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COVER FOR TOILET TANKS

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This invention relates to an absorbent and ornamental fabric toilet tank cover.

It is the object of this invention to provide in multiple colors as desired a rectangularly shaped fabric material which is adapted for positioning over the front and side wall portions of a toilet tank and with the lower portions adapted for positioning upon the under side of said toilet tank.

Heretofore the conventional toilet tank has a tendency to sweat and puddles of water often accumulate on the floor causing damage thereto. It is therefore a further object of this invention to provide an ornamental cover which will be absorbent and which will prevent this dripping of water from the tank.

These and other objects will be seen from the following specification and claim in conjunction with the appended drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a toilet tank with its depending drain pipe fragmentarily shown and with the present fabric tank cover positioned upon said tank and secured thereto.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the fabric toilet tank cover before positioning upon the tank.

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

It will be understood that the above drawings illustrate merely a preferred embodiment of the invention and that other embodiments are contemplated within the scope of the claim hereafter set out.

Referring to the drawing a conventional toilet tank 11 is shown in Fig. 1 having a plunger handle 15 and a downwardly depending drain pipe 12. The present toilet tank cover consists of a preferably assorted fabric of any desired color generally indicated at 13 and having a circular opening 14 in its upper portion adapted to receive the plunger handle 15 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 1.

A tape 14' in loop form and of less diameter than opening 14 is secured to the boundaries thereof whereby the said opening may be temporarily expanded to facilitate the insertion of handle 15 therethrough.

The fabric cover 13 has a central portion 17 adapted for positioning over the outer front wall of tank 11 and with the opposite side portions 16 of said fabric folded rearwardly to bear against the side walls of tank 11 as shown in Fig. 1.

The central end side wall tank covering portions 17 and 16 of said cover are foldable at their lower ends to extend throughout a portion of and

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against the bottom wall of tank 11, substantially as illustrated in Fig. 1 at points 18.

Upon the rear surface of the side wall covering portions 16 and the rear edges of the bottom wall covering portions 18 at their outer edges are secured the two strips of material 19 which are sewn throughout their opposite longitudinal edges at 19' as illustrated in Fig. 3, to define a pair of passages within which the tapes 21 are slidably positioned, being anchored at points 26.

The free ends 22 of tapes 21 are adapted for tying together as at 23 around the rear wall of tank 11 and adjacent thereto. The bottom wall covering portion 18 of said fabric has a preferably central notch 23' bounded by the elastic tape 24 to cooperatively receive and extend around the upper portion of drain pipe 12.

A pair of tape extensions 25 project outwardly from the secured portions 26 of tape 21 adjacent the opposite corners of the fabric which bounds the notch 23', and the tapes 25 are adapted for tying together as at 27 around the rear portion of drain pipe 12.

By the above construction there is provided a pleasant appearing toilet tank cover which snugly adapts itself to the shape of the toilet tank covering its front, side and bottom walls substantially, being secured in position by the tape ends 22 secured at 23 and the tape extensions 25 secured at 27. As the tapes 21 are loose within the passage between strips 19 and the rear surface of fabric 13 it is apparent that the peripheral portions of said fabric may be suitably gathered with respect to tapes 21 so as to properly conform to and fit the shape and curvature of the tank.

Having described my invention, reference should now be had to the claim which follows for determining the scope thereof.

I claim:

A cover for a toilet tank having a plunger handle projecting from its front wall and having a drain pipe consisting of an absorbent fabric of generally rectangular shape with its central portion adapted to bear against the front wall of the tank, with its opposite side portions rearwardly foldable along and against the side walls of said tank, and with said central and side walls covering portions foldable at their lower ends throughout a portion of the bottom wall of said tank, elongated strips of material mounted upon the rear surface of said fabric adjacent the rear edges of said side and bottom wall covering portions and secured thereto along the opposite longitudinal edges of said strips defining slotted pas-

sages between said strips and said fabric, a pair of tapes respectively positioned loosely through said passages and secured at their inner ends to the inner ends of said passages, the opposite ends of said tapes projecting from said passages and adapted for tying together behind and adjacent the rear wall of said tank, the bottom wall covering portion of said fabric having a notch at its rear edge to cooperatively receive said drain pipe, the said inner ends of said tapes projecting outwardly from the opposite outer corners of said fabric bounding said notch adapted for tying together behind said drain pipe, said central portion having a circular opening adjacent its upper end to cooperatively receive the tank plunger handle, and an elastic loop of less diameter than the diameter of said opening secured to the fabric boundary of said opening to permit expansion of

said opening to permit introduction of said handle therethrough.

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