wash your canopy in a synthetic wash and iron on a low setting.



## STEP 2

Fold the canopy in half, wrong side facing outwards. Pin around the hole left from the pole. Stitch a line in a semi-circle around the hole to close it.



## STEP 3

Pin along the outer hem edge to connect the front and back halves together. Be careful to match up hem edges and the segment points accurately.



## STEP 4

Fold again to quarter the canopy and re-pin. Be careful to match up hem edges and the segment points accurately.



### STEP 5

Aim: to create a square. Put the corner point of a book at the centre bottom segment point of the quartered canopy.



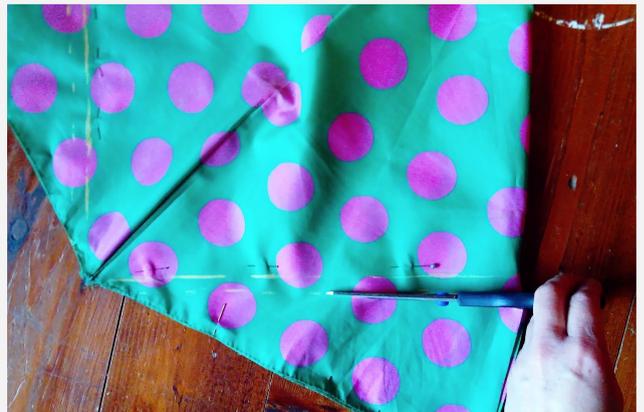
### STEP 6

Mark the right angle traced from the book corner with chalk. Continue drawing the line out to the outer edges of the folded umbrella.



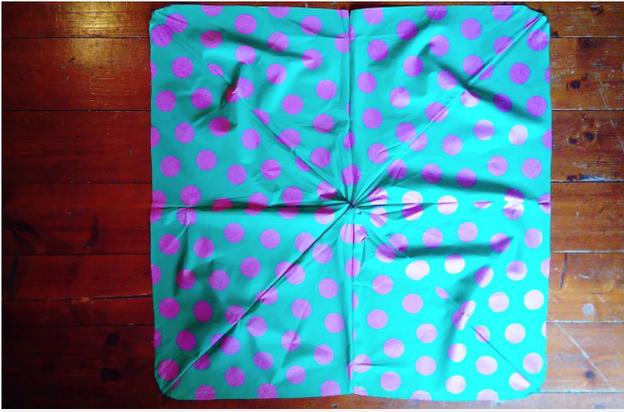
### STEP 7

Draw a line of dashes 1cm below the two drawn lines to mark the cutting line.



### STEP 8

Cut along the line of dashes.



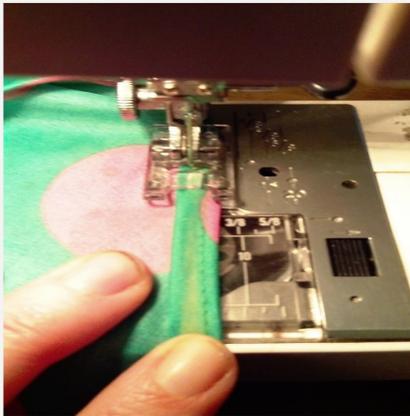
### STEP 9

Open out the folded piece to reveal a square.



### STEP 10

Turn over the outer edge of the fabric 0.5cm and sew to create a flat seam.



### STEP 11

Turn the flat seam over on itself and sew down again to create a rolled hem edge.



### STEP 12

Once you have finished all the sewing, re-press the head-scarf, particularly the new hemmed edges.

# Your Umbrella Headscarf



Tip: Follow Retro Chicks' great instructions on how to tie a 1940's headscarf at [bit.ly/3exmns2](https://bit.ly/3exmns2)

Top Tip: the nylon fabric in umbrellas acts in a similar way to a silk headscarf so make sure to use bobby-pins to keep it neatly in place!

*Images: Jeni Roddy and Conall Geoghegan*