lamps design with napkin technique

Instructions No. 4030

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 45 Minutes

With “ napkin technique ,” you can transform a round “ lampshade ” into a true design highlight for your home. The colorful pattern casts a warm glow and adds a fresh touch to your sideboard, nightstand, or hallway. This technique is ideal for beginners and gives you plenty of creative freedom to express your personal style. In no time at all, you’ll create a unique lamp design that perfectly complements your decor.



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Choose two napkins with a design that repeats all the way around the lampshade —geometric patterns look particularly sleek and modern on a round lampshade .

Also, have a pair of scissors and a soft brush ready. This will help you work neatly with the napkin technique and avoid creases that might be noticeable later when the lamp is lit.

1. Prepare the napkins —so the design looks “as if it were printed” later

For both “ napkins ,” separate the printed layer of paper from the two unprinted layers. For the “ napkin technique ,” you’ll only need the top, printed layer. The thinner the “ Paper,” the better it will conform to the “ lampshade ,” and the more even the result will be.

2. Apply a coat of lampshade —the adhesive layer for your design

Coat the entire surface of the lampshade with napkin varnish. This varnish acts as both an adhesive and a sealant. Work quickly but carefully: An even layer that isn't too thick will help you apply the napkin without smudges or shiny "pools."

3. Apply and secure the napkin —smooth out the wrinkles step by step

Carefully place the printed napkin layer onto the still-damp polish. Then brush napkin varnish over the napkin. again. Work from the inside out: This way, you'll gently press out air and small wrinkles without tearing the thin Paper . If the design shifts, lift the napkin slightly and adjust it before continuing to apply the polish.

4. Let it dry—for a stable, durable finish

Let the lampshade dry completely. This step is important to ensure the surface doesn't crack during touch-ups and that the edges can be neatly folded over later.



5. Neatly finish the edges—so nothing frays

Trim the excess napkin paper around the edges, leaving about 1 cm of space. Brush these edges again with napkin varnish. Fold the excess napkin inward and apply varnish to the inside as well. This seals the edge, ensures it lasts, and gives it a neat, finished look.

6. Alternative for a straight edge—especially neat with patterns

If you want a particularly clean finish, cut 1 cm wide strips from napkin and glue them to the edges of the lampshade from the inside. This hides the seams and ensures an even inner edge—ideal for graphic designs.

7. Final drying—before mounting the " lampshade "

Let the lampshade dry completely before placing it on the lamp base. This prevents indentations and ensures that the napkin varnish cures properly, keeping your lamp design looking beautiful for years to come.

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Must Have



VBS Lampshade "Round, Ø 13.5 x 17 cm"

Diameter (outside): 13.5 cm
Height: 17 cm
Material: Paper, Metal

5,99 €

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
29751	VBS Lampshade "Round, Ø 13.5 × 17 cm"	1
30406	Napkin "Trevia burst"	1
29747	VBS Lamp base "Round with grooves", approx. 10 × 9 cm	1
27545	VBS Napkin varnish "Matt"100 ml	1
120272	VBS Napkin & Decoupage brush, set of 3	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1