

Zippered Cushion Cover Tutorial



We've been meaning to create a zippered cushion cover tutorial for some time now. We have had so many requests for it and this zippered cushion is super easy to make. Even if you have never inserted a zip before, you should be able to do this.

The cushion cover shown in the video is for an 18" cushion insert. See the chart below for fabric and zip requirements for other sized cushion inserts.

- You can make these cushion covers with a matching front and back, a contrasting back and directional print. You can even fussy cut to get the effect you want.
- Take care to make sure the pattern on both pieces is facing the same way if you are using a directional print.

Watch the video tutorial below or scroll

down for the written instructions

Cushion Insert	Fabric Needed	Zip Size
18"	2 pcs @ 17" x 17"	15" or longer
16"	2pcs @ 15" x 15"	13" or longer
14"	2 pcs @ 13" x 13"	11" or longer
12"	2 pcs @ 11" x 11"	10" or longer

Materials

- Decide which size cushion cover you are going to make and cut your fabric according to the chart above.
- The material used for our cushion covers was purchased from Spotlight in Australia and is no longer available.

TOOLS USED IN THIS TUTORIAL

You can check the latest prices at Amazon by clicking on the links below:

- Creative Grids Ruler 8½" x 24½"
- Olfa 24" x 36" double-sided healing mat
- Olfa 60mm rotary cutter
- Gutermann Sew-All thread
- Dritz Marking Chalk Wheel I love this little gadget

Here are a couple of ideas for pillow inserts you can use.

- Hypo-allergenic Poly Pillow Form Insert
- Shredded Memory Foam Hypoallergenic pillow inserts

You can use the Make-A-Zipper zips or you can use individual zips

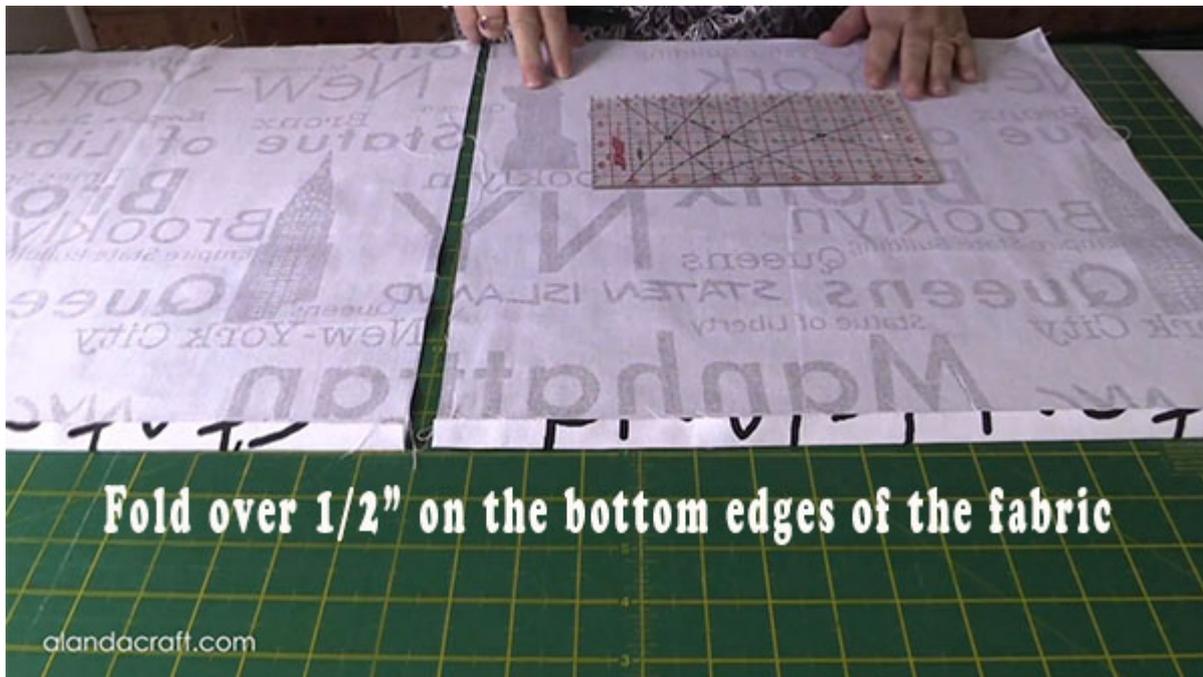
- 14" Zippers
- Make-A-Zipper

I used a continuous zip using a Make-A-Zipper Kit. These are so handy to have as you don't have to worry about getting just the right size zipper for your needs.

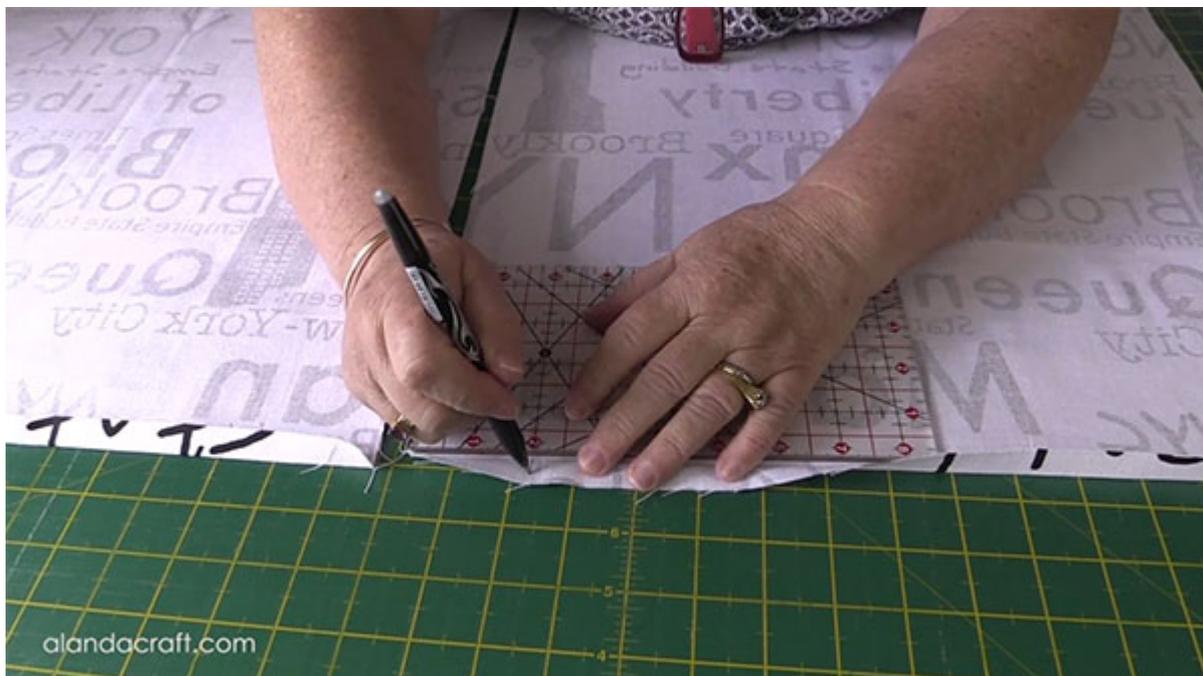


Method:

- Decide which is going to be the bottom edge of the cushion cover. This is where the zipper will be placed.
- If you are using a directional print, ensure that you place both pieces in the same direction.
- Fold over $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the bottom edge of each piece of fabric.
- Press to create a crease.



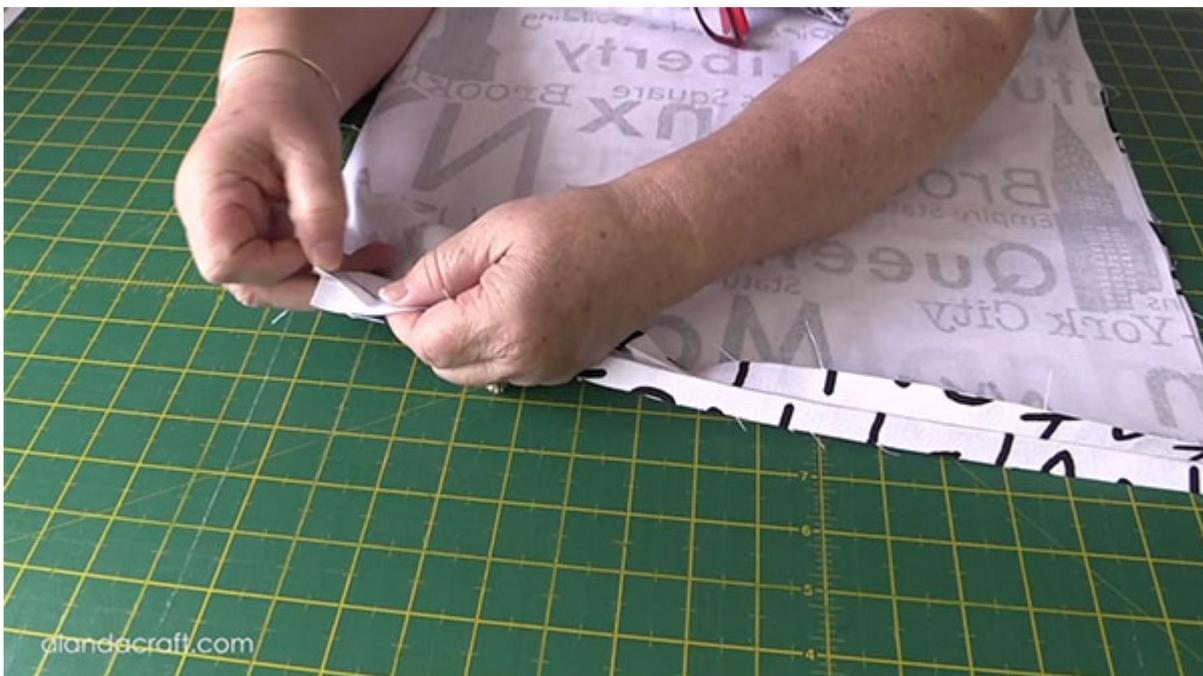
- Open up the creased edges on both pieces of fabric.
- On the fold line, measure in 2" in from the edge on each side of the square (This is only needed on one piece of fabric).



- Place the two pieces of fabric with right sides together.



- Place the two pieces of fabric, right sides together with the folded edges matching.
- Put a pin at each end where the 2" line is marked.



- Sew along the 2" lines making sure to back stitch at the start and finish.



- Open up the two pieces.
- Place on the mat with the wrong sides facing up.
- Draw a line approx $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from each end. We do this so the zip doesn't get caught in the seam line when we sew the two pieces of fabric together. We also don't want the end of the zipper to come through the gap.



- Take your zip and place it with the zipper pull facing down in the gap.
- Line up the end of the zipper with the lines you drew at

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each edge.
- Pin the zip at one end.
- Smooth the zip along the folded edge of the open gap
- Trim the zip if it is too long or if you are using a continuous zip. You can find zippers by the yard on Amazon.
- Pin the end of the zip in place.



- Backstitch a few times over one end of the zip to hold it in place.
- Sew down one side, keeping the zip level with your $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam line.
- As you get to the zip pull, stop with the needle in the down position and maneuver the zip pull past the needle so that you have a nice flat sewing surface, and don't break a needle.
- Backstitch a few times over the other end of the zip.
- Sew down the other side as before.
- Backstitch or tie off when you get back to where you started.



NOTE: This step is MOST IMPORTANT. Open the zip to about halfway or more.



- Pin the two pieces of fabric with the right sides together.
- Sew around the edge with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.
- Cushions get a lot of wear so I like to backstitch when

I start and end at each corner.

- Turn the cushion through the zip opening.
- Push out the corners, you can trim the corners if you wish, I don't usually bother on the cushion cover. It's entirely up to you whether you do or you don't. If you don't trim the corners and you find it's a bit bulky, you can always do it later.



- Insert your cushion insert, pushing it out to the corners.
- Do up the zip and there you are, all done.

