

Cushion covers for Chapel Milk Crates (14" x 14")

You'll need: ½ yard of fabric, 1 sturdy zipper approximately 12" long, thread to match fabric; seam ripper, scissors, straight pins, tape measure, sewing machine with zipper foot attachment.

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 14" by 14"
2. Install zipper:
 - a. Place both pieces of fabric together with right sides of the fabric facing each other and all corners aligned. (make sure printed fabric is all facing the same direction)
 - b. Change the stitch length on your machine to the longest length, so you can baste-stitch this seam.
 - c. With ½" seam allowance, sew the two pieces of fabric, right sides together. Iron this seam open. With the wrong side of the fabric facing up, center the zipper right-side down, aligning the zipper teeth directly over the seam. Pin it in place.
 - d. Change your machine's presser foot to the zipper foot. Change your stitch length back to average length. Start from the bottom of the zipper on the right side, with the zipper foot in the right-side position, sew along the side of the zipper. When you get near the end, stop the machine. Leave the needle down, raise the zipper foot and gently move the zipper pull behind the needle. Then, lower the foot again and sew to the end of the zipper. Backstitch at the end of this seam.
 - e. Change the zipper foot to the left position, and repeat this process on the left side of the zipper.
 - f. Your zipper is installed! From the right side of the fabric, use the seam ripper to gently remove the basted stitches. Change from a zipper foot to a standard pressure foot.
3. Finish the cushion cover... **IMPORTANT! OPEN THE ZIPPER ½ WAY AT THIS POINT!**
4. Fold the two pillow halves so that they are aligned with right sides facing each other and all the corners meeting. (The fourth side will have the zipper installed)
5. Sew ½" around three sides, reinforcing corners. Turn the pillow inside out by pulling through the open zipper.
6. Iron the seams flat and it's ready for the cushion foam (Intermountain has that, already... no need to supply it yourself!) You have made a wonderful zippered seat cushion for our kids' milk crates that we use in chapel services and activities!



Pattern courtesy of Design*Sponge/Zippered Throw Pillows/Sewing 101

For pictures to accompany these directions, go to: <http://www.designsponge.com/2010/03/sewing-101-zippered-throw-pillows.html>