

Upcycled jumper cushion

You will need:

Old jumpers

Old pillowcases or leftover fabric

Cushion

Zip to fit the width of your cushion pad

Sewing machine

Needle and matching thread

1. Using an old, or damaged jumper, cut along the side seams and remove the sleeves to create a panel of woven fabric to use as the front of your cushion.

2. Measure out the size of your cushion pad on the fabric – or use the existing cushion cover as a template – and add 1.5cm larger all sides before cutting out a square of jumper fabric.

3. Use an old pillowcase or a leftover piece of fabric to create an ‘envelope’ back for the cushion. Measure a piece of fabric that fits half way across the square of jumper and hem one edge. If you’re using an old pillowcase for the back of your cushion, you can use the already hemmed edge as the top piece of the envelope flap to save time on sewing a new hem.

4. Cut a second piece of fabric the two thirds of the size of the cushion front to form the inner part of the envelope back.

You can hem one edge if you like to keep things neat, but it’ll be inside the cushion so feel free to skip the hemming process if you prefer.

5. Layer up the cushion with the largest pillow back facing right side up, then the half-size piece facing right side up, then the jumper fabric with the right side facing down.

6. Pin around all edges of the layers and then straight stitch around all four sides, 1.5 cm in from the edges.

7. Neaten up the edges by running a zig-zag stitch over them to prevent fraying. But feel free to skip this step if you’re short on time, as the edges won’t be seen inside the cushion.

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