



Passover Matzah Covers

On Saturday, March 27, the celebration of Passover begins! Passover is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the Israelite's freedom from slavery in Egypt thousands of years ago. The holiday is usually celebrated for eight days and focuses on family, history, and social justice. On the first and sometimes the second day of Passover, families hold a Seder. The Seder is set around the dinner table where families eat, drink, and tell stories. During the Seder, there is a Seder plate that holds specific foods that symbolize different things, such as an egg which represents life. Matzah, which is flat, unleavened bread, is eaten during this event to represent what the Jews ate while fleeing from Egypt. In this project, we will be making a matzah cover. These covers are used to keep matzah fresh and protected.

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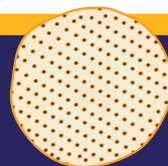
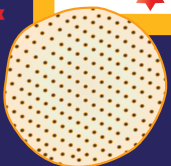
Gather materials:

- Felt Sheets
- Fabric Scraps
- Foam Shapes
- Ribbon
- Liquid / Tacky Glue
- Fabric Markers / Sharpies
- Plastic Sewing Needle (optional)
- Hole Puncher
- Scissors
- Yarn

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Cut 2 sheets of felt into 8-inch by 8-inch squares.





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Use your scissors to cut little slits on 3 sides of your square. Depending on the type of felt used, you may be able to use hole punches for this step. Make around 5 holes per side and be sure to space out your holes evenly.

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Do the same to your second square of felt. Make sure you make the holes in exactly the same spots.

PRO-TIP:
If your felt is thinner, cut your slits or hole punch at the same time with the squares stacked one on top of the other.

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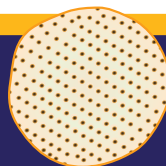
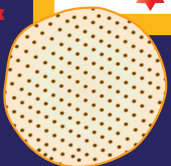
Cut a long piece of string, around 1 yard long.

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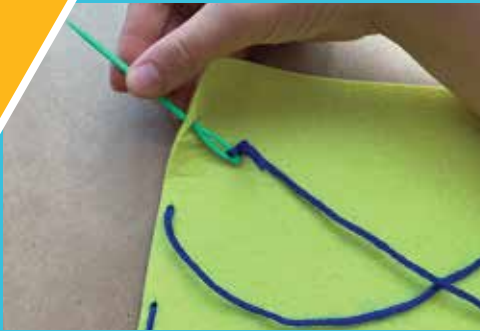
String your yarn into the plastic sewing needle and knot it onto it.

NOTE:
You can use your fingers to string the yarn if you do not have a plastic sewing needle.



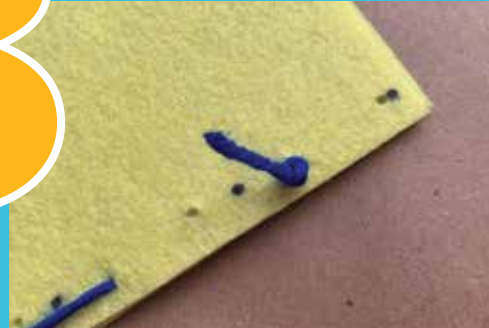


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Sew your squares together by weaving your needle in and out of the cut holes.

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After you string through the first holes, bring your string all the way through to the end and knot it to itself to secure it in place.

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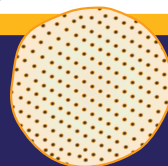
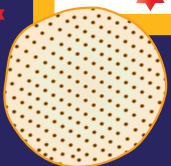


Continue sewing until you have completed all three sides.

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Cut the yarn from the sewing needle and knot it to itself to ensure your yarn stays in place.





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Now decorate your matzah cover! Add words or even your name with sharpies or fabric markers.

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Now add embellishments! You can add ribbon, fabric scraps, and foam shapes by securing with tacky glue.

PRO-TIP:

Depending on your felt, sharpies may work better than fabric markers. Check on a piece of scrap felt before you begin.

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Allow to dry, and spread open the top slot to slide in your matzah!

