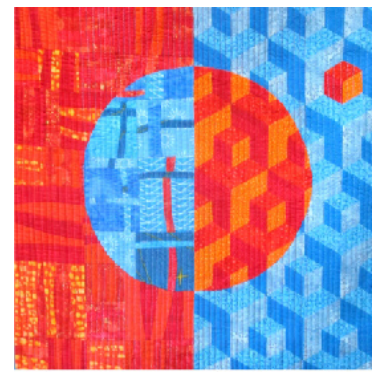


Beside The Seaside Cushion

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We all need to go down to the beach sometimes, and this easy cushion will remind you of the sunny pleasures without the sand in your sandwiches...

I raided my box of stripes to make this, plus about 1/8 metre each of sky and sand prints. The huts only need small pieces of each fabric

Plus a back (one fat quarter will do it) and a zip or whatever...

A piece of wadding/batting about 20 inches square, plus a bit of something plain and unimportant for the interlining...

Makes a cushion approximately 18 inches square - for bestest and plumpest results, use a 20 inch cushion inside...



Make Beach Hut Blocks...

For one beach hut block (you need four altogether)

Cut

A roof piece 4-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches
Two 2-1/2 inch squares from your sky fabric

A door piece 5-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches
Walls - two pieces 6-1/2 by 1-1/2 inches, and one piece 2-1/2 by 1-1/2 inches - note how I have placed the stripes

All seams are made by putting the pieces Right Sides Together and using 1/4 inch seams. Use cotton thread, please...



Make the roof

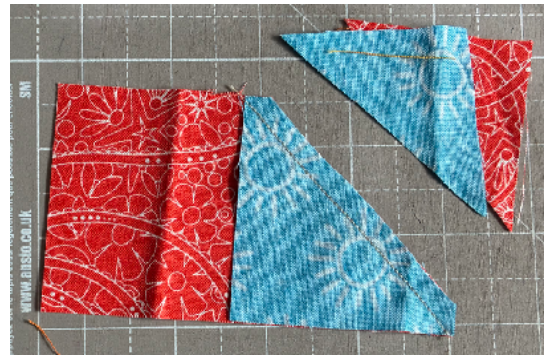
On each of your sky pieces, draw a diagonal line corner-to-corner, on the wrong side of the fabric

Layer the sky piece on one end of the roof piece, and sew along the line - use a smallish stitch

Tip - start the sewing in the middle, not in the pointy corner, so your machine does not eat the fabric

Trim the excess fabric from the corner using a 1/4 inch seam allowance and press the sky fabric outwards

Repeat with the other sky piece, they will overlap in the middle! Press again



Add the smaller piece of the wall to the top of the door. Press towards the wall

Add the two longer wall pieces to each side, and press outwards



Add the roof. You've made a Beach Hut!

Make three more, varying the fabrics a bit...

Press everything nicely, then sew your four huts together (as you will be aware, they like to make small huddles, as this keeps them warm in winter...)

Add a piece of your sky fabric to each side - I cut these 2 inches wide to allow for trimming after quilting. Press towards the sky fabric...

Add sky and beach - measure your panel exactly and cut pieces this wide by 5 inches (sky) and 6 inches (beach) - if you like you can make a narrower piece for the beach and add a strip of sea...

Sew these into place, press outwards again.

Quilt your cushion - I used an oddment of batting/wadding and a bit of calico as an interlining (this makes the quilting easier and the cushion will wear better), then I quilted swirly lines in sky and beach in matching colours. I made details on the huts using a variegated rainbow thread, as I do love these. All the quilting was done with a walking foot, but I have done these with lots of details (seagulls, bucket-and-spade, wellies) in free-motion work. Small projects like this are ideal for practicing your scribbly sewing skills

Lastly, make a back - I used a zip closure, but there are lots of various types of backs suitable for your desires, skills, and tastes

Here's a good tutorial for a zippy back, on HB's website...

<https://www.littlepatchpockets.co.uk/patterns/tutorials/handyhints.html>



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