Sewing tips: Patchwork cushion cover



Want to make a patchwork cushion cover but don't know how to start? We've put together instructions for an easy version just for you. At IKEA we also have everything you need, from a wide range of fabrics in different colours and patterns to sewing accessories and inner cushions.

Skill level: Medium.

Tools: A sewing machine, thread, pins, measuring tape, scissors, an iron and a knitting needle.

Fabric: 21 pieces of fabric measuring 20×20 cm (9 for the front, 12 for the back including the overlap), 6 strips of fabric measuring 20×4 cm.

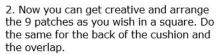
Good to know: This cushion cover will fit INNER and FJÄDER inner cushions, size 50×50 cm, available at IKEA.

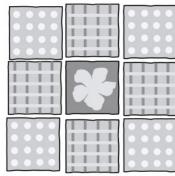


Follow these simple steps:

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1. Use a zigzag stitch along all edges of the 21 fabric pieces to keep the fabric from fraying.

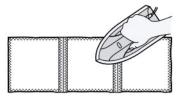




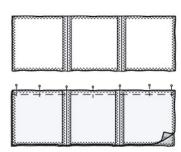




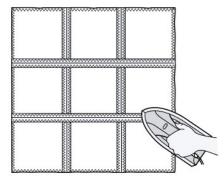
3. Take 3 fabric pieces from the first row, put the first and second pieces face to face and sew a line 2 cm from the edge to join them. Repeat this step to join the second and third pieces. Now make the second and third rows using the same method. Do the same for the back of the cushion cover and the overlap.



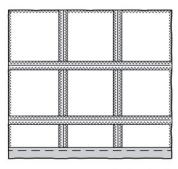
4. Put the 3 joined fabric pieces face down on the table and press the seams flat with an iron. Iron the rest of the rows in the same way.



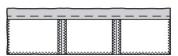
5. Take 3 rows for the front of the cushion cover. Put the first and second rows face to face and pin them together. Sew a line 2 cm from the edge to join them. Repeat this step to join the second and third rows.



6. Put the completed front cover face down on the table and press the seams flat with an iron.



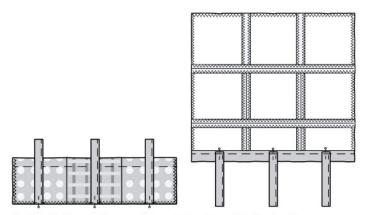
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for the back of the cushion cover. At the last row, make a 5 cm fold and press with an iron. Then tuck in 2.5 cm and press again with an iron. Sew a line 2 cm from the folded edge.



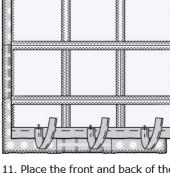
8. Take the remaining row of 3 fabric pieces to make the overlap for the back of the cushion. Make a 5 cm fold and press with an iron. Then tuck in 2.5 cm and press again with an iron. Sew a line 2 cm from the folded edge.



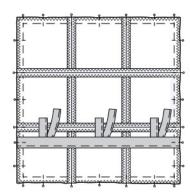
9. Cut 6 strips of fabric measuring 20×4 cm. Take a strip and fold it in 1 cm along both long edges. Press each fold with an iron. Then fold it in half lengthwise and press it again. Stitch the fold in place along the length of the strip. Repeat to make the other 5 strips.



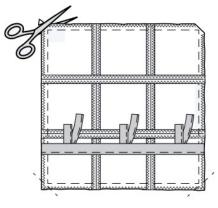
10. Pin 3 strips to the overlap and the other 3 to the back as shown in the illustrations above. Sew the strips in place.



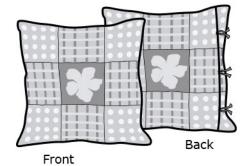
11. Place the front and back of the cushion cover face to face.



12. Place the overlap on top. Make sure that the back piece together with the overlap is the same size as the front cover. Pin the pieces together. Sew a line 2 cm from the edges



13. Carefully remove all the pins. Cut off the tips of each corner, about 2 mm above the stitching line.



14. Turn the cushion cover right side out.
Use a knitting needle with a rounded tip or a similar object to gently poke out each corner.
Fill the cushion cover with an inner cushion.
Tie the strips. Sit back and enjoy your creation!

