

Slipper Bath

Before bathrooms became commonplace, ceramic slipper baths are placed in bedrooms to enable a body wash. The maid brings up the hot water from the range in the kitchen, and empties the water after the ablutions have taken place.

Materials

Thin card

Russet-coloured felt

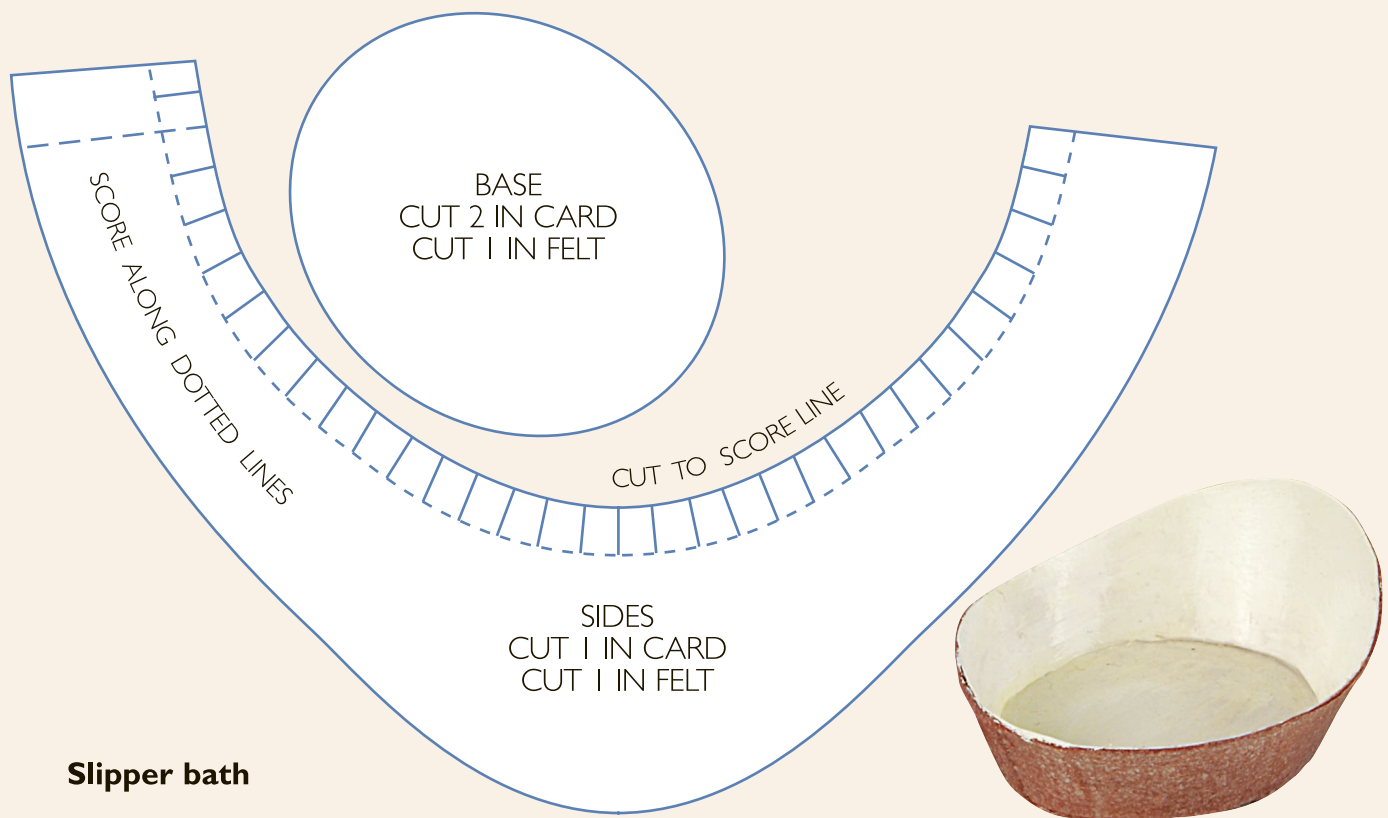
PVA glue

Wallpaper paste

Cream and white acrylic paint

Satin varnish

- 1 Cut out the side piece and base pieces from thin card.
- 2 Score and snip the marked section to enable the side to bend and form a 'ring' shape. Glue and clamp the 'ring'.
- 3 Apply glue to the tabs and glue a base 'inside' the bath and to the underneath, thus enclosing the tabs. Press firmly and hold until the glue takes. Leave to dry.
- 4 Paint the inside of the bath in a mixture of cream and white acrylic paint. Aim for a variation in surface colour to suggest wear. You can also apply a tiny amount of brown acrylic around the base and on the sides to suggest dirt, but blend it into the cream so that it is only barely perceptible. Leave to dry.
- 5 Carefully apply one or two coats of varnish to the inside of the bath.
- 6 Cover the outside of the bath with the felt, using the templates. Liberally cover the felt with two coats of wallpaper paste, allowing each to dry thoroughly. Apply three thick coats of PVA glue, allowing each coat to dry thoroughly.



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