Wave cushion cover (16" x 16")
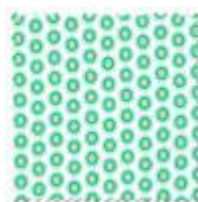
Fabric requirements:

1. Linea Tonal - T6 teal - 5/8 yard (22.5in)

2. Spraytime - T73 tiffany blue - 1/8 yard (4.5in)

3. Nature Elements - carribean blue - 1/8 yard (4.5in)

4. Oval Elements - peacock - 1/8 yard (4.5in)

5. Floral Elements - icy blue - 1/8 yard (4.5in)

6. Essentials - white on white mini leaf - 1/8 yard (4.5in)

Pattern

Colour

Additional supplies needed: 17" square quilt wadding, 17" square backing fabric, thread.

Construction:

1. Cut strips of fabric 2 to 5 to 3in x WOF (width of fabric). Cut strips of fabric 1 and 6 to 3.5in x WOF.

2. Cut each strip in half and trim one half of the fabric 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 strips to 1.5in wide.

3. Fold and press each 1.5in strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.

4. Lay the wide strip of fabric 1 down right side up, lay the folded strip of fabric 6 on top (raw edges touching), then lay the wide strip of fabric 2 on top right side down - **see figure 1**. Pin and sew a scant 1/4in seam down through all 4 layers.

Figure 1

Tip - Exact seams are very important to achieve the right size cushion panel, a good way to achieve them is to use a magnetic seam guide or similar to guide the stitching. If you're not confident at being exact, cut the strips of fabric 1 and 6 wider than required so they can be trimmed to exact size later.

5. Press the seam flat. Place the folded strip of fabric 5 on the wide strip of fabric 2 just sewn, raw edges together. Place the wide strip of fabric 3 on top, right side down - **see figure 2**. Pin and sew a scant 1/4in seam down through all 4 layers.

Figure 2

6. Continue in this fashion for all the strips, the wide strips going from dark to light and the folded strips from light to dark - **see figure 3**.

Figure 3

7. Press the panel and square up and trim the edges to exactly 16.5" square.

8. Cut a square of backing fabric and wadding slightly larger than the panel and baste all 3 layers together securely.

9. The wave effect is created by stitching the folded strips down in different directions. Mark the stitching lines at 1/4in from the edge, then at 3" intervals across the cushion finishing at 1/4in from the opposite edge. An ideal method to mark the lines is using quilter's masking tape as this can hold the folds down in the correct direction ready for stitching - **see figure 4**.

Figure 4

10. Stitch along the marked lines, ensuring the folded strips are anchored flat on each line. Turn the panel through 180 degrees after each line to ensure the folds are stitched down in opposite directions on each line - **see figure 5**. Trim the wadding and backing to 16.5in square - this will complete the cushion top panel.

Figure 5

11. Cut 2 rectangles of fabric 1 to 11in x 16.5in. Fold the long edge over 3/8in, then fold again so no raw edges are showing. Stitch 2 lines down this edge for a sturdy seam.

12. If you don't want to bind the edges, layer the front panel and the two back panels (overlap the back panels) with right sides together and sew a 1/4in seam all the way around. Turn right side out for your finished cushion cover.

13. To finish the cushion with a binding, layer the front and back panels wrong sides together. Cut 2 strips of fabric 1 to 2.25in x WOF. Join the 2 strips with a 45 degree seam (**see figure 6**) and press the seam open. Fold the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.

Figure 6

14. Starting halfway down the dark 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. Leave a couple of inches unstitched at the start so that you can overlap the edges to finish the binding.

15. 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 16 inch cushion pad!

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