



### **Dots and Dashes Cushion**

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#### **Materials needed:**

- 14 (5") squares of plain coloured fabric
- $\frac{3}{4}$  m plain beige fabric
- 20" square wadding
- 20" square of calico
- 10" square bondaweb or similar
- Neutral thread for piecing
- Thread to match coloured squares for applique
- Variegated thread for quilting

**Finished size:** 19  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18"

#### **Cutting:**

From each coloured 5" square cut:

- 1(2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5") rectangle and 2(2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") squares.

From the beige fabric cut:

- 14(2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") squares
- 3(2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") strips
- 2(2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 19  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") strips
- 2(18" x 13  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") rectangles



**To stitch the cushion front:**

1. Stitch a 2 ½" background square to one end of each (2 ½" x 5") coloured rectangle. Press seams towards the dark fabric.
2. Using a circle template with a diameter of 1 ½" and draw 14 circles onto the bondaweb. Cut out and fuse to the reverse of 14(2 ½") coloured squares. Cut out the circles, peel away the backing paper and fuse to the beige squares, positioning the circles ¼" away from the seam line and ensuring that the colours of the circles match those of the rectangles.



3. Using a zig-zag stitch, stitch around each circle with matching thread.
4. Divide the units completed in step 3 into two piles of 7 and arrange into 2 rows. When you are happy with the colour placement stitch the units together ensuring that the beige square alternates position each time.

5. Stitch a (2 ½" x 14 ½") beige strip in between each of the rows completed in step 4 to join and then to each side. Press seams towards the beige strips.
6. Stitch a (2 ½" x 19 ½") strip to the top and bottom of the cushion front. Press seams away from the centre.



#### **To quilt the cushion front:**

1. Layer the patchwork top with the 20" squares of wadding and calico backing. Pin in place.
2. Using the variegated thread, machine quilt in straight lines ½" inside each coloured rectangle, following the outline of the rectangles in a continuous fashion. Repeat so that there is a double row of stitching inside each rectangle.
3. Using a beige thread, stitch straight lines ½" apart between the coloured rows and around the outer edge. Trim wadding and calico to match patchwork top.



### To make the cushion back:

1. Take the 2 (18" x 13 1/2") rectangles of beige fabric and press under 1/4" on one of the long edges. Stitch. Fold this over 1 1/2" so that the wrong sides are facing. Pin in place.
2. Take 4 of the remaining 2 1/2" coloured squares and fuse bondaweb to the reverse. Peel away the backing paper and fuse to the cushion back in a pleasing arrangement. Zig-zag around the squares with matching thread. (You could use all the remaining squares here if you wished as you have 14 in total).
3. With right sides facing lay these two pieces on top of the patchwork so that the folded edges are overlapping. Pin in place. Stitch 1/4" in from the outer edge. Trim corners and turn your cushion through. Enjoy!

