

Custom Fit Ironing Board Cover Pattern – Easy instructions for making an Ironing Board Cover that fits snugly, allows steam to flow through, and is pretty to look at!

Note: The standard size of ironing boards is 54" Long and 14" or 15" wide. The thickness of the outside edge can vary. Material measurements listed below allow for a generous amount to allow for shrinkage of cotton fabric and ease of cutting the shape out around the ironing board.

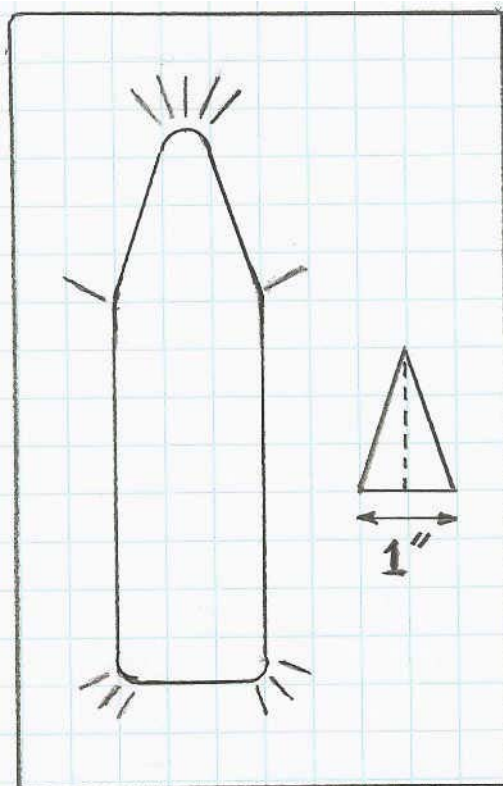
Material List:

- 100% Cotton Fabric.** 6 inches longer than length of ironing board. (60" Wide is fine for 54" board).
8 inches wider than ironing board width.
WASH IN HOT WATER, DRY IN DRYER, & IRON.
- 100% Wool Fabric.** Choose a wool fabric with some thickness to it. It needs to have some substance to it because it is being used for padding.
- 100% Cotton Batting.** 4 inches longer than length of ironing board.
4 inches wider than ironing board width.
PRESS WITH STEAM IRON TO SMOOTH.
If you prefer more padding, buy twice the amount & cut two.
- Elastic.** ¼" wide Elastic.
Cut 12" extra than total distance around edge of ironing board.
- S Hooks.** Two hooks ½" Long & ¼" Wide.
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Instructions:

- Step 1. Lay wool *out* on table and place top of ironing board on it. Cut ¼" away from the edge of ironing board all the way around. Remove ironing board.
Note: You will want to leave old cover on because you will use the ironing board in a later step. When measuring any area though, do not include present padding or cover.
- Step 2. Lay batting out on table. Place wool cut from previous step on top of batting. Smooth flat with hands. Pin together at edges and a few in the center.
- Step 3. Measure depth of the outside rim of ironing board. (Usually ½" to 1"). Add ¼" to this measurement and mark this distance away from the edge of the wool all the way around.

- Step 4. Cut out batting where marked. Leave pinned & sew batting to wool $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the wool edge.
- Step 5. Lay out Cotton fabric on table. Place top of ironing board on it. Mark a distance out from the edge of the ironing board all the way around that is 3" plus the depth of the outside rim from Step 3. Do not cut yet.
- Step 6. Mark dart positions: 3 at tapered end; 3 at both corners at wide end; and 1 on each side at the point where tapering begins. Each dart is 1 inch.
 Mark a dot at the edge of the ironing board at the exact middle of each curve, then mark another dot straight out to the edge. Now draw a line connecting these two dots.
 Next, mark a dot $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each side of the dot along the outside edge. Draw a line from these dots to the dot at the ironing board's edge.
 Now do the same for creating two more darts at the tapered end and corners of wide end. Darts should be spaced where they remain on a curved area. See photo for clarity.



- Step 7. Cut out cotton. Sew darts from outside edge to point. Tie knot at points.
- Step 8. Turn outside edge of cotton fabric under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Steam pressing gives a more lasting fold and serves to shrink the fabric around curved sections to make them more manageable. When working around curved areas, use tip of iron to turn under the $\frac{1}{2}$ " amount every inch or so; then set the iron over an area and steam press for a moment.
- Step 9. Repeat Step 6 once more to finish the casing for the elastic.

- Step 10. Sew casing close to inside edge, leaving a 2 ½" opening in the middle of the wide end of the ironing board.
- Step 11. Use a bodkin or safety pin to lead elastic through casing, distributing evenly all the way around. When you push bodkin or safety pin forward, hold tight while you smooth out the inserted elastic.
- Step 12. Carefully remove old cover from ironing board. Sometimes welding of the expanded metal can have sharp areas that you can cut yourself on. Position wool & batting padding on ironing board so that it is centered. Tack down with needle and thread as close to the ironing board edge every several inches to prevent sliding. This can be accomplished by knotting a double thickness of thread, coming up through the mesh and down again at an intersection in the mesh.
- Step 13. Cinch the elastic tight by pulling on elastic at wide end opening. Tie a loop in each end of elastic three inches away from opening. Thread loops over ends of both S Hooks. Cut off excess and hook to expanded metal underneath.