



Hessian ball decoration



No fabric should ever go to waste in an upcycling household and these rustic ball decorations are a good way to use patterned or even plain pieces of coarse fabric. A dash of paint co-ordinates them beautifully.

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MATERIALS

- Polystyrene ball
- Hessian fabric
- Terracotta pot
- Dry red moss
- Wood decorations
- Wallpaper glue
- Red acrylic paint

EQUIPMENT

- Paintbrush
- Glue gun and bullets

▼ **STEP ONE** Paint the wood decoration and terracotta pot red with the acrylic paint and allow to dry.

▼ **STEP TWO** Measure the circumference of the polystyrene ball. Place the hessian on a flat surface and cut it into strips according to the measurements.

▼ **STEP THREE** Dip the fabric in the glue and remove any excess glue with your fingers. Stretch it over the ball from the top to the bottom. Repeat this process until the entire ball is covered. Add more glue if needed.

▼ **STEP FOUR** Allow the ball to dry overnight. When everything is dry, place the ball on top of the terracotta pot and patch together with the glue gun.

▼ **STEP FIVE** Decorate it with the dry moss and wooden decorations.

TOP TIP

The balls will work in pots, but if you replace the polystyrene balls with square blocks of triangles, twill, plaid, or other solid material, you can do these different shaped decorations to make an interesting geometric set.

