

Cosy Stripe Floor Pillow

The striped design used for the Cosy Stripe Quilt can be adapted easily to make some large floor cushions and a version with blue Tea Towel Basics fabrics is described here, but you could also make a companion pillow by changing the sashing to teal colours. The print fabrics for the rectangles are the same as the quilt, so refer to the fabric swatches in **Fig A** of the quilt instructions. The vertical sashing fabrics are different to the quilt and are listed in the Materials list below.

Materials

- Piece of fabric 9in x 5in (23cm x 12.7cm) from twenty fabrics Fabric 1 to Fabric 20
- Sashing fabric: two strips 2½in x 30½in (6.4cm x 77.5cm) from each of Biscuit Stripe blue (130061), Macaron Plaid blue (130063) and Cookie Stripe blue (130062)
- Wadding (batting) 31½in x 33½in (80cm x 85cm)
- Lining fabric 31½in x 33½in (80cm x 85cm) (optional)
- Fabric for back of pillow, two pieces 21in x 30½in (53.3cm x 77.5cm)
- Binding fabric 3/8yd (40cm) Berry Jam peach (130056)
- Piecing and quilting threads
- Quilter's ruler, rotary cutter and mat
- Pad to fit pillow cover

Finished Size

32in x 30in (81.3cm x 76.2cm)

Notes

- Fabric quantities given are based on a usable width of 42in (107cm).
- Measurements are in imperial inches with metric conversions in brackets use only one system throughout (preferably imperial).
- Press all fabrics before use.
- Use ¼in (6mm) seams unless otherwise instructed.
- Read all the instructions through before you start.

Cutting Out

1 For the print rectangles, cut four 4½ in x 2½ in (11.4cm x 6.4cm) pieces from Fabrics 1 to 15 (sixty rectangles). From Fabrics 16 to 20, cut three rectangles from each (fifteen rectangles).

2 From the binding fabric cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ in (6.4cm) x width of fabric strips. Sew together into one long length, press seams open and prepare as a double-fold binding.

Making the Patchwork

- **3** Arrange the rectangles in five columns, each with fifteen rectangles. A repeating order of groups of five has been used (as in the quilt). Place the long sashing strips between the columns of rectangles, as shown in **Fig A** here. The numbers on the diagram show the fabrics used.
- **4** Sew the columns of rectangles together, pressing seams in one direction. Now sew the sashing strips in place and press.

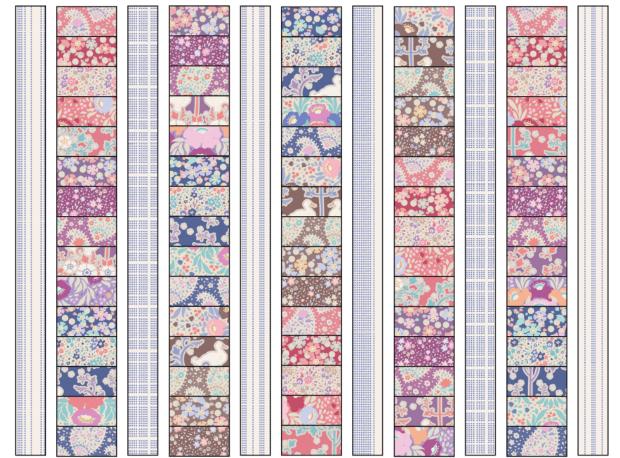


Fig A Sewing the columns together

Quilting and Making Up

5 Make a quilt sandwich of the patchwork, wadding (batting) and lining fabric (if using). Quilt as desired. Trim excess wadding and lining to match the patchwork size.

6 To make up the pillow cover, on both pieces of fabric for the pillow back, create a hem along one long side of each piece, by turning the edge over by about ½in (1.3cm), twice. Sew the seam with matching thread and press.

7 The pillow has a bound edge, so the pieces are assembled with right sides out, as follows. Place the quilted patchwork right side down. Pin one backing piece on top, right side up and with the hem towards the centre. Pin the second backing piece on top, right side up and hem towards the centre (so the backing pieces overlap). Make sure the outer edges of all three pieces are aligned. Pin the layers together and then bind as normal. As you sew the binding in place it will fix the other layers together. Press the cover and insert a pillow pad to finish.

