

Rainbow Bargello Cushion (20" x 20")



Fabric requirements:

- 1.75" x width of fabric strip of each of the following Makower plain colours: Port, Claret, Candy floss, Baby pink, Deep purple, Real purple, Ocean, Nautical blue, Turquoise, Emerald green, Lime, Yellow, Pumpkin, Bright orange, Bright red, Christmas red
- 0.75 yd (0.75m) Makower plain Christmas red
- 21 inch square fabric for backing

Other requirements

- 21 inch square wadding
- Thread for piecing and quilting
- 20 inch cushion pad

0.25" seam allowance assumed throughout.

Quilt construction

1. Sew together the strips in the order listed above (check picture for clarity). Sew the strips along their full length – to avoid distortion, change the direction of sewing for each strip (top to bottom, bottom to top) - **Figure 1**.



Figure 1

2. Press the strips – it can be useful to press the seams in opposite directions to help with lining up the colours when sewing later.
3. Fold the fabric in half, right sides together, and sew along the top raw edge to form a tube with the stripes running horizontally.
4. Trim one edge of the tube square (**figure 2**). Cut into strips in the following sizes: 3", 2.75", 2.5", 2.25", 2", 1.75", 1.5", 1.25", 1", 1.25", 1.5", 1.75", 2", 2.5" (**figure 3**).

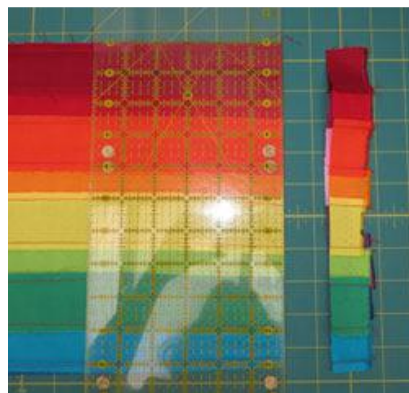


Figure 2

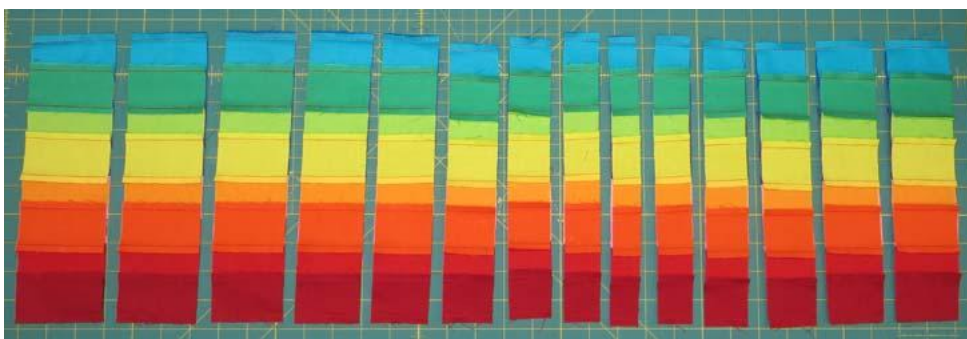


Figure 3

- Using a seam ripper, split the seam between the two dark red colours (port and Christmas red) on the 3" strip. Carry on splitting seams, moving down one colour on each strip until you come to the narrowest strip (this should have the split between turquoise and nautical blue). Start moving back up through the colours as the strips get wider again (**figure 4**).



Figure 4

- Sew all the strips together in order – it is useful to lay them out in the correct order before sewing.
- Square off the finished piece – it should measure approximately 20.5" square, don't worry if it is slightly under as this will give a 'fuller' effect with a 20" cushion pad.
- Layer together the top, quilt wadding and backing square and baste. Quilt as desired.
- Cut 2 rectangles of the Christmas red fabric to 20.5" x 17". Fold the long edge over ½", then fold again so no raw edges are showing. Stitch 2 lines down this edge for a sturdy seam. These two panels overlapping will form an envelope style cushion cover back.
- Cut 3 strips of Christmas red fabric to 2.25in x WOF. Join the 3 strips with 45 degree seams and press the seams open. Fold the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.
- Layer the front and back panels wrong sides together and pin. Starting halfway down the side of the cushion, pin or clip the binding to the panel, raw edges touching, and sew 1/4in from the edge all the way around (**figure 5**). Leave a couple of inches unstitched at the start so that you can overlap the edges to finish the binding.



Figure 5

- Pull the binding folded edge over to the rear side of the cushion and whip stitch in place - the cushion cover is now finished, all you need now is a 20 inch cushion pad!

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