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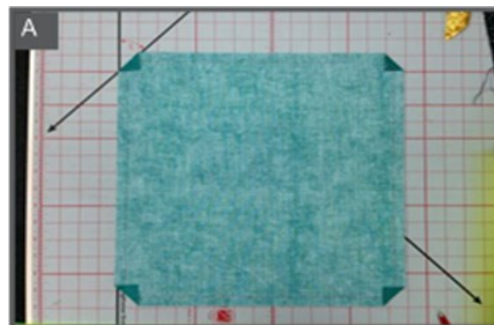


## Cushion Construction

1. Lay the first 15'' square wrong side up on a flat surface.
2. Mark  $\frac{3}{4}$ '' from each outer edge. (This line will be used to press the side seams in later). | Fig. A
3. Fold the corner in first, and then fold the sides in so that the fold is on the  $\frac{3}{4}$ '' marking. | Fig. B
4. Fold the square in half from top to bottom, then from side to side and press to find the center of the square, making sure that the  $\frac{3}{4}$ '' seam is still turned under. | Fig. C

## Requirements

- 6 x 15'' x 15'' square for cathedral windows
- 10'' x WOF for the background of the windows
- 8 buttons to match or contrast the cathedral windows (front of cushion)
- Embroidery thread to contrast the background fabric
- Sewing thread to match the cathedral windows to topstitch.
- Thread to sew buttons on (Sample has used the same colour as the window backgrounds)
- 3 buttons for back of cushion
- 2 x 13'' x 14'' cushion backing
- 12'' x 40'' Tear away to stitch behind the window centers
- $\frac{1}{4}$ '' sewing foot (O)
- Clear open toe foot (F2)
- Button Sewing on foot (T)
- Buttonhole foot



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5. Fold each corner into the center and press. Make sure that in pressing the square the corner is kept as neat as possible. | Fig. D
6. Take each new corner and fold to the center again. | Fig. E
7. Your finished block will measure approx. 6 ½" x 6 ½".
8. Make 6 of these blocks.
9. Lay the squares out on a flat surface so that you have 2 rows with 3 square in each row.
10. Take two squares that are side by side from the row of three and lift the adjacent folded triangles and sew from top to bottom making sure that they are pinned and line up evenly.
11. Sew on the pressed line through both triangles. | Fig. F
12. Continue the steps above to attach all 6 squares together to create a 2 x 3 layout.
13. Lay the tear away piece under the window piece of fabric.
14. This piece of fabric can be embellished with stitches using the Custom Craft Zig Zag Foot **F2** foot. | Fig. G
15. Starting and working from side to side across the 10" strip, sew a selection of stitches to fill in the fabric to the desired effect.
16. You may choose to move the fabric as you sew so that some of the stitches have flowing lines rather than all straight.
17. Some stitches may also be sewn as one repeat only instead of a line. This will help to fill areas that may appear sparse.
18. Suggested stitches include: decorative, heirloom, quilt, satin stitches. | Fig. H
19. Once the piece is embellished, mark out twelve 4" x 4" squares and cut them out.
20. Take 5 of the squares and cut them in half on the diagonal to have ten triangles and seven squares.
21. Place a square into each of the center windows and the triangle pieces onto each outside window.
22. The squares and triangles won't fill the entire area as the window arch will fold over.



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23. Fold the window arch on each window over so that the arch covers the edge of the window background and pin in place. | Fig. I

24. Attach the clear open toe sewing foot (F2).

25. Select straight stitch on the machine. | Fig. J

26. Sew around all four sides with matching thread to the cathedral window fabric.

27. Continue the above step until all cathedral windows have been created.

28. Attach the button sewing on foot (T).

29. Place a button where each of the arched windows intersect.

30. Sew the buttons into position.

31. Trim the outer edge of the cushion so that the background triangles are not over hanging the cathedral window, being careful not to cut the folded fabric on the edge.

32. Take the two backing pieces 13''x 14''. Fold the 14'' side down 1''. Then fold again so that the raw edge is inside the fold. Press. Topstitch this edge on both pieces.

33. On one of the pieces mark out the buttonholes for stitching in the 1'' topstitched area. On the other piece mark out the positions for the buttons to be stitched in the topstitched area.

34. Sew the buttons onto the opposite piece of fabric to the buttonholes.

35. Attach the buttonhole foot (R) and place one of the buttons in the back of the foot. Sew the three buttonholes.

36. Lay the front of the cushion on a flat surface facing up.

37. Take the backing piece that was just created and do the buttons up into the buttonholes. Lay the backing piece right side down on top of the front of the cushion.

38. Attach ¼'' seam foot (O).

39. Sew around the edge with a ¼'' seam.

40. Turn the cushion right side out and press all seams.

41. Your cushion is now ready.

