

## Seat Cushions By Betty and Robin



### Materials:

1. Material: 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard for a single color fabric cushion - makes one.  
OR 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard for front and 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard for back and flaps - makes two.  
OR 6 fat quarters, OR Lots of Scraps. - Sew scraps together to make fabric.
2. Two pieces of foam 15" by 15", one 2" thick and one 3" thick. A serrated knife will cut foam. Foam pieces have cling power. An electric knife cuts best.
3. Elastic: 8" cut in half. Use one inch thick.
4. Matching thread

### Cutting Directions:

1. Cut one fabric handle: Cut 14" x 5" folded in half, sewn and turned to make a Tube.
2. Cut two side flaps: Cut four 8" x 10" rectangles.
3. Cut 2 large rectangles for front and back of cushion. 20" by 40" *NOTE: if your foam is larger than 15 x 15 add length and width inches to accommodate! ALSO: Make your flaps larger, 10" by 10" and your elastic longer 5" to accommodate the larger size.*
4. Elastic: cut two 4" lengths.

### Sewing Directions:

Notes: Sew  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams for this project. It is difficult sewing the two center seams next to the foam. Pin them and Press the foam to be able to get the seam closer to the foam. Try using a zipper foot to get closer.

1. Flap.
  - a. With right sides together, place the two strips of elastic at 5" and 8" marks, layer on another rectangle. Sew ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams) side with elastic and bottom.
  - b. Trim corner. Turn. Press.
  - c. Lay out the sewn rectangle, right sides out, and elastic sticking out.
  - d. Place the remaining two rectangles on top and bottom of the elastic, right sides facing elastic. Pin at 5" and 8."
  - e. Sew side and bottom seams.
  - f. Trim corner. Turn. Press.
2. Top and side seams

a. Place flaps with 10" sides in the side of the cushion tube. The 8" sides will be across the top. Pin, as you sew ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams), ease the center seam between the flaps as necessary to make a flat seam.

b. Trim corners. Turn. Press.

3. Insert top cushion, sew a seam as close to the bottom of the cushion as possible.

**NOTE: It helps if you use your zipper foot. Smooth out the seam as it does bunch up.**

4. Measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and sew a seam across the tube.

5. Insert bottom cushion. Snug it as close to the seam as possible.

6. Turn edges in, pin across, place the handle in the center. Sew Seam.

Materials - two colors



Flaps



Sewing flaps to second rectangle



Sewing Top Seam



Turned and pressed and top cushion inserted



Ready to close bottom seam.



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