



Clamshell Cushion

You Will Need:

Sizzix® Big Shot™ (660200), Big Shot™ Express (660850) or Big Shot™ Plus Machine (660020)
Sizzix® Bigz™ Die – 2" Clamshell by Samantha Barnett (661171)

Plain mint coloured cotton for cushion – 1m x 150cm

7 different cotton prints – 7 x 50cm x 10cm

6 sheets of paper

Thread for piecing, quilting and stitching

1 x 41cm (16") circular cushion pad

Glue stick

Finished size in this example – 41cm (16") circle

All seams are 6mm (¼") unless otherwise stated

To Make:

1. From the plain mint coloured cotton cut: 1 x 41cm circle for cushion front; 2 x 41cm half circles, with a 1cm (½") seam allowance on the straight edge; and bias strips – 5cm x 130cm. Join the strips together to create the length required.
2. Die-cut 8 large clamshells from each of the 7 different cotton printed fabrics.
3. Die-cut 56 small clamshells from paper.
4. Use the glue stick to fix the paper to the wrong side of the fabric clamshell, turn the shell over and glue the seam allowance to the back.



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5. Repeat with all the clamshells.
6. Stitch the clamshells together with an invisible stitch, overlapping the folded edge over the seam allowance of the shell above.
7. Continue in this way.
8. Lay the clamshells on the cushion front and stitch the top edge to the cushion fabric — use the main photo as a guide.
9. Quilt as desired.
10. Join the 2 half circles together, using 1cm or ½” seam allowance, leaving a 15cm opening in the middle of the seam.
11. Lay the cushion front on top of the back, with wrong sides together.
12. Stitch together.
13. Fold the long bias strip in half along the length, with wrong sides together, and press.
14. Pin the bias strip to the cushion, matching the raw edges, and stretching the bias slightly, and stitch.
15. Fold the bias to the cushion back and slip stitch the folded edge of the bias to the cushion back.
16. Insert the cushion back, and slip stitch the open edges together.

