Plain Cushion

Step 1: Calculate the Fabric Required

STEP 1.1 FABRIC QUANTITY   ▶ video

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.
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For a FIRM CUSHION
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 - 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

1. With a patterned fabric you may want to position your pattern im a certain posiiton on the cushion cover. (this may require extra fabric)

2. 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

STEP 2 CUT SMALL PATTERN FACE PANEL   ▶ video

STEP 2 CUT PLAIN BACK PANEL   ▶ video

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.

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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.

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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.