

How To

Make a Patchwork Cushion

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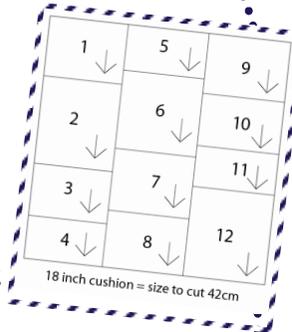
Equipment Needed

- * Fabric Scraps, for the front panel
- * 1x fabric FQ piece (50cm x 55cm) for the back panel
- * 3x Hook & Loop pieces
- * Pinking Shears
- * Cushion to go inside the finished cover

You need to get the measurements for the cushion you would like to make a cover for. I have made my cover for an 18-inch

Step One

Draw out the size you need onto some paper. (I made mine 42cm.) Then divide the square up into how many rows you would like (I used 3) and then split each row into how many pieces you would like (I used 4 per row) So in total I will have 12 different scrap fabric pieces on my cushion front. Number these pieces 1-12 and put arrows, which shows the bottom of the template piece. Now cut them all out and place in order.



Step Two

Work your way through your pieces and cut your fabric pieces out with pinking shears leaving a tiny 1cm allowance around each piece, which will be used to sew together your pieces. Place pieces in order as you cut them.

Step Three

Once all cut out now start from piece 1 and sew together with piece 2 (working down your row) then piece 3 onto 2 and 4 onto 3. Repeat this with all 3 rows.



Step Four

Once you have your 3 rows you can iron down your seams on the back (face seam towards darker fabric)

Step Five

Once you have ironed the seams then sew all your 3 rows together to make your front panel. Again iron your seams if needed.

Step Six

Now you are onto your cushion back piece. Take your FQ of material you would like for the back and place long ways up. Place your cushion front on top and cut the side to match your cushion side. (DO NOT cut the top piece yet!)

Step Seven

The top excess part is what will form the cushion flap on the back. So now turn fabric pieces over so the back is facing you and front is underneath and fold your fabric piece down until you are happy with where the fold will be (I made mine 1/3 down the cushion. (I have placed Velcro on the image to show what should look like)

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Step Eight

You need to leave a seam to sew over that is slightly wider than your Velcro (I left a 1 inch extra allowance. Now use your pinking shears to cut 1 inch further up where you want your closure to be on your back material piece.



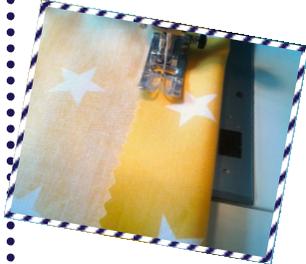
Step Nine

Pin back the 1-inch seam allowance so you know where the edge will be. Now take your leftover bit of material and place it so with an added seamed again it is slightly over (So Velcro is covered once sewn on) You will need to cut off the excess fabric from the top of the cushion so it makes a square again with no overhanging



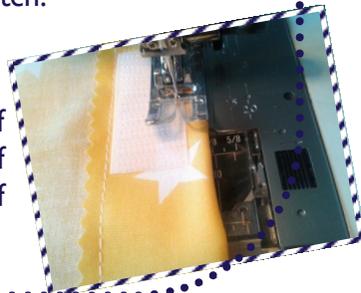
Step Ten

Now you are ready to sew the 1-inch seams and then add your Velcro. Sew the 1-inch seams on the fabric pieces using a straight stitch.



Step Eleven

Now take your smaller top part and cut 3 bits of Velcro and sew your Velcro onto the BACK of the flap (I sew the harder side onto this bit) Tie off all ends.



Step Twelve

Now take your larger bottom piece and place next to your top piece and line your Velcro pieces up to sew in correct place. Sew these onto the FRONT of your cushion as top flap goes over the bottom bit.



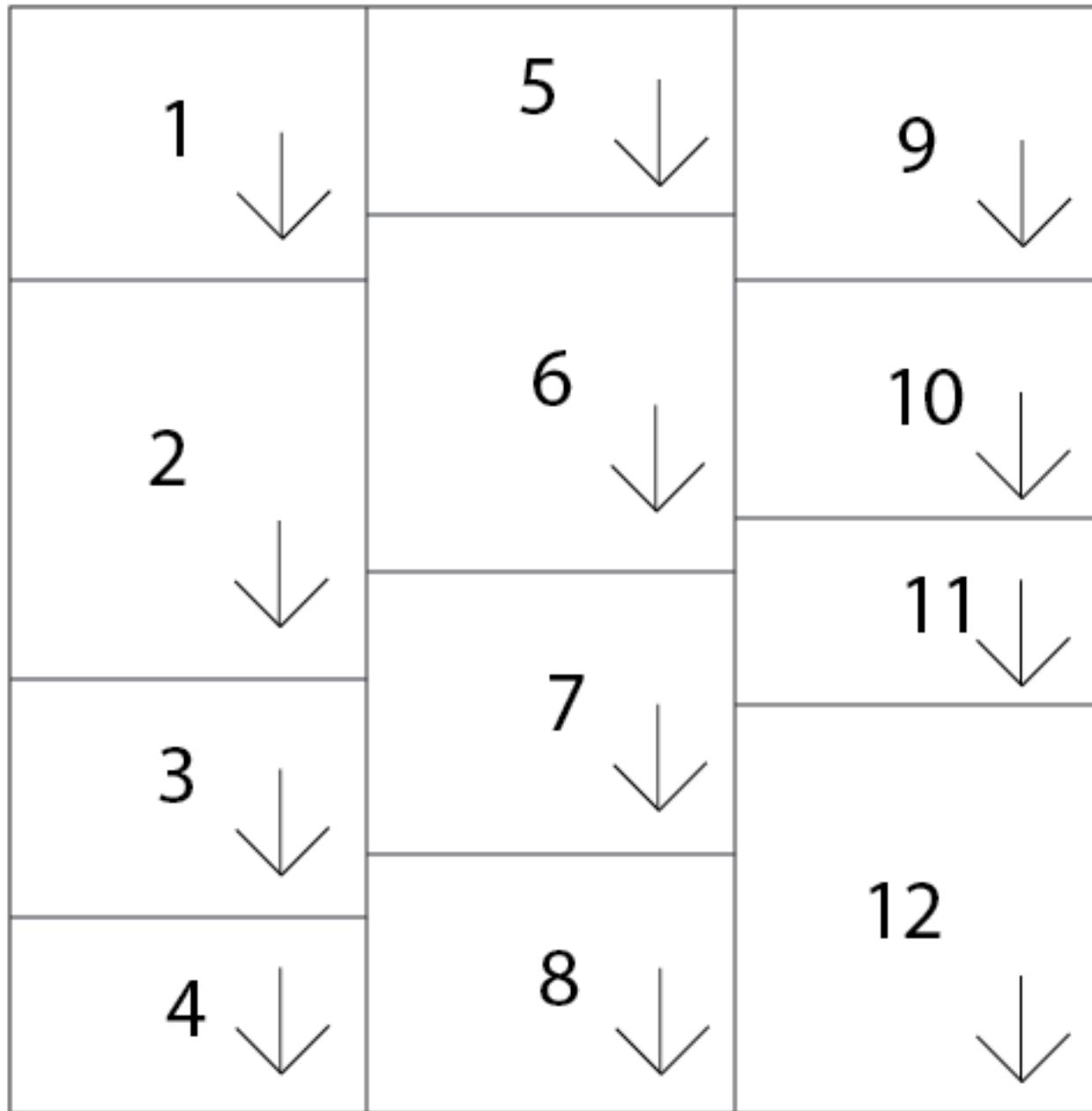
Step Thirteen

Stick your top and bottom cushion back together to make sure it fastens neatly. Now take your cushion front and cushion back and place correct fabric sides together and pin all the way around the outside making sure you place extra pins in to hold the flaps together and neat on top of one another at sides. Now straight machine stitch ALL THE WAY around the cushion 1cm from the edge using your patchwork side as the guideline for sewing.

Step Fourteen

Tie off all your ends and then turn your cover inside out, place cushion in and use.





18 inch cushion = size to cut 42cm