



African Stripe Cushion

Finished size 75cm (29") square approx.

Materials

- 4 x fat or long quarters of striped fabric for the front of the cushion
- 4 x half metres of striped fabric for the front and reverse
- 2 fat or long quarters of two contrasting shot-cottons for the front borders
- One 75 x 75cm 30" x 30" cushion filler

Cutting Out

Cut a 14½" square from each of the half metre stripes and put to one side for the back of the cushion.

The main cushion is constructed from 2½" squares. Referring to the Cushion Assembly diagram, choose a position for each stripe and label them 1 to 8. Cut each stripe into 2½" wide strips and then cut into 2½" squares. Make a number of squares for each stripe as indicated on the diagram.

From the shot cottons, cut 1¾" strips and then cut the strips into 2½" lengths. Make 24 in the darker shot cotton and 28 in the lighter shot cotton. From the darker shot-cotton cut four squares 1¾" x 1¾".

Assembling the Cushion

Arrange the 169 squares into 13 rows of 13 squares, following the cushion assembly diagram. Make sure the stripes are correctly aligned vertically and horizontally as indicated to create a woven effect. Using a ¼" seam allowance, join the squares into rows and then join the rows to form the cushion top.

Assembling the Border

Arrange 4 rows of alternating shot-cottons using the diagram as a guide. Join the rectangles together into 4 separate rows. To form the corners attach a 1¾" square to each end of top and bottom border rows. Attach the side borders to the edges of the cushion top and then the top and bottom borders.

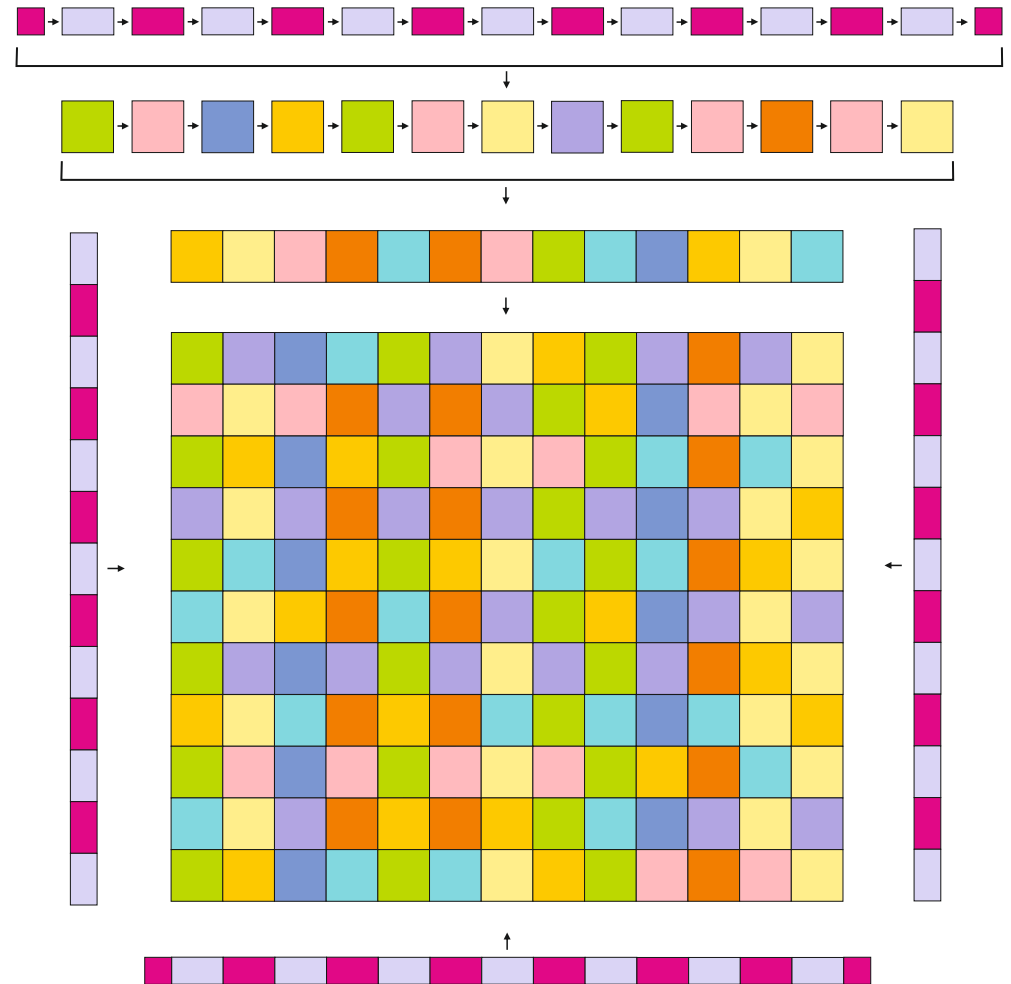
Assembling the back

Using a ¼" seam allowance join two of the backing patches together with the stripes on the top piece running vertically and on the bottom piece running horizontally. Do the same with the remaining two patches, but alter the stripe direction so the top stripes are horizontal and bottom vertical. Stitch the two sides together to form a 28½" square.






Finishing the Cushion

With the right sides facing place the front and back together. Stitch around the edges leaving an opening big enough to insert the cushion filler. Trim the corners. Turn inside out and insert the cushion. Stitch the opening closed and you're finished!

Cushion Assembly



Key

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|  Fabric 1: cut 27 |  Fabric 5: cut 24 | Border Fabrics |
|  Fabric 2: cut 26 |  Fabric 6: cut 18 |  Cut 24, 2½" x 1¾" Cut 4, 1¾" x 1¾" |
|  Fabric 3: cut 13 |  Fabric 7: cut 22 |  Cut 28, 2½" x 1¾" |
|  Fabric 4: cut 19 |  Fabric 8: cut 20 | |

These stripes run vertically

These stripes run horizontally