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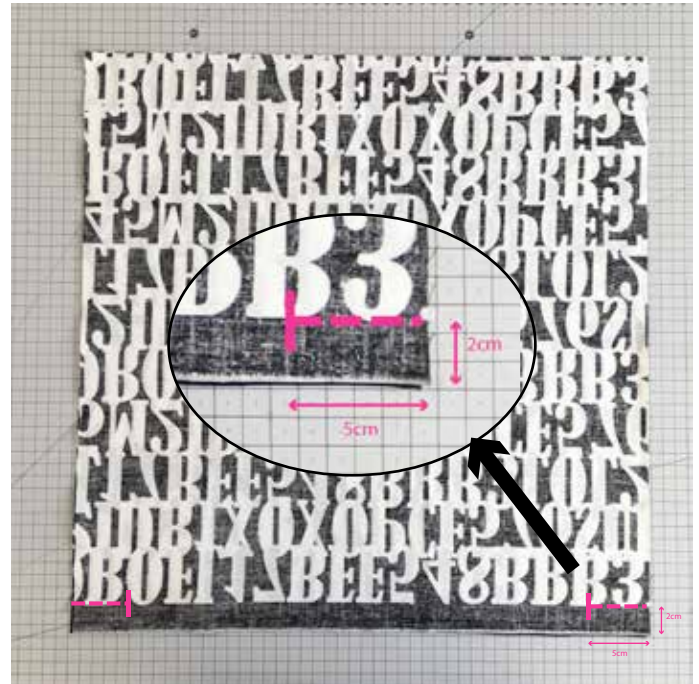


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What you need for a 45cm x 45cm cushion:

- 50cm of any fabric of your choice
- 40cm regular zipper



1. Cut two pieces of fabric measuring 47cm x 48cm each. If the fabric has a direction, i.e. trees, animals, etc., make sure they are not going to end up upside down when you decide where the bottom of the cushion is going to be.

2. Lay the two pieces flat on top of each other with right sides facing. Mark and stitch 5cm on each side of the bottom raw edge using just a straight stitch on your sewing machine and making sure to backstitch on each end.



3. Handstitch in place the distance between the stitches you have just created on step 2, using a long running stitch and leaving the thread loose on either end. Otherwise known as a basting stitch. A contrasting thread is best to use as it will be easier to see when removing it.

4. Press this seam allowance open with an iron and place the zipper right side down on top of the seam, making sure it is perfectly positioned in the middle. Pin in place then handstitch all around using a basting stitch. Remove the pins.



5. If you have a zipper foot on your machine, you may want to use it in this case. Machine stitch from the right side of the fabric using the basting stitch to guide you around the zipper.

6. It should have caught all the sides of the zipper securely. Remove all the temporary basting stitches.



7. Open the zipper at least enough to put your hand through. Lay the pieces flat with right sides facing again and all the remaining edges/corners lining up. Pin these edges and machine stitch using a 1cm seam allowance. You may then finish these edges with a zigzag to prevent fraying.

8. Turn the cushion right side out and poke the corners out. Press it flat with an iron if needed and enjoy it!

This tutorial is for a 45cm x 45cm finished measurement cushion. Use the same instructions to make another size, just add 1cm seam allowance to top and sides, but 2cm to the bottom where zip will be inserted.