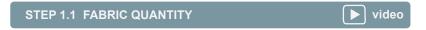
**Notes** 

# Step 1: Calculate the Fabric Required



We use a 2cm seam allowance when making a plain zipped cushion. The size of the fabric panel you cut depends on how soft or firm you want your cushion to be.

#### For a FIRM CUSHION

- You will neeed 2 fabric panels each the same width and height of the cushion pad. eg: For a 51cm x 51cm cushion pad you will require 2 ( 51cm x 51cm) fabric panels.

#### For a SOFT CUSHION

- You will neeed 2 fabric panels each the width of the cushion pad.plus 4cm and the height of the cushion pad plus 4cm,

eg: For a 51cm x 51cm cushion pad you will require 2 ( 55cm x 55cm) fabric panels

### STEP 1.2 PATTERNED FABRIC CONSIDERATIONS video

- With a patterned fabric you may want to position your pattern im a certain posiiton on the cushion cover. (this may require extra fabric)
- You may want theback of the cushion to be a different fabric to the front. (you need the same sized panel for front and back)

### Step 2: Cut the Fabric



#### **CUT THE FABRIC PANELS**

Cut 2 pieces of fabric the shape of the cushion pad and the size you have determined in STEP 1.

- 1. Mark the shape to be cut on the fabric(s).
- 2. Cut 2 panels out.
- 3. With a patterned fabric
- 4. Check you have any pattern the right way up
- 5. Place the pattern how you want it on the panel
- 6. Decide which edge will be the bottom of the cushion where the zip will be
- 7. Mark the bottom right side of each panel with tape or a pin.



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### Step 3: Overlock the Fabric Edges

STEP 3 OVERLOCK THE FABRIC EDGES video

#### **OVERLOCK OR ZIG-ZAG STITCH**

For a more professional finish, overlock or zigzag stitch ALL the sides of the fabric panels.

- As a minimum overlock or zigzag stitch the bottom edges of the cut panels (to prevent fraying & loose threads getting stuck in the zip).

### Step 4: Attach the Fabric Panels on the Zip Line

STEP 4 ATTACH PANELS ON ZIP LINE video

#### TACK THE PANELS TOGETHER

- 1. Draw a line 2cm up from the bottom of each panel on the wrong side.
- 2. Mark 5cm in from each side.
- 3. Align the 2 fabric panels face sides together and pin.
- 4. With a single knotted thread, sew a line of tacking stitches all the way along the "2cm line".
- 5. Remove pins.
- 6. Press open the seam along the tack line.

## Step 5: Insert the Zip

STEP 5 INSERT THE ZIP PT1 video

#### **INSERT THE ZIP**

- 1. Machine along the 2cm tack line in from each side of the fabric panel to the 5cm mark.
- 2. Reinforce the stitch at the 5cm marks.
- 3. Note the tacking stitch between the 5cm marks is where the zip will be (the zip opening).
- 4. Ensure the zip is at least 4cm longer than the zip opening.
- 5. Lay the closed zip right side down onto the seam (centre of the zip on centre of the seam).
- 6. Machine stitch the zip onto the seam down both sides and across each end.

STEP 5 INSERT THE ZIP PT2 video

#### TIDY THINGS UP

- 1. Trim the zip length down.
- 2. Remove the tacking stitches.

### INVISIBLE ZIP

Invisible zip differences removed from FREE Download.



Notes

## Step 6: Finish the Cushion

STEP 6 SEW THE SIDES video

#### SEW THE REMAINING 3 SIDES

- 1. Make sure the zip is open.
- 2. Lay the 2 fabric panels back together right sides touching (align and pin).
- 3. Machine stitch along the remaining 3 sides approximately 2cm in from the edge..

STEP 6 INSERT THE PAD video

#### TO FINISH

- 1. Turn the cover through.
- 2. Insert the pad.