### **CAIT LISLE DESIGNS**

# **Charmed Cushion**



### **Fabric and notions**

- → One charm pack OR forty 5" squares
- → Plain fabric for the bottom back panel 18" x 11"
- → Lining fabric one 20" x 20" piece and two 20" x 13" pieces
- → Binding/facing material 40" strip OR two 20" strips
- → Batting one 20" x 20" piece and two 20" x 13" pieces
- $\rightarrow$  Thread

#### **Notes:**

Seam allowances are ¼" throughout.

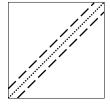


# Making the blocks

**Step 1** With right sides together, pair up 40 of your charm pack squares. Have some fun playing with different combinations to mix and match your fabrics!

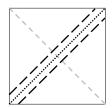
**Step 2** Make 40 Half-Square Triangles (HSTs)

- → On one side of each pair of squares, mark the diagonal using tailors chalk or another removable fabric pen.
- → Sew 1/4" from either side of the line as below and cut along the marked line. Press the seams to the darker fabric. Do not trim!



**Step 3** Make 40 Quarter-Square Triangles (QSTs)

- → Using the HSTs you have just made, pair them up again. Take care to nest their seams neatly to give you lovely points!
- → On one side of each pair of HSTs, mark the opposite diagonal (you'll have a big X across the square) and follow the HST instructions to make your QSTs.
- → Press the seams open and trim to 4" square.



## Making the cushion panels

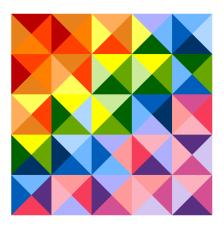
#### Front panel

Step 1 Sew five rows of five QSTs and press seams as directed -

- → Rows 1, 3 and 5 press to the left
- → Rows 2 and 4 press to the right

**Step 2** Sew the rows together, nesting your seams to give nice neat block joins. Press seams open.

**Step 3** Make a quilt sandwich with  $20'' \times 20''$  lining and batting and quilt as desired. Trim to  $17 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 17 \frac{1}{2}''$ .



#### Back panel one (top)

Step 1 Sew three rows of five QSTs and press seams as directed -

- → Rows 1 and 3 press to the left
- → Row 2 press to the right

Step 2 Sew the rows together, nesting your seams. Press seams open.

**Step 3** Make a quilt sandwich with  $20'' \times 13''$  lining and batting and quilt as desired. Trim to  $10 \ 3/4'' \times 17 \ 1/2''$ .

**Step 4** Bind or face the bottom edge using your preferred method.



#### Back panel two (bottom)

**Step 1** Make a quilt sandwich with  $18" \times 11"$  plain fabric,  $20" \times 13"$  lining and  $20" \times 13"$  batting and quilt as desired.

**Step 2** Bind or face the top edge using your preferred method. Trim to 10 3/4" x 17 1/2".



### **Assembling the cushion**

**Step 1** With right sides together, sew the front panel and back panel one (top) together along the top edge using a ¼" seam. Seam along the sides of the back panel, back-stitching over the bound edge to make it nice and secure.

**Step 2** With right sides together, sew the front panel and back panel two (bottom) together along the bottom edge using a ¼" seam. Seam along the sides of the back panel, back-stitching over the bound edge.

**Step 3** Turn the cushion right-sides out and press the seams carefully to give lovely crisp corners and edges.



Front panel

Back panel one (top)

Back panel two (bottom)



### Thank-you!

I hope you enjoy making this pattern! I love seeing your makes, so please share them using the #CharmedCushion hashtag. Don't forget to tag me @caitlisledesigns so I don't miss it!

Thank-you, Cait x



I love playing with traditional piecing techniques to give them a fresh modern twist and creating patterns that everyone from beginners to lifelong quilters can enjoy making.