

Roll-Up Cushion - Machined Version (Janet Wright)

Requirements

		<u>15.5" Cushion</u>
Top Fabric [Plain or patterned cotton]	25x	4.5" squares
Backing Fabric [cotton or calico]	50x	2" Strips cut to 3.5" lengths (Cut 2" strips, iron $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and then cut into 3.5" lengths)
Cushion Back [to tone with front]		15.5" square
Binding & Ties [to tone with front]	bias binding	90"

N.B. Straight binding and ties can be used to save fabric

(cut your own bias strips 2"-2.5" wide for double binding technique)

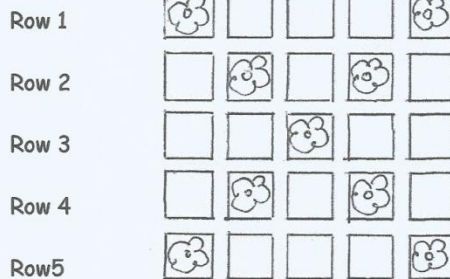
Sewing kit and toning thread May be hand or machine stitched with hand finishing Washable stuffing - wadding off-cuts are fine, toy stuffing is softer.

Assembling the Roll-Up Cushion

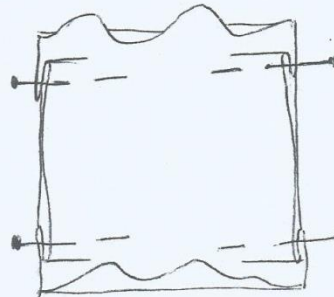
Lay out the larger squares in your chosen pattern and pair with two backing strips each.

The pockets are assembled into 5 rows ready for joining and stuffing.

Squares - Lay 2 backing strips wrong side up with the ironed seam allowances together. Lay a top piece wrong side down over these. Pin the corners together along one edge, pin the backing strips in place at the centre of the front square edge and make a tuck in this top fabric about $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from the edges and pin in place.



Ends pinned ready for joining

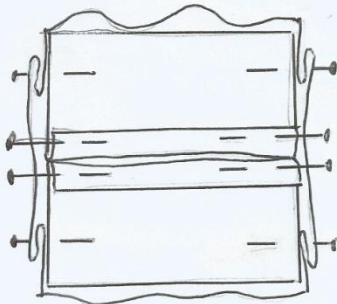


Place the pockets right sides together and take a $\frac{1}{4}$ seam through all layers.

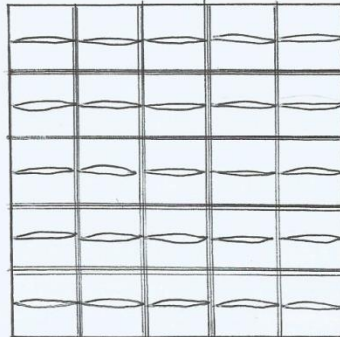
Continue until all 5 pockets in all 5 rows are joined at the ends.

Take the first 2 rows and pin all the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch pleats in place on adjoining sides and then place the rows right sides together and stitch right across the row taking $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.

Pinned Square from the Back



Cushion Stitched ready for stuffing



Stuff the pockets with toy stuffing, wadding scraps, old tights etc. Catch the opening on the back of each square together to hold the stuffing in place. Place the cushion pad on the backing fabric with the right sides outwards and pin in place at each join between the pockets. Tie stitch the fabric in place.

The ties and binding should be bias cut but can be straight fabric if you gather the binding round the corners.

Cut enough fabric for the binding and ties. Make the ties (18 inch each or one length 36 inches folded in the centre if you prefer) by stitching the edges together right sides together and turning the fabric right sides out or just fold in the raw edges to the centre down the length, fold in half and stitch down close to the folds. Remember to neaten one end on each. Pin the raw ends of the ties in the centre of one edge on the front of the cushion.

Fold the bias binding in half right side out and pin round the cushion from the top. Join the ends of the binding as soon as you can estimate the correct length. This is difficult to machine round (use the zipper foot!) so you may prefer to hand stitch at this stage. Stitch through all layers including the ties. Ensure the ties are well stitched in place.

Fold the binding to the back and slip stitch in place.

The cushion is rolled with the pockets facing outwards and held in place with the ties.

Your completed cushion is ideal to carry to any event where the seating lacks upholstery e.g. Concerts in churches and Quilting meetings in church halls.

Roll-Up Cushion - Stuff as you Go (Janet Wright)

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Cushion Back [to tone with front]		15.5" square
Binding & Ties [to tone with front] bias binding		90"

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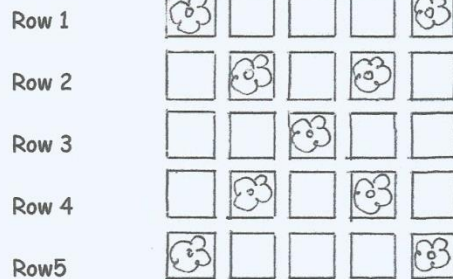
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Assembling the Roll-Up Cushion

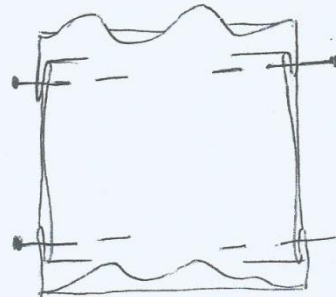
Lay out the larger squares in your chosen pattern and pair with a backing square. The pockets are assembled into 5 rows ready for joining and stuffing.

Stitch by hand or machine as you wish taking $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance throughout.

Row 1 At the ends and the adjoining sides pin the upper fabric to the backing square with wrong sides together and making a small tuck in the upper fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each edge, pinning into place.



Ends pinned ready for joining



Place the pockets right sides together and take a $\frac{1}{4}$ seam through all layers. Continue until all 5 pockets in all 5 rows are joined at the ends.

Take the first 2 rows and pin all the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch pleats in place on adjoining sides and then place the rows right sides together and stitch right across the row taking $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.

Stuff the pockets with toy stuffing, wadding scraps, old tights etc. pinning the open sides to the backing squares when full and making the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch tucks as before. Stitch across the outside edge to trap the stuffing in place.

Pin the next row to the other stuffed row and join the seam across. If machining you will need to use a zipper foot and a certain amount of determination! Continue adding rows and stuffing until the main cushion is assembled.

Place the cushion pad on the backing fabric with the right sides outwards and pin in place at each join between the pockets. Tie stitch the fabric in place.

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Fold the bias binding in half right side out and pin round the cushion from the top. Join the ends of the binding as soon as you can estimate the correct length. This is difficult to machine round so you may prefer to hand stitch at this stage. Stitch through all layers including the ties. Ensure the ties are well stitched in place. Fold the binding to the back and slip stitch in place.

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