



Lampshade Cover

MAKE YOUR OWN LAMPSHADES AS THEY DID IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS. YOU CAN CROCHET YOUR OWN DOILIES OR BUY SOME AT A FLEA MARKET OR SECOND HAND SHOP. IT'S NOT A SIN IF YOU USE THE OLD DOILIES FROM YOUR GRANDMOTHER EITHER—THAT JUST MAKES THE SHADE MORE PERSONAL. FOR A WARMER LOOK, DYE WHITE DOILIES IN TEA, MAKING THEM OFF-WHITE.

Materials

Crocheted doilies
Rice paper lampshade, glass lamp globe,
or round ball
Paste, such as starch
Cord and light bulb

Assembly

Using the rice lampshade or glass globe, arrange the doilies in two stages. Beginning with the top half, use tape and glue to attach the doilies to the ball/globe. Let dry and turn the base over the next day. Attach the rest of the doilies to the bottom half. This method helps because the doilies have a tendency to loosen when they are on the underside of the bottom half of the ball. It will take at least one day for the starch to dry completely. See page 164 for which type of stiffening agent to use. We used carpet glue.

A round ball that can be removed afterwards is an alternative. In that case, the doilies have to be glued on in two steps—one half of the ball at a time. When completely dry, remove the ball and glue the halves together. The lamp consists of only the crocheted doilies.

