

Project

Patchwork cushion cover

You could make a cushion cover to match your bedroom décor or your football team colours!

What you need

- ❖ 9 fabric squares each 11 x 11cm
- ❖ For the back:
 - 1 piece 25 x 40cm
 - 1 piece 28 x 40cm
- ❖ For the border:
 - 1 piece 6 x 31cm
 - 1 piece 6 x 40cm
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Cardboard, e.g. from a cereal packet
- ❖ Thread

What you do

- 1 From a piece of cardboard, make a square template measuring 11 x 11cm.
- 2 Use your template to draw 9 squares onto the back of your fabrics. Cut out the fabric squares.
- 3 Place 2 squares right sides together. Machine stitch down one edge using a 0.5cm seam allowance. (Measure in 0.5cm from the raw edge.)
- 4 Add another square to make a row of three squares. Repeat to make two more rows of three squares each.
- 5 Stitch the top row to the middle row, matching the seams. Press. Repeat with the final row.
- 6 Add a short border piece to the top and bottom of your nine-patch square.

- 7 Add the longer border pieces, one to each side.
- 8 Take one of the back pieces and along the longest edge fold over a narrow hem and turn over again (so it's folded twice). Stitch in place. Repeat with the other back piece. ▼



- 10 Machine stitch together along every edge using a 0.5cm seam allowance. Remove the pins.
- 11 Cut a small triangle off each corner, taking care not to cut your stitches. ▼



- 12 Turn the cushion cover inside out and press. ▼



- 9 With your cushion front face up, place the first back rectangle on top, lining up the raw edges (the folded edge should be in the centre of the cushion). Repeat with the other rectangle (the pieces will overlap in the centre). Pin in place. ▼



- 13 Insert your cushion pad - FINISHED!

