

Cushion Cover with piping and zipper



Finished size: 18" square (You can make this cushion cover in any size you like.)

You need:



- Fabric for front and back of cushion cover; 2 - 19" squares (48 cm)
- Fabric for piping; 2" (5 cm) strips cut on the bias, when joined together they should measure 80" (2 m)
- Piping cord; about $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) wide, 80" (2 m)
- Zipper: at least 16" (40cm)
- Cushion insert; 20" x 20" (50 cm x 50 cm)
- Sewing Machine with zipper foot
- Cutting Mat, Ruler and Rotary Cutter
- General Sewing Supplies

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If your cushion insert is a different size cut the fabric 1" smaller than the insert.

Make sure you have enough piping cord and fabric.

The zipper shouldn't be shorter than the side of the fabric minus 3". I find it easier to sew the zipper if it is a bit longer and then shorten it afterwards.

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) unless otherwise stated.



Overlock or zig zag the edges of the front and back pieces.



Join the bias strips with a diagonal seam. Trim and press the seam allowance open.



Fold the piping fabric around the piping cord and align the edges of the piping fabric with the edge of the cushion fabric. Start on the middle of one side on the front piece and leave about 3" of the cord and piping fabric at the start. Sew close to the cord with a zipper foot. The seam allowance should be $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



When sewing around the corners, make small cuts in the piping fabric. When you get to the corner stop with the needle down and lift the presser foot and turn, sew a couple of stitches on an angle and stop again, turn and continue.



Stop sewing about 2" before the spot where you started. See picture for how to trim and join the piping. The cord is cut so the ends just meet. The fabric on one end should be 1" longer than the cord. Fold in half and overlap the end of the piping. Pin in place and sew as before.

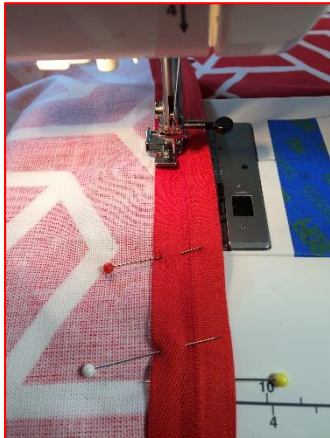


The front should look like this now.

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Fold and press a 5/8" (1,5 cm) hem on the top of the back piece. Place the zipper face down on the back of the hem. The zipper teeth should be on the edge of the fold and the side of the zipper should align with the overlocked edge of the hem.



Sew close to the zipper teeth with a zipper foot. Start and stop 2" from the edge. Make sure you secure the seam by back stitching a few stitches.



Open the zipper and pin the other edge along the raw edge of the piping, right sides together. Sew close to the zipper teeth, starting and stopping 2" from the edges.

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If the zipper is too long, sew a few stitches over the zipper teeth at both ends and cut the zipper. Make sure the zipper pull is between the stitching.



Open the zipper about $\frac{3}{4}$. Fold the front and back right sides together and sew around the edges on top of the seam that attaches the piping. Start and stop about a $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside the zipper seam.



Turn the cushion cover to the right side through the opened zipper. Insert the pillow insert and close the zipper.

Enjoy your cushion!