

JANOME

Candy Coloured French Cushion

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For picnics to playrooms, these box cushions with a mattress edge finish make for instant, comfy seating (and can give a bit of a boost to young ones around the picnic table).

FINISHED CUSHION SIZE: 18" x 18"

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- High density foam, medium firm (min 3 x 18 x 18")
- Poly batting (upholstery grade is best)
- Fabric
- High twist thread (upholstery or thin tufting twine)
- High quality 100% poly thread
- Foam adhesive spray (optional)

ALSO REQUIRED:

- Rotary cutter, Cutting mat, Straight edge/meter stick, Large needle, Curved needle Scissors, Sewing machine



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut 8 patchwork pieces allowing for 1/4" between patch seams.



2. Cut gusset fabric pieces 1" larger than the thickness of the foam, allowing for 1/2" seam allowance.



3. Sew patchwork top and bottom pieces. Press seam allowances to one side. Do not splay seams open.

4. Sew gusset ends together to create a loop. Press seams to one side.



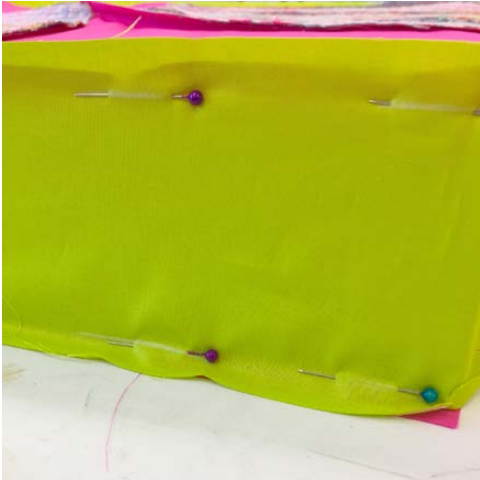
5. On wrong side of gusset fabric, mark exact foam height in chalk in the centre of the gusset.



6. Using bare foam slab, lay top, bottom and gusset on foam with wrong sides out.

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7. Pin gusset to top and bottom along chalk line. Leave one seam open.



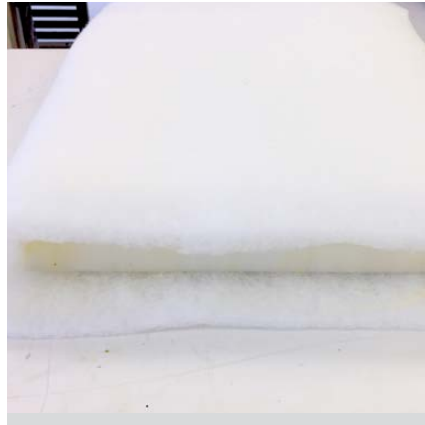
8. Carefully remove foam slab from pinned cover.



9. Sew all pinned seams. Turn right side out and check corners. Adjust corners as needed for crispness.



10. Wrap foam slab with one layer of poly. Glue seams together or hand stitch. Do not roll seams to avoid extra or uneven bulk.



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11. Stuff wrapped foam slab into sewn cover through open seam.
12. Pin open seam closed. Using a slip stitch or other invisible hand stitch, close seam.
13. Pull all edge seams away from cushion and pin out a 1/4" flange on all sides and vertical corners.



14. Using a high tensile thread such as upholstery thread or high twist twine, double the tread and stitch along flange line. Basting or running stitches are best. Hide knots under double stitches. For a more subdued look, use a self-coloured thread. We used a contrasting colour to coordinate with our palette (and make it easier to see).

15. Add cross hatch stitch tufts (no-button option) to centre of each patch for ultimate French cushion status

