

Basic Hobbled Shade

Hobbled shades are simple in style and can fit seamlessly with any design style. Many customers like the look of the permanent folds rather than that of a flat shade. Follow along for fabrication instructions on how to create this shade type to fit any space.

Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products

Cambridge Napped Sateen Lining	LNW49/
Professional Shears / Scissors	CU22
John James Hand Sewing Needles	TP118
A&E Upholstery Thread	TU6K/
Water Erasable Fabric Marking Pen	PM25
Straight Edge Ruler, 72"	MR26
Sure-Shade Encased Lift Cord Tape	ELC14/
Glass Head Straight Pins	TP49
Metal Sew-On Rings	ST16
Cord Adjuster Orb	RW19
Solid Steel Rods	BR6/

Item



Basic Hobbled Shade: Step-By-Step Instructions

Our project covers the steps to make a basic hobbled shade finishing at 30" W x 36" L. For your specific shade, you will need to do the math using 10" of face fabric for each 6" of lift tape. This will give you a total of 6" per fold in the final shade. You will need to add fabric for the apron and for mounting.



Doing the Math:



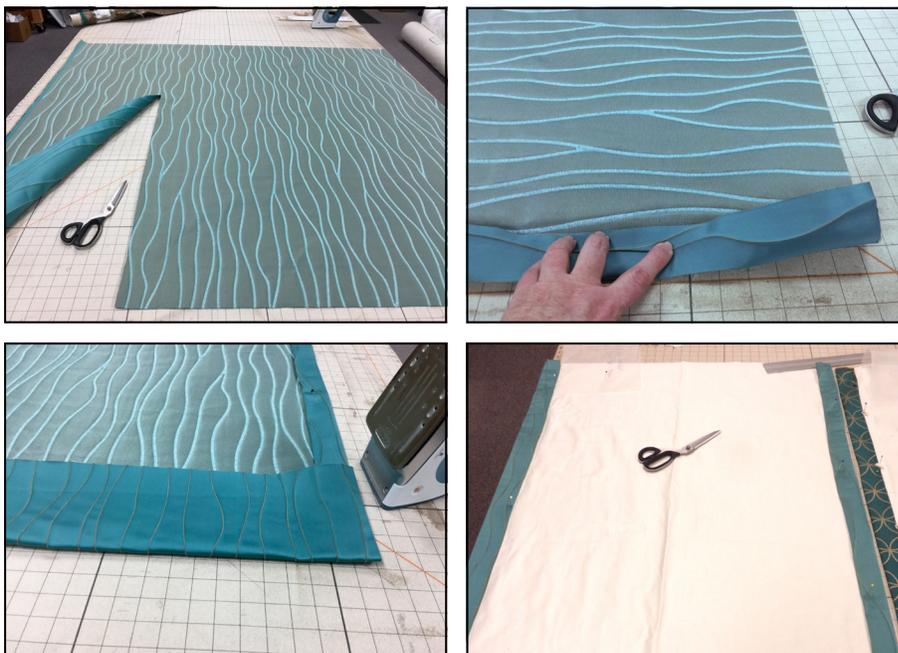
Do the math for your shade:

- A. How long will your apron be and will it show?
- B. How many multiples of 6" (folds) will you need to cover your length?
- C. How are you mounting?
- D. How wide is the finished shade?
- E. How wide will your side hems be?
- F. What lift material are you going to use? (We recommend lift tape).
- G. How many rows of lift will you need?

- 2 Figure out your cut length (CL) and cut width (CW) for your project.
- A. Our shade finished at 30" wide x 36" long with 2" of the apron showing.
 - i. CW was 36" (30" + 3" + 3"); CL was 70" (2" mount + 6" top + 50" for 5 folds + 4" for apron + 8" for bottom hem).

Preparing the Face and Lining:

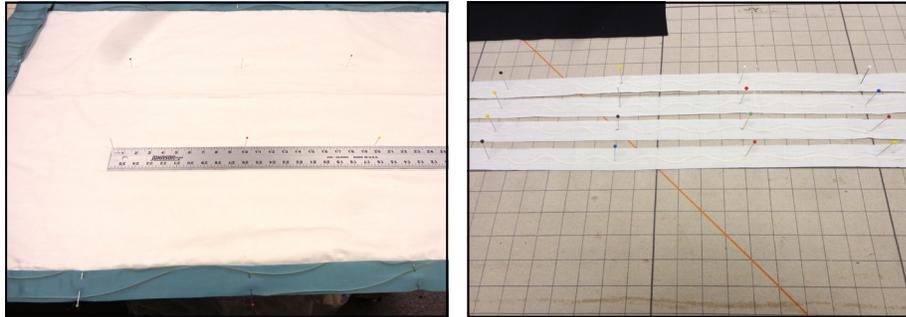
- 1 Cut face fabric to CW x CL.
- 2 Table fabric face down, smoothing out all wrinkles and folds.
- 3 Fold in a double 1 ½" side hem on both long sides. Press.
- 4 At the bottom, fold in a double 4" bottom hem. Press.



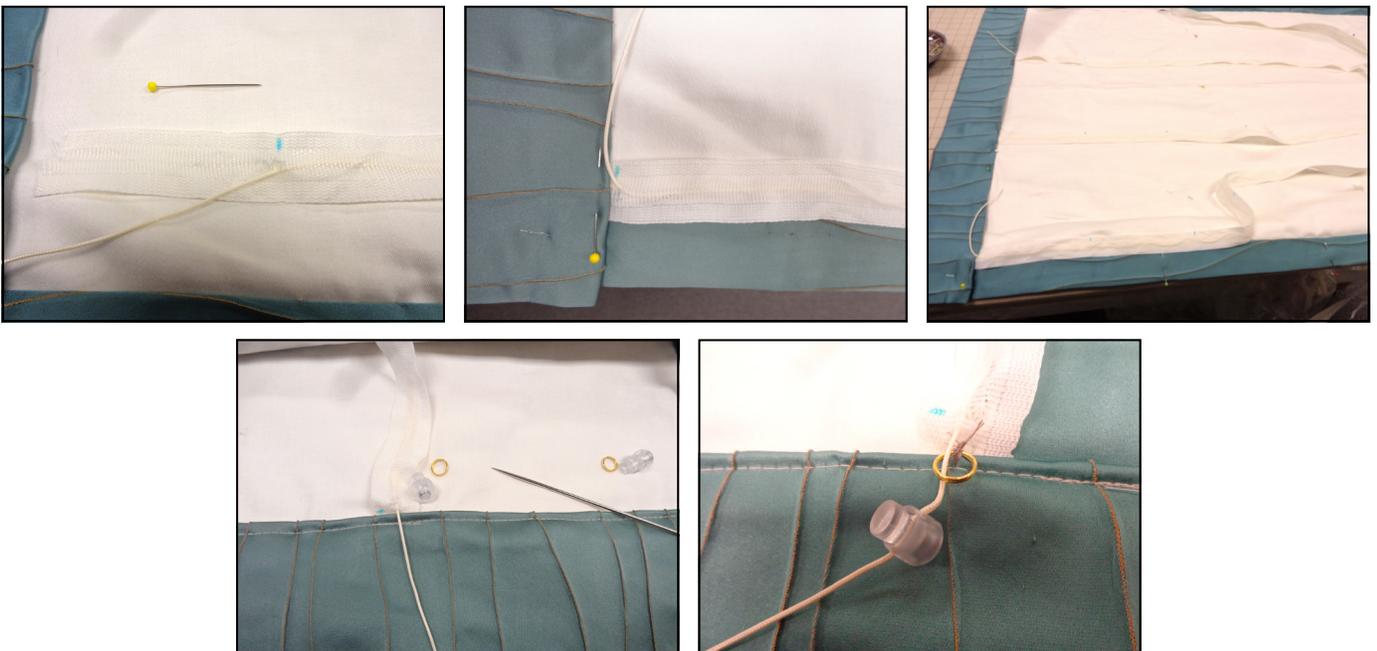
- 5 Do not close side or bottom hems yet.
- 6 Cut lining to FW x FL.
- 7 Open side and bottom hems and lay in lining, face up, so lining starts at the FL.
- 8 Pin or staple side and bottom hems.
- 9 Close side hems but do not close bottom hem.

Adding the Lift Material and Making the Hobbles:

- 1 Starting at the top of the hem, measure and mark up the shade every 10".
 - A. This left me with 6" of material and 2" for the mount above the last mark.
- 2 Cut lengths of lift material to FL + 12".
- 3 Starting at the bottom of each row of lift, mark off 4" (this will be tucked into the hem) then mark every 6" for 5 folds.

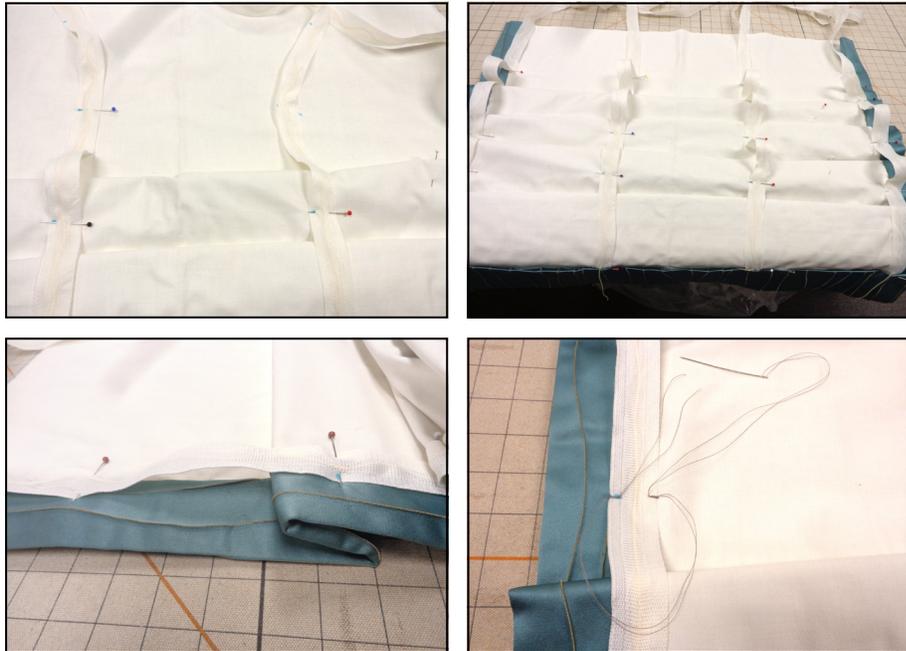


- 4 At the table, tuck a length of lift material into the bottom hem for each row of lift. Pin.
- 5 Pick the cord out of the shroud at the hem.
- 6 Sew a shade ring, sewing through all layers, at each row of lift.
- 7 Thread cord through a ring and then into an orb.

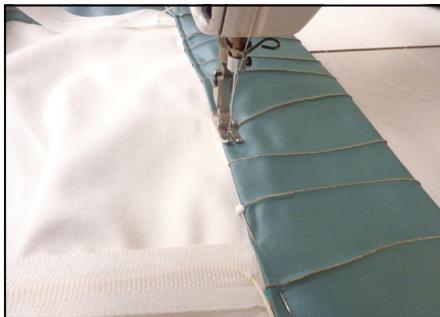


8 Match marks on shade back to marks on lift material (you will have more shade fabric than lift material). Pin.

9 Sew lift material to shade, sewing through all layers.



10 Sew in bottom weight bar pocket and close bottom hem.



11 Cut weight bar FW - 1" and slide into weight bar pocket.

12 Hand close sides of bottom hem.

13 At the top of the shade, pull the cord from the shroud just above the last tack pint and run the empty shroud up the back of the shade.



Mounting the Shade:

- 1 Measure and mark for finished length.
- 2 Iron to press in a crease.
- 3 Cut and cover dust board.
- 4 Staple fabric shade to lining covered mount board so the crease is at the front top corner.
- 5 Finish top of dust board as desired.
- 6 Add your lift system and string.

