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8016 - Prunkards Path Cushion.

Before I started sewing the centre for our pattern 'You are my Sunshine' I needed to 'practise' using the Curve Master Presser Foot™. This pattern is the result of that practice. You could make this as practice also and have a cushion to match your own version of 'You are my Sunshine'.

The clip on curve master foot comes in a kit and contains shanks to suit all machines. Also available separately is a wooden roller for 'pressing' the seams. I use this quite a bit for little bits if I don't feel like getting up and down to the iron. (I could put the iron a bit closer to the sewing table!)



Requirements

65cm red fabric

25cm white fabric

18inch red zipper

1.6m piping cord

4 inch drunkards path templates. I am going to call the quarter circle (smaller)piece, template A and the larger piece template B.



Cut 1 strip of red 3 1/2 inches by the width of fabric (WOF), cut 4 from template A

Cut 1 strip of red 4 1/2 inches by WOF, cut 12 from template B

Cut 2 strips of red 2 1/2 inches by WOF for piping

Cut 2 pieces 16 ½ inches by 10 inches for the back of the cushion. Will be trimmed back to 16 ½ inches square after inserting the zipper.

Cut 1 strip of white 3 1/2 inches by WOF, cut 12 template A

Cut 1 strip of white 4 1/2 inches by WOF, cut 4 template B

Using this picture as a guide cut out the drunkards path pieces.



Making the cushion front:

Lay out the drunkards path pieces as per the picture below and sew the 16 blocks together. I have used the curve master foot which was a big help, but pins will do the same job, you just need a lot of them.



I then laid out the blocks and pieced them together. This is really a large 16 patch block made up of smaller drunkards path blocks.

I found that it was better not to 'mix' fabrics. I had a very fine linen and a batik fabric and I found them harder to work with than two 'patchwork' fabrics, but that could be just me! But definitely worth checking before you embark on a big project.

Quilting is not my strong area so I did a simple ¼" from the seam on all the pieces.



I used the drunkards path template to round off the corners. Rounded corners are easier when putting in piping.

Sorry for the quality of the photo but you get the idea.



Attach piping if desired, tutorial can be found here.

Using the pieces for the back and the zipper and following the tutorial found here, make the cushion back. Trim to 16 ½ inches square.

Lay the completed front and back cushion pieces right sides together. Pin, make sure the zipper pull is in the middle of the cushion. Sew the seam and overlock or zig zag to make neat. Turn through to the right side. Use a 16" cushion insert to complete your cushion.



Photo above... showing the back of the cushion with a lapped or hidden zip. Check the tutorial section for how to insert a zip this way.



