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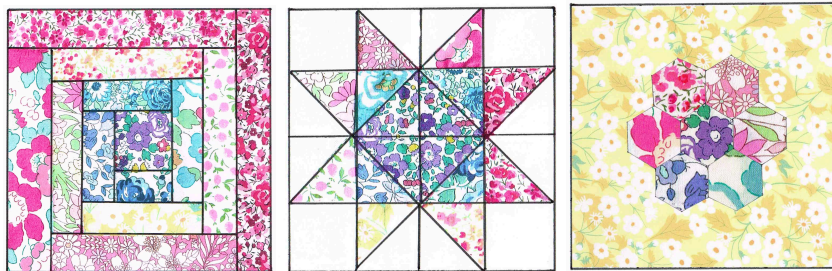
MADE IN ENGLAND

THREE PATCHWORK PINCUSHIONS

LIBERTY FABRIC

Instructions

Finished pincushion size approx: 4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm)



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Supplies you will need:

- Stuffing
- Fabric for background and backing: one fat quarter
- 13 different scraps of fabric for patchwork: each minimum size 6" x 6"
- 7 x paper hexagons ½"
- Scissors or rotary cutter, grid and ruler
- Pins
- Needle and thread or sewing machine
- Optional: water-soluble fabric glue pen

CUTTING:

Background/backing fabric: Cut twelve 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) squares.

Cut three 4½" x 4½" (11.4cm x 11.4cm) squares and one 5" x 5" (12.7cm x 12.7cm) square.

Choose the fabric that you would like to be the centre of the log cabin and star pincushions and cut five 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) squares.

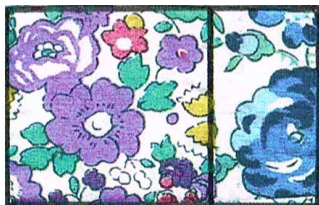
From the remaining 12 fabric scraps, cut one 1" x 4½" (2.5cm x 11.4cm) strip and one 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) square.

Background fabric: Cut twelve 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) squares.

LOG CABIN PINCUSHION

All seams ¼" (0.6cm) unless otherwise stated. Align edges before sewing together. After every step open out and press seam to one side.

1. Take a centre fabric 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) square and place one of the 1" x 4½" (2.5cm x 11.4cm) strips of fabric, right sides together, on top. Sew together along the right-hand edge. Trim the ends of the strip level with the sides of the square.



2. Sew a different strip of fabric to the unit you made in step 1. Trim the ends level with the sides of the unit.



3. Next add a different strip. Continue adding subsequent strips in this way, working in a clockwise direction. Trim ends as above. Use the picture above right as a fabric/colour guide if you want a rainbow effect otherwise mix it up, as you prefer.

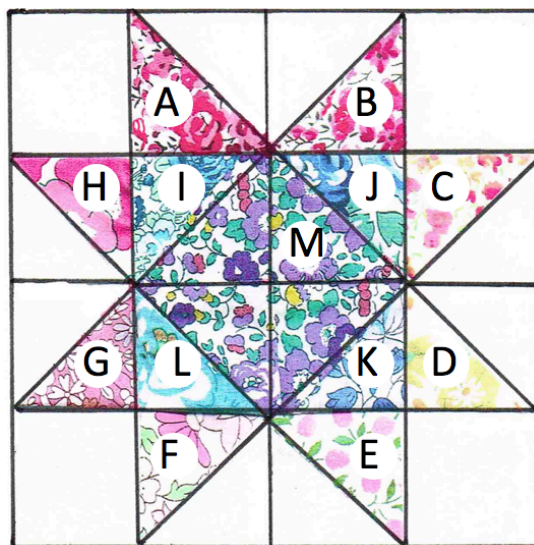


FINISHING THE PINCUSHION

1. Take the 5" x 5" (12.7cm x 12.7cm) background/backing fabric and place the log cabin from step 3 on top, with right sides together. Stitch together all around the outside edges, leaving a 1½" (3.8cm) gap on one side. *TIP: if your log cabin unit is a different size to the 5" square, trim the 5" square down to match its dimensions.*
2. Turn right sides out (through the gap), turn the seam allowance of the gap inside and press.
3. Stuff the pincushion with your choice of stuffing and slip stitch the gap closed.

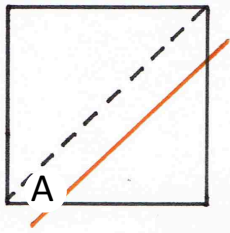
Enjoy your Pincushion!

STAR PINCUSHION



Nominate or label each of your 12 fabric scraps A-L according to how you would like them arranged in your finished star, your centre scrap is going to be fabric M.

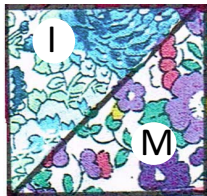
1. Take one 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) square of background/backing fabric and one of the 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) squares of fabric (A) and place them on top of each other right sides together, sew from one corner diagonally across to the opposite corner. Then trim seam allowance to ¼" as shown by the orange cutting line below.



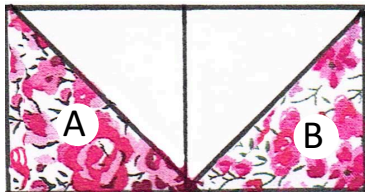
2. Open out and press, this makes an A Half Square Triangle (HST).



3. Repeat steps 1-2 with fabrics B, C, D, E, F G, and H and background squares.
4. Repeat steps 1-2 with fabrics I, J, K and L, this time using fabric (M) instead of the background/backing fabric. This makes an I-M HST, one J-M HST, one K-M HST and one L-M HST.



5. Take the A background HST and stitch to the B background HST:



For steps 6 - 8 refer to the star layout picture at the beginning of this section.

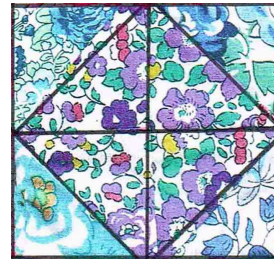
6. Stitch the C background HST to the D background HST.
7. Stitch the E background HST to the F background HST.
8. Stitch the G background to the H background HST.

9. Take the I-M HST and sew to the J-M HST:

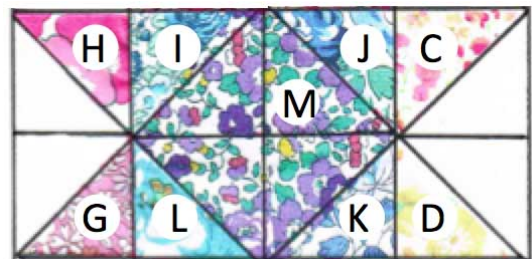


10. Sew the K-M HST to the L-M HST, referring to the star layout for orientation.

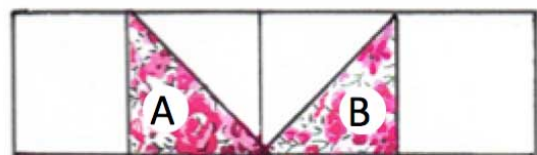
11. Sew the I-M & J-M block to the K-M & L-M block, this makes the centre block:



12. Sew the G-H block and the C-D block either side of the centre block.



13. Take two background 1½" x 1½" (3.8cm x 3.8cm) squares and sew either side of the A-B block from step 5:



14. Repeat step 13 with the E-F block:



15. Sew the blocks from steps 12-14 together, using the star layout picture as a guide.
16. Finish the pincushion by following steps 1-3 in the FINISHING THE PINCUSHION section on page 2.

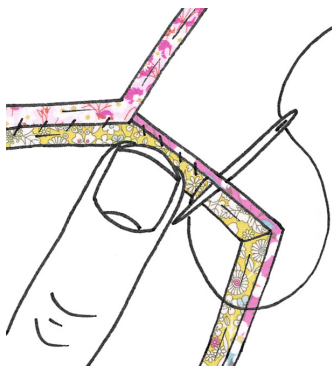
HEXAGON FLOWER PINCUSHION



1. Choose 7 fabrics that you would like to make the hexagon flower.
2. Place a paper hexagon on one of the fabrics you chose and cut around the hexagon, adding at least a ¼" seam allowance all around the hexagon. Repeat for the 6 remaining fabrics.

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING (EPP) INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fold the edges of the fabric over the paper hexagon and either tack/stitch or glue in place on the wrong side of the fabric. Repeat for all the fabric shapes. (*TIP: if using glue then glue the paper not the fabric*)
2. Take the hexagon that you wish to be in the centre of the flower and place another hexagon on top, with right sides together and whipstitch along one edge then open out flat.
3. Position the next hexagon and whipstitch along the edge. (n.b. The diagram below shows larger hexagons than those which you will be using).



4. Continue adding hexagons until all 6 are sewn together around the central hexagon. Press the hexagon flower (*TIP: Spray starch gives a lovely crisp finish*).

5. Remove the papers carefully, maintaining the folded-in seam allowance on the outer edge.
6. Position the flower in the centre of a 4½" x 4½" background/backing fabric square and slipstitch in place around the edge of the flower.
7. Finish the pincushion by following steps 1-3 in the FINISHING THE PINCUSHION section on page 2.