

## The Prettiest Way to Keep Your Boots Standing Tall

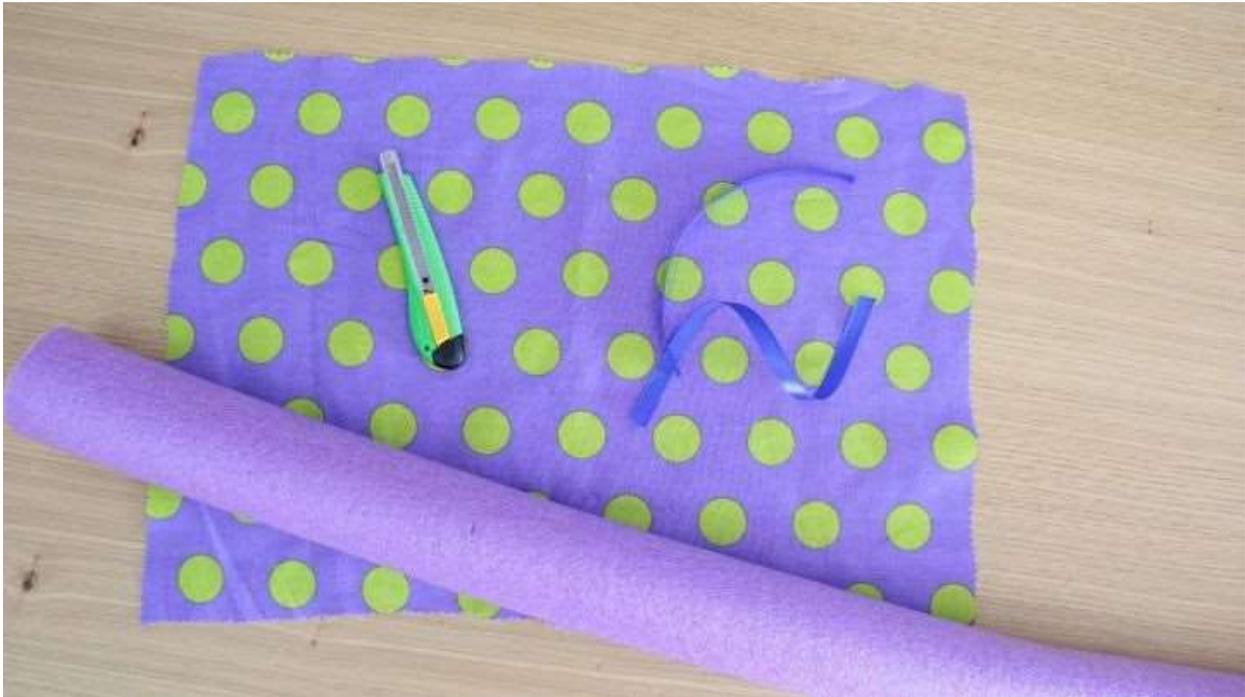
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Now that it's boot season, we are all thinking of better ways store our boots. When they are all slumped over, they wear out faster and can even crack. I've seen the trick using a pool noodle in a lot of places, but my version easily gives you a pretty way to keep your shoes upright.



Look at how sad my boots are. They are all slumped over each other, and it's starting to wear them out.

## Step 1: Gather Your Materials



I used an old pool noodle, a colorful fabric, an exacto knife, some ribbon, and pinking shears (not pictured and optional to this project ). If you don't own pinking shears, just pick a fabric that isn't likely to fray.

## Step 2: Cut Your Noodle



I put the noodle inside the boot and marked it a drop lower than the top of the boot. I marked lower than the height of the boots because the fabric ends will add a little height. Then I cut the pool noodle using an exacto knife.

### Step 3: Cut Your Fabric



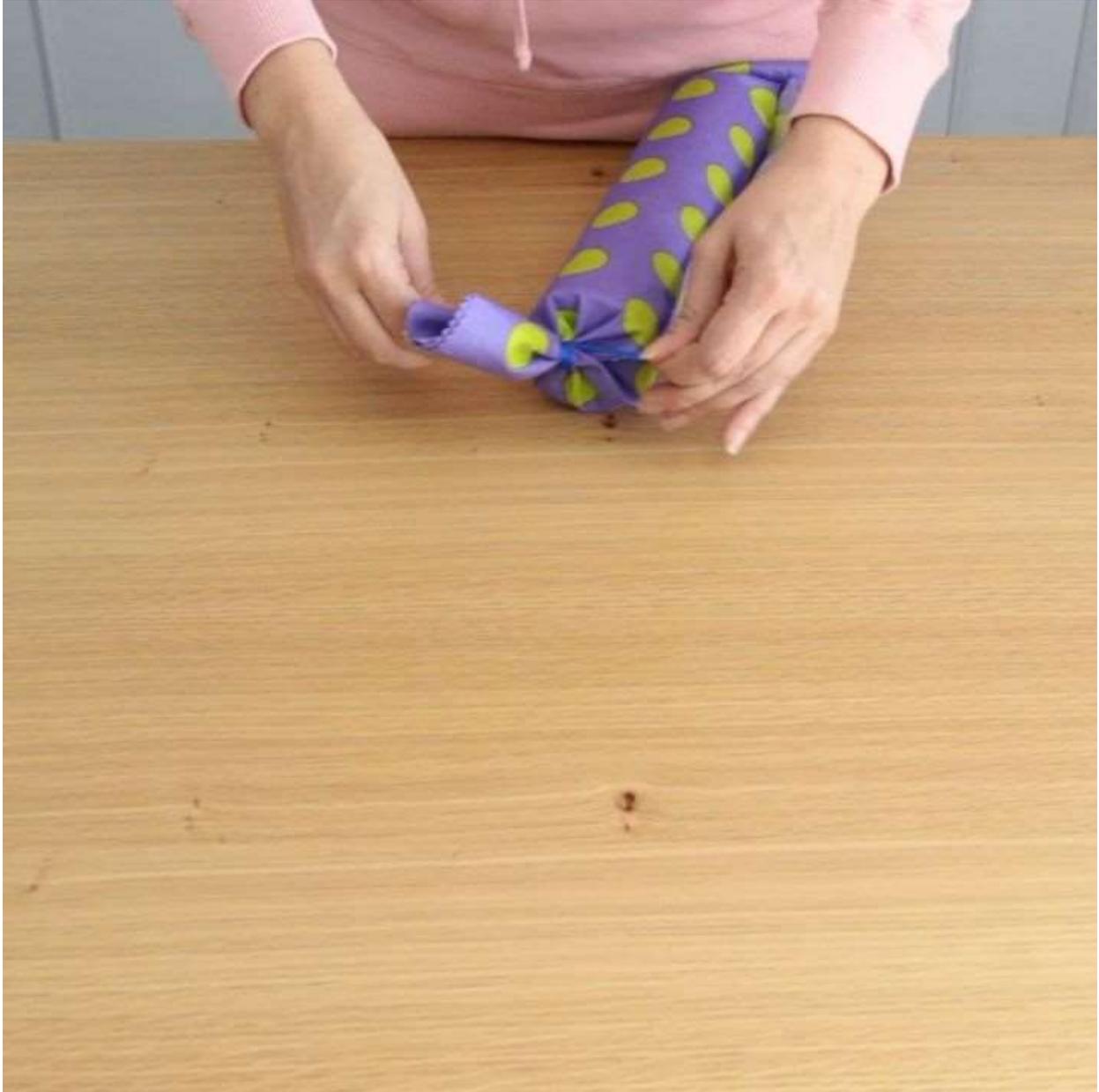
First, I cut my fabric so it was about 2.5 inches bigger than the pool noodle at the top and bottom and a few inches larger than the pool noodle's circumference. I used pinking shears (scissors that cut little zig zags) so that my fabric wouldn't fray, if you don't own pinking shears, use a fabric that won't fray so you don't have to hem the fabric.

#### **Step 4: Wrap It Up**



Then I rolled the pool noodle up like a pack of Christmas crackers.

#### **Step 5: Tie the Ends**



Then I tied off the ends with ribbon. I made 3 pairs of these boots, because I have 3 pairs of tall boots.



Now they stand up tall and stay in good shape.

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