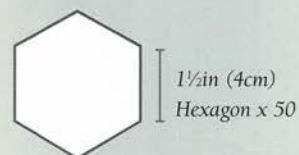


Sometimes it's hard to find an accent piece that coordinates perfectly with your room. By adding a mix of fabrics to this cushion cover, you can pull together several elements in a room to solidify your personal style. The pattern also works well with fabric charm packs and layer cakes, or you could try swapping special fabrics or signature blocks with friends. The 1½in (4cm) per side hexagons stitch up quickly, giving you time to splurge on big-stitch hand quilting to make a soft and inviting addition to any sofa.

Hexagon cushion



For template, see page 139



Dimensions

The finished cushion cover measures 16½ x 16½in (42 x 42cm).

Tools & materials

- 50 x 1½in (4cm) paper hexagon templates **1**
- 56 x 3½in (9cm) squares of fabric (use at least 14 different fabrics for good variety) **2**
- 20in (50cm) square piece of wadding **3**
- 20in (50cm) square piece of lining fabric **4**
- Two pieces of fabric for the cushion back (top: 16½ x 8½in/42 x 22cm and bottom: 16½ x 12in/42 x 30cm) **5**
- Button **6**
- Hair elastic **7**
- Temporary spray adhesive **8**
- 75in (1.9m) of bias binding, 2¼in (5.5cm) wide **9**
- Thread for piecing, perlé cotton for hand quilting **10**
- Sewing kit (scissors, paper clips, needle threader, needles, straight pins, thimble) **11**
- 16in (40cm) square cushion pad





1 Cut the fabric and tack to the templates (see pages 36–39).

2 Join them in eight rows of seven hexagons each, centring novelty prints. Remember that prints along the edge will be cut off when the cushion top is squared up. Remove the templates and give the top a good press.



3 Layer and tack with spray adhesive. The lining fabric can be calico or any fabric you are trying to use up.

4 Quilt with perlé cotton.



5 Using a square ruler, trim to 16 1/2 in (42cm) square.

6 Hem one long edge of each piece for the cushion back: first fold over 1/4 in (6mm) of one long edge and press with a hot iron, then fold over 1/2 in (1cm) and press again before topstitching by machine.





7 Place the two back pieces right sides up on the wrong side of the cushion front, with the hemmed edges in the centre, and mark where the button and elastic will go.



8 Attach the button by hand to the lower back piece and the elastic (right) by machine to the top back piece.



9 Place the two back pieces on the cushion top, wrong sides together, and pin in place. Pin the binding to the front of the cushion top. Attach the binding by machine, assembling the cushion back at the same time. Take care to backstitch at the openings of the cushion back.



10 Remove the pins, fold the binding to the cushion back and whipstitch by hand (see page 55). Stuff with a cushion pad and enjoy!



