

Free Project ***Fabric-Covered Flower Pots*** by Kelly Mueller of *The Wooden Bear*

(Fabrics shown are from the Farmers Market fabric line designed by Kelly for Red Rooster Fabrics, released July 2012.)

Buying decorative flower pots can be quite expensive, but here is a free project for fabric-covered flower pots to brighten up your home, or add some zing to plain, old pots. These directions can apply to any size pot, so use your pots for a variety of uses, such as:

- Flowers or houseplants
- Really small pots with small cards “planted” inside for place holders
- Use at a picnic for utensil holder, rolled-up napkin holder, etc. (A “Fourth of July” theme would be so fun!)
- Make a “gift pot” full of goodies for a friend (One idea might be a pot full of garden goodies like gloves, small tools, and seed packets.)
- Ice bucket for a garden party or BBQ loaded with ice and soft drinks

Supplies Needed:

- Terra cotta pot (You can choose any size.)
- Fabric
- Paper, newspaper, or old wrapping paper
- Pencil
- Mod Podge
- Foam brush
- Clear acrylic spray (Choose a waterproof version if you will be using the pots for plants or the ice bucket.)
- You might want raffia, ribbon, buttons, or other items to decorate your pot, and a glue gun to apply the decorations.

Making a Template

You can use plain copy paper for really small pots, but for larger pots use the backside of old wrapping paper or piece together sections of newspaper as needed.

1. Make a small mark with a pencil on the inside upper rim of the pot. Lay the paper flat on the table and place your pot near the left edge of the paper, lining up your pencil mark with the paper to signify the starting point.
2. Keeping your pencil flush against the edge of the pot that is touching the paper, trace along the rim of the pot as you roll the pot towards the right edge of the paper. When the pencil mark that you made on the inside rim of the pot goes all the way around and reaches the paper again, you can stop tracing.
3. Without moving the pot, roll it back over to where you started. Now place the tip of your pencil flush against the bottom edge of the pot that is touching the paper. Trace the bottom edge of the pot in the same manner that you used for the top edge. Stop when the top edge of the pot reaches its ending point again.



- Using a ruler, draw a straight line from the top pencil line to the bottom pencil line. Your template should resemble an arc or rainbow. *See Figure 1.*
- Cut out your template.



Figure 1

Covering the Pot

- Cut out one piece of fabric using your template.
- Brush a thin coat of Mod Podge onto your pot using the foam brush. Brush the sides of the pot and the bottom, leaving the rim of the pot untouched.
- Lay your fabric over the glue, starting at the top edge of the pot just underneath the rim, and smooth the fabric over the pot. Apply a little more glue where the two side edges overlap. For the bottom of the pot, gently turn the pot in a circle as you press the fabric down with your fingers moving from the edge of the pot towards the middle. Try to get the fabric on the bottom as flat as possible so your pot will sit flush on the table.
- Apply another coat of Mod Podge over the top of the fabric. Lay the pot rim side down, and allow the Mod Podge to dry completely.
- Spray the whole pot, inside and out, with the clear acrylic spray to seal. Allow that coat to dry before spraying a second coat. Let the pot dry overnight.



Decorate and Use!

Decorate your pot with raffia or ribbon around the rim, hot glue buttons all around, add stars for a “Fourth of July” pot, or whatever you would like to use to make your pot your own! As you can see on the picture above, I cut a fabric circle for the bottom of a pot saucer and followed the same steps to seal it. This can be used as a bottom for the large pot, a lid for the large pot, as shown above, or use separately as a “tray” for condiments, drinks, etc. *(A little tip: I used Reynolds Slow Cooker Liners as a liner for the large pot when used as an ice bucket. If you are using the pot outside, you can actually use it without the liner and allow the water to drain out the bottom hole of the pot as the ice melts!)*



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