

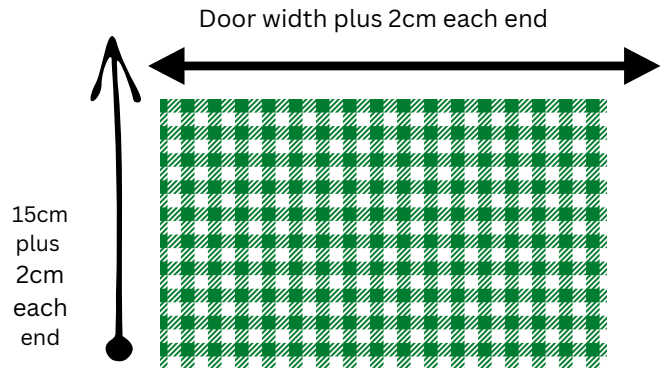
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How to Make a Door Snake

A door snake is a valuable ally in the fight against winter drafts. Keeping the drafts on the outside makes for a warmer home and lower heating bills. They can also keep hot air out in summer. Sewing your own door snake is quick and straightforward, and you can even use scrap fabric.

STEP 1: Measure the base of the door.

Measure your fabric to fit the width of the doors, plus at least 2cm each side for sewing seams. Allow enough fabric for a 15cm circumference plus extra for seams. You don't need to buy fabric; you can recycle fabric or pick up fabric from your local op shop.



STEP 2: Fold the fabric in half, lengthways with the right sides together.

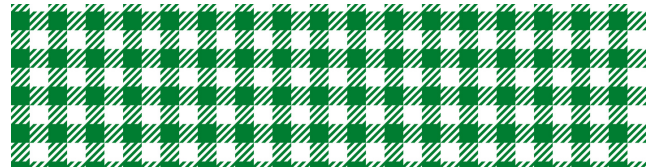
STEP 3: Straight-stitch down the long side, sewing the sides together.



STEP 4: Straight stitch across one end.



STEP 5: Turn the fabric right side out. You can use a ruler to help push the fabric in on itself and pop out the corners.



STEP 6: Fill your snake with fabric scraps, rice or dried beans/pulses. Leave enough extra fabric for sewing the open end closed. At the open end, turn the ends under inside the opening to conceal the raw edges. Pin in place and stitch closed.

STEP 7: OPTIONAL - Customise!

