

How to make a Draught Excluder

What you'll need

- Thick Fabric (curtain or upholstery material)
- Fabric scissors
- Pins
- Needle
- Thread matching your fabric
- Stuffing (a great opportunity to use up scraps of material, old towels, pillows or odd socks, some rice or lentils which will add weight)

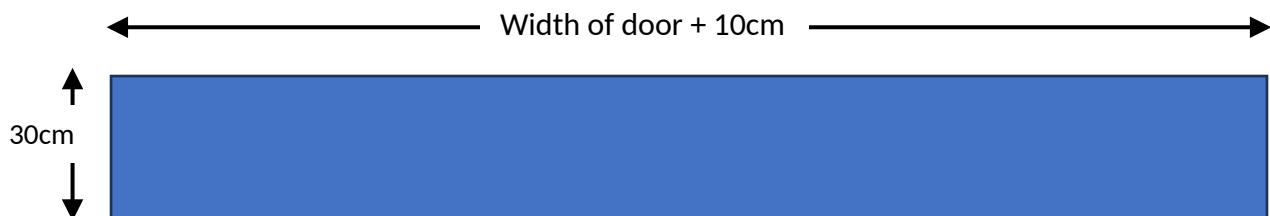


Optional

- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Decorations such as buttons or ribbon

Method

1. Choose a piece of fabric. Measure the width of your door and add 10cm - this is the length of your draught excluder. It needs to be quite fat to stop those draughts, so measure out 30cm wide, this is quite generous, so if short of fabric you could cut a thinner piece.



2. Fold your fabric in half lengthways, so that the pattern is on the inside and pin together.
3. Sew the pinned side, either by hand or using a sewing machine, removing the pins as you go. Then sew up one of the short ends.
4. Turn the material inside out so now you have a long tube with the pattern on the outside.
5. Fill this with your stuffing. If you are filling it with lentils or rice, you may want to fill an old tight first (simply tie a knot in the end when full) and then insert this into the tube to give it extra support.
6. Fold the material of the open end over and stitch together. To make into a snake, add a piece of red ribbon for the tongue and two buttons for eyes.