## CAIT LISLE DESIGNS

## Charmed Cushion



Finished cushion size: 17" x 17" // Level: Beginner friendly (0) @caitlisledesigns \#CharmedCushion \#caitlisledesigns

## Fabric and notions

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

## Notes:

Seam allowances are $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ 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)
$\rightarrow$ On one side of each pair of squares, mark the diagonal using tailors chalk or another removable fabric pen.
$\rightarrow$ 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)
$\rightarrow$ Using the HSTs you have just made, pair them up again. Take care to nest their seams neatly to give you lovely points!
$\rightarrow$ 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.
$\rightarrow$ 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 -
$\rightarrow$ Rows 1, 3 and 5 - press to the left
$\rightarrow$ 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 $20^{\prime \prime} \times 20^{\prime \prime}$ lining and batting and quilt as
 desired. Trim to 17 1/2" x 17 1/2".

## Back panel one (top)

Step 1 Sew three rows of five QSTs and press seams as directed -
$\rightarrow$ Rows 1 and 3 - press to the left
$\rightarrow$ 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 $20^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ lining and batting and quilt as desired. Trim to 10 3/4" x 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 $18^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$ plain fabric, $20^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ lining and $20^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $1 / 4 \prime$ " 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.


## 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.

