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LIBERTY FABRICS

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Finished size approx. 25" x 25"

MATERIALS:

- LIBERTY - SUMMER HOUSE

CONSERVATORY FRUITS - 5668Z
Four squares - 6½" x 6½"

KEW TRELLIS - 5670Z
Two squares - 6½" x 6½"

FEATHER DANCE - 5673Z
Two squares - 6½" x 6½"

TOPIARY CHEVRON - 5674Z
Three strips - 3½" x WOF

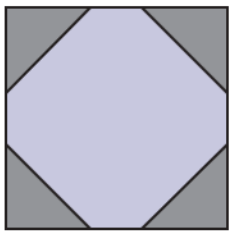
HIDCOTE BERRY - 5676Z
Two strips 18½" x 4"
Two strips 25½" x 4"
Thirty six squares - 2½" x 2½"
BACKING - 3¾" x 25½" and
22¾" x 25½"

- light batting 26" x 26"
- plain fabric for backing cushion front 26" x26"
- 30cm zipper
- European pillow or fibre filling

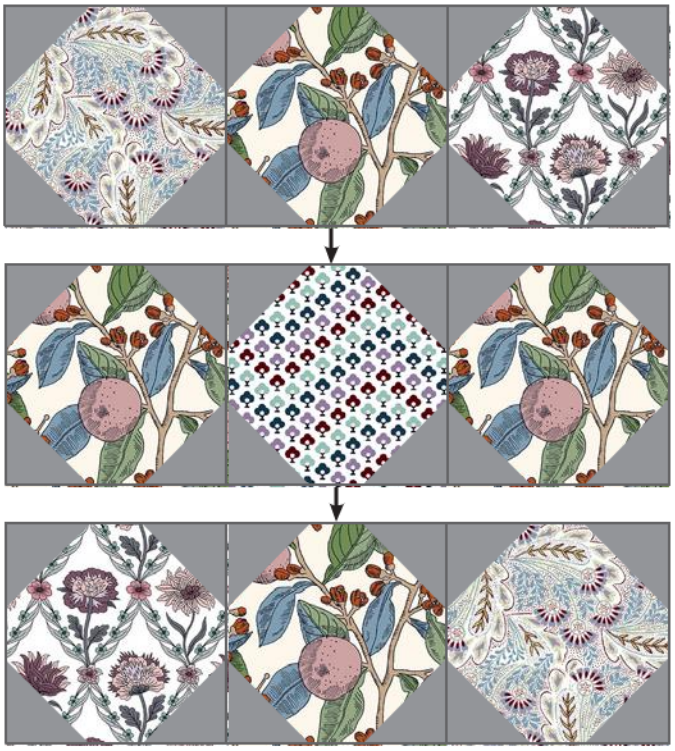
The fabric requirements is for making runner as shown in the photograph. Before cutting review the placement of colours in case you want to make you own choices.

OCTAGON BLOCK

NOTE: All seam allowances are ¼". Sew pieces right sides together.
Place 2½" x 2½" squares from HIDCOTE BERRY onto each corner of large squares. Stitch along diagonal.



Trim excess fabric and press seams.
Make 9 blocks.
Arrange blocks into rows. Stitch blocks together and press seams. Stitch rows together.



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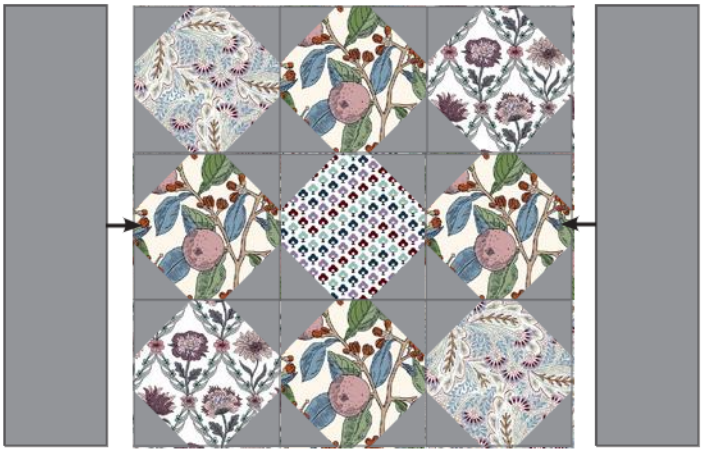
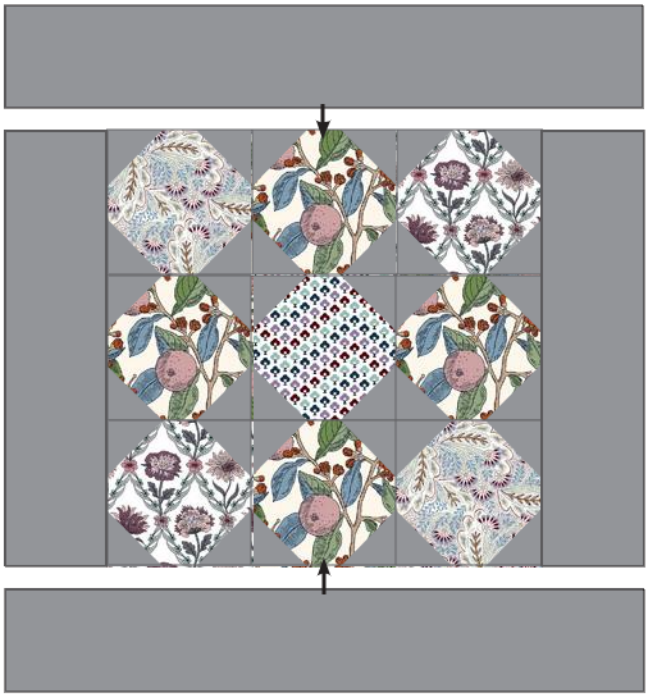
Stitch HIDCOTE BERRY strips 18½" x 4" to the center. Press seams.



Stitch HIDCOTE BERRY strips 25½" x 4" to the top and botton. Press seams.



With wrong sides facing, layer the plain backing, batting and top of the cushion.

Smooth out all creases and carefully baste layers together. Quilt as desired and trim excess fabric to square shape.

BACKING

Place two backing pieces together and lay your zipper along the longest edge and mark where the zipper starts and stops by placing pins in the fabric.

With a ½" seam allowance, sew a regular straight stitch from the edge to the pin, back stitching and the beginning and the end. Do this on both sides.

Then, stitch between the pins with the widest stitch possible. You are going to take this stitch out once your zipper is in place.

Iron the seam you just made open. Lay the zip face down along the basted seam making sure that the zipper teeth sit directly over the join of the seam and pin it in place.

Using zipper foot, top stitch all the way around the zip, about 3mm from the zip's coil.

With a seam ripper, carefully undo that long stitch that you made along the zipper.

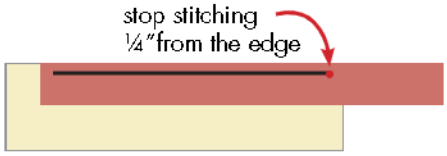
With wrong sides together lay backing of the cushion and front of the cushion together.

BINDING

Sew 3½" binding strips together end-to-end using diagonal seams.

Sew the binding onto the cushion FRONT first. Pin the binding to a side of the cushion approx. 6" away from the corner. Start stitching binding strip with ¼" seam allowance, leaving an approximated 3" tail. Use a walking foot.

Keep sewing until you reach a corner, and stop stitching and backstitch ¼" before the next corner of the cushion.



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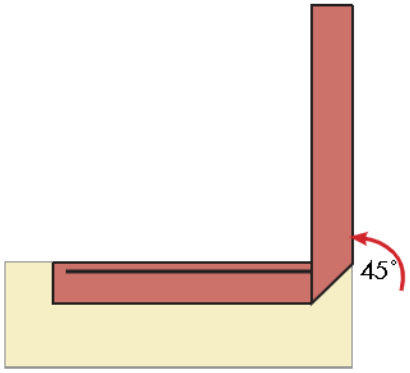
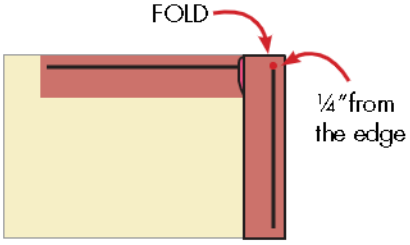
Remove the cushion from under the machine presser foot. Fold the strip in a motion of 45° and upward, pressing with your fingers.



Hold this fold with your finger, bring the strip down in line with the next edge, making a horizontal fold that aligns with the top edge of the cushion.



Start sewing at ¼" of the border, stitching all the layers. Do the same in the four corners.

Stop stitching before you reach the last 3 - 4". Cut the threads and remove the cushion from under the machine presser foot. Lay the loose ends of the binding flat along the edge, folding the ends back on themselves where they meet. Press them together to form a crease. Using this crease as the stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding with right sides together.

Trim seam to ¼" and press open. Complete the sewing.

Turn binding to back of the cushion. Sew the binding in place by hand, tucking in the corners to complete the miters as you go.

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