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**FABRIC
PAPER CHAIN
CHRISTMAS
DECORATION**

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 84cm 112cm wide Christmas printed cotton fabric**
- 42cm of Iron on Interfacing 90cm
- Scissors, Pins, Tape measure/ ruler, Iron
- Matching thread

** 14cm x 112cm piece of fabric will create 3 chains made from the same fabric.

3 chains = 25cm of chain length (approximately). 84cm of fabric will create 1.5m of completed chain.

The length of the final chain will depend on the amount of links made. No matter how many chains are made there needs to be equal amounts of strips cut to pair them and half the amount of interfacing (one strip of interfacing per chain made).

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1 - Cut a selection of fabric into 29cm x 7cm strips. Cut half the number of strips from the interfacing.

Step 2 - Begin by ironing the interfacing onto the wrong side of half of the chain strips.

Step 3 - With right sides facing, pair one piece with interfacing and one without. Using a sewing machine straight stitch down one of the long sides of the link with a 1cm seam allowance.

Step 4 - Open the link flat and iron seam allowance away from the interfacing side. Fold the strip in half with wrong sides facing and press flat. Fold in the raw edge sides 1cm towards the centre of the link. Do not sew this open seam yet.

Step 5 - Open the strip flat and bring the two short ends together. Straight stitch these raw ends together to form a ring.

Step 6 - Fold the link in half so that only the right sides of the fabric are facing out. Meet the 1cm ironed seam on both sides and top stitch to close this open seam.

Step 7 - Top stitch the other side of the chain to complete your first link.

Step 8 - Once the first chain is made the second chain (and every other) continues the same joining process. However before joining the short sides together for the next chain, feed the strip of fabric through the previously completed chain and sew it closed around the previous chain. Ensure that you move the closed chain while you are sewing the open one.