

Sew Easy Fringed Flower Cushion

Finished size 20" square approx.

Intermediate

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You need:

Sew Easy 8½" Triangle (NL4157)

Two 8½ x 20" Red (flower)

Two 20" squares White (background & cushion backing)

One 20 x 10" + One 20 x 15" White (cushion back)

3" diameter circle fabric (flower centre)

2½" diameter circle thin card (flower centre)

One 2½ x 85" Red (binding)

One 20" square wadding + scraps (stuff flower points)

One 2 x 8" coarse fabric strip which frays easily
e.g. furnishing fabric (flower fringe)



2. Fold each triangle in half from point. W/S out and stitch across folded top. Turn to R/S, press centre back seam flat. Cut off ½" from unsewn point.

Start Stitching

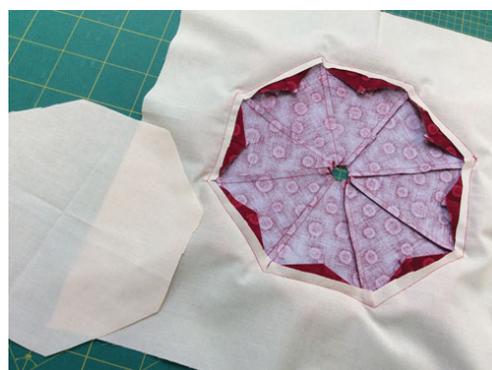
1. Stack both flower strips together. Rotary cut four double triangles using Sew Easy triangle.



3. Sew all eight sections together to form circle with central hole.



4. Pin completed circle in place on contrasting background.



5. From Wrong Side fill each folded point with wadding scraps.

6. On Right Side sew straight across the base of all stuffed points. Cut and remove background fabric from behind circle.



7. Sew several rows of zig zag along one long side of frayable strip to stabilise. Using pin, fray opposite side leaving approx. 1/2" fabric unfrayed under the zig zag stitching.

Coil and stitch this strip to form centre of flower, pleating where necessary to spread fringe evenly in all directions.



8. Gather fabric circle around card template. Press gathers flat. Remove card.



9. Pin and stitch circle to cover stitched coil. Stuff small amount of wadding through middle hole from wrong side to dome and soften the flower centre.

10. Layer cushion front, wadding and cushion backing. Safety pin/tack at frequent intervals.



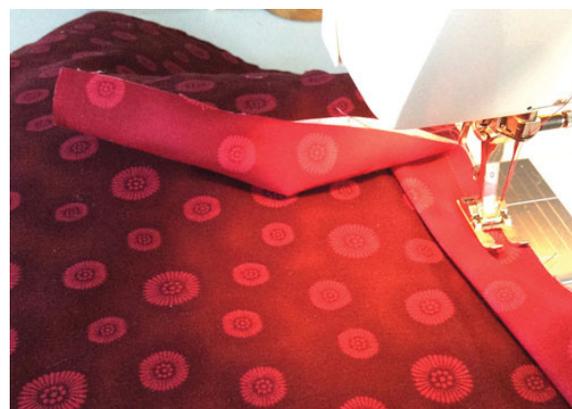
11. Quilt straight lines echoing seams on flower.

Stipple the background to complete cushion front.



12. Hem one short side of each piece of cushion back. (I sewed optional decorative contrasting strip on outer piece).

13. Overlap, pin and stitch both pieces **R/S out** to back of cushion front. Keep stitching close to raw edges.



Bind Cushion

1. Fold and press binding strip in half lengthwise.
2. Leaving tail of approx. 6" of binding loose at start, align raw edge of binding with quilt side.

3. Stitch all round $\frac{1}{4}$ in from edge, stopping to fold a mitre at each corner.



4. Finish sewing 8" from start.



5. Place marker pin at right-angle to quilt edge in middle of unstitched gap.

Lay one binding tail across pin and cut binding 2½" away from the pin. Lay the other binding tail across pin in opposite direction. Cut binding at the pin.

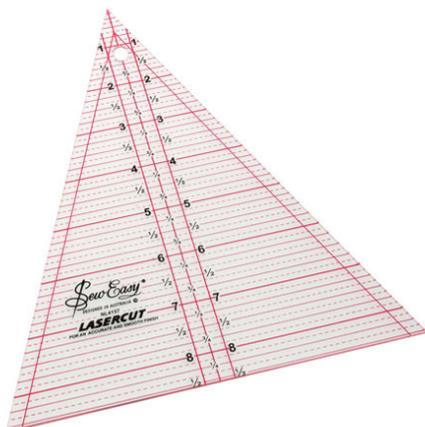
Open both bindings flat and with R/S together match ends forming right-angle. Pin and stitch diagonally across angle (checking first that seam allows re-folded binding to lie correctly and perfectly flat). Stitch in place.



6. Turn binding over to R/S of cushion and stitch in place to complete.

**Sit back with cup of tea
and admire handiwork!**

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