

Project: Pieced Floor Cushion

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- 2-7/8 yards total of assorted decorator fabrics in brown, blue, cream, and tan for blocks
- 1-1/4 yards of fleece
- 37×50" of extra-loft batting
- 23×23×5" piece of high-density foam
- Heavy-duty spray adhesive
- Upholstery or carpet thread
- Ten 1"-diameter buttons to cover

Finished floor cushion: 24×24×6"

Quantities are for 52/54"-wide fabrics. Unless otherwise specified, all measurements include a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics**From assorted decorator fabrics, cut:**

- 4—10-1/2" squares
- 5—8-1/2" squares
- 5—6-1/2" squares
- 5—5-1/2×12-1/2" rectangles
- 10—5-1/2×6-1/2" rectangles
- 8—4-1/2×6-1/2" rectangles
- 8—3-1/2×7-1/2" rectangles
- 16—3-1/2×6-1/2" rectangles
- 10—3-1/2×4-1/2" rectangles
- 18—3-1/2" squares
- 4—2-1/2×10-1/2" rectangles
- 5—2-1/2×8-1/2" rectangles
- 5—2-1/2×6-1/2" rectangles
- 5—2-1/2×5-1/2" rectangles

From fleece, cut:

- 2—7×49" rectangles
- 2—25" squares

From extra-loft batting, cut:

- 2—23" squares
- 4—5×23" rectangles

Assemble Blocks

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, lay out appropriate assorted decorator fabric pieces in sections. Sew together pieces in each section. Press seams toward darker print. Then join sections to make

Block A. Press seams in one direction. Block A should be 15-1/2×20-1/2" including seam allowances. Repeat to make five total of Block A.

2. Referring to **Diagram 2**, lay out appropriate assorted decorator fabric pieces in sections. Sew together pieces in each section. Press seams toward darker print. Then join sections to make Block B. Press seams in one direction. Block B should be 15-1/2×20-1/2" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four total of Block B.

Assemble Cushion Pieces

1. Referring to **Cutting Diagram**, lay out blocks in three rows, alternating blocks A and B. Note that in the featured project, the middle row was flipped to break up the repetition of the blocks.
2. Sew together blocks in each row. Press seams toward B blocks. Then join rows to make pieced fabric. Press seams in one direction.
3. Referring to **Cutting Diagram**, cut pieced fabric to make:
 - 2—7×49" rectangles for cushion gusset
 - 2—25" squares for cushion top and bottom
4. Pair each cushion gusset, top, and bottom piece with corresponding-size fleece pieces. Baste each pair together, handling them gently to avoid fraying.

Prepare Foam

Use heavy-duty spray adhesive to adhere the extra-loft batting 23" squares to top and bottom of high-density foam 23" square. Then adhere the extra-loft batting

5×23" rectangles around the sides of high-density foam 23" square.

Assemble Cushion

1. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew fleece-lined gusset rectangles together along short edges; finger-press seams open.
2. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew one long edge of pieced gusset to fleece-lined cushion top, clipping corners as necessary. Repeat to sew remaining long edge of pieced gusset to fleece-lined cushion bottom, leaving one side open, to make cushion cover. Turn cushion cover right side out.
3. Insert batting-covered high-density foam square into the cushion cover. Hand-sew the opening closed. Note: For easier insertion into the cushion cover, wrap foam square in a large plastic bag, slip it in, and tear off the plastic bag to remove.
4. Flatten the edge along each side seam by pushing the batting-covered foam square away from the seam; pin. To create tufted edges, use a long running stitch and upholstery or carpet thread to hand-sew through both layers of each adjacent side edge, removing the pins as you sew.

5. Using a fabric-marking pen, make matching marks for the placement of five buttons on both sides of the cushion. Cover the buttons with scraps of assorted decorator fabrics. Using upholstery thread and a long needle, hand-sew the buttons on the cushion at each mark to complete the floor cushion.

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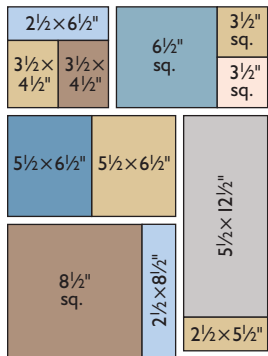


DIAGRAM 1
BLOCK A

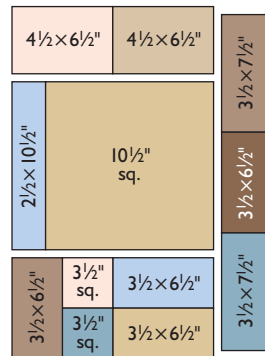
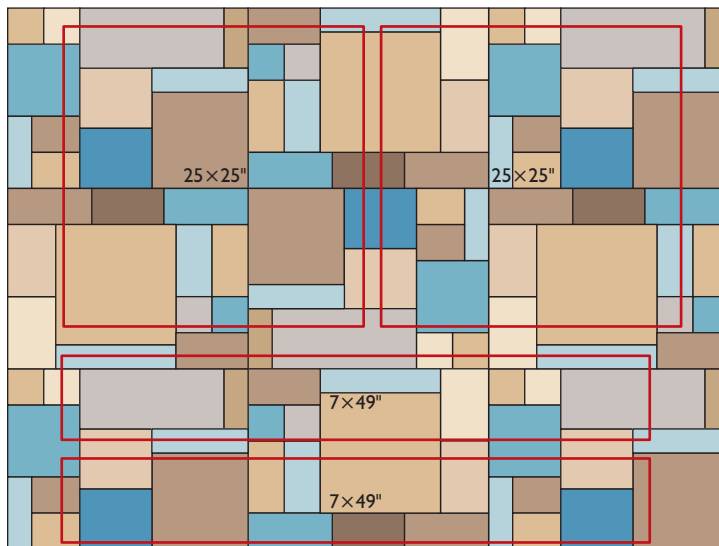


DIAGRAM 2
BLOCK B



CUTTING DIAGRAM