DIY Faux Leather Geometric Vase

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Tools Required:

- ScanNCut machine, standard mat and high tac support sheet
- Hot glue gun or e6000 glue
- Scissors
- Double sided tape or needle and thread

Materials:

- 1 square metre of faux leather / vinyl fabric
- Tall vase or container to fit inside

Measure the vinyl

1. Wrap your vinyl around your vase loosely so you can see what width you'll need. Give yourself an extra inch for adhering together.

2. Measure the height of the vase too and give yourself at least 10cm at the bottom and top for making the base and folding down the top.
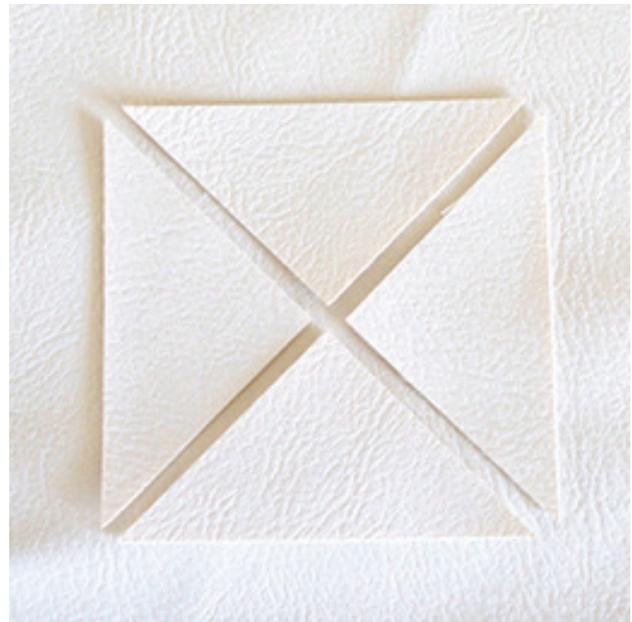
Cut your triangles

1. Use the ScanNCut Canvas program an online program to create a new design and just select a triangle from the basic shapes. Make it 5.5cm in size and duplicate it so you have 32 on a page. Then save the file to a USB and pop into your ScanNCut machine. On your machine, go to Pattern – Saved From File – the USB icon – then select your design.

2. We used a high tac support sheet designed for sticking down fabric, which comes with the ScanNCut CM550DX machine and makes the process much easier. Place the high tac mat glossy side down onto the Standard mat, and then peel off the sticky layer. Place your vinyl down (leather look side up) and smooth out any wrinkles.

3. Use the Standard blade set to 11. (Make sure you check the ScanNCut Manual and material thickness as settings may vary) Do a quick test cut on a scrap piece of vinyl first so you can check it cuts through fine.

4. Then start the cut. We cut three batches of 32 triangles to have enough for the vase.

Glue your triangles down:

1. Start sticking down your triangles with your hot glue gun or e6000 glue. Apply glue right to the edge of each corner so it sticks down nicely, then push down onto your backing piece firmly. You want the long edges to form a square.

2. For your 2nd square, start by aligning a long edge against one side of your previous square, then it should continue to be nice and straight. Then just repeat this process until you have 3 rows of squares – enough to cover your vase.

Glue the sides of your vase

1. You want to form a tube, the right width for your vase. Give the vase a good few centimetres' room around it so it has a cool slouchy look when finished. We fastened ours together with double sided tape then secured with some glue too. For extra strength, hand sew these two edges together carefully instead.

Fold your base

1. Sit your fabric flat, so that your new seam is in the centre facing up towards you. At the bottom, push in your two sides so that they form a diamond shape with a slit that meets in the middle, then grab each point and bring it down to meet in the centre.

3. Fasten with double sided tape and glue. If you want extra strength hand sew the base together instead.

4. Then insert your vase.

1. Now just roll down your top piece gently. When you're doing it, keep one hand over your seam to keep it secure. Roll down the fabric just twice, about 1 inch thick. I think it looks nice if the top just touches your first row of triangles to give the illusion it carries on.

Congratulations your DIY Faux Leather Geometric Vase is complete!

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