

## Week 3: How to make an envelope style cushion cover

You will need:

A cushion pad – any size you like

Fabric – 2.75 times the width of your cushion pad and around 2cm smaller in depth

Pins

Scissors

Sewing Machine



Your fabric can be anything you like – recycled clothing (T-shirts or jeans etc) you can applique a piece of embroidery that you have made onto your fabric, you can use linen, Cotton, Quilted fabrics – anything your imagination guides you towards.

On the short sides of your fabric sew a hem, turned twice, of around 1cm.

Place your cushion pad onto the fabric, slightly off centre, and wrap each side over to form an envelope.

When you are happy with how it will sit, remove the pad, turn the fabric so that it's right sides facing and pin up the side seams to form the envelope. Use a seam allowance of around 1 – 1.5cm as you want the cover to be slightly smaller than the cushion pad so it will 'fluff up'.

Sew each side seam carefully, ensuring that you catch all parts of the folds and fabric with the seam.

Turn the cover the right way out, use a knitting needle or other pointed object to push out the corners properly.

If required give the cushion cover a brief ironing then insert the pad and 'Fluff Up'.

