CREATE YOUR OWN FABRIC AND USE IT FOR GREAT HOME DÉCOR PROJECTS

PATCHWORK FABRIC

MATERIALS:

- Various fabrics
- Tailor's chalk or marker pen
- Ruler
- Pins

The cushion in the photo is made with 10 x 10 cm squares, the blanket with 20 x 20 cm squares.

Decide on the size of square you wish to use in your project. To calculate how many squares to cut, measure the width and height of the pattern you'd like to use to your patchwork fabric to in. Then divide the height and width by the size of the square you wish to use.
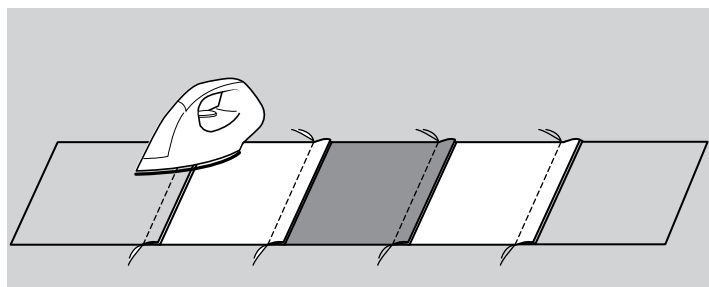
Example of patchwork fabric for a bag side with 10 x 10 cm squares:
Bag width 60 cm: 60 divided by 10 = 6 squares in width. Bag height 46 cm: 46 divided by 10 = 4.6 squares in height = rounded up to 5 squares in height. You will need 30 squares to make one bag side.
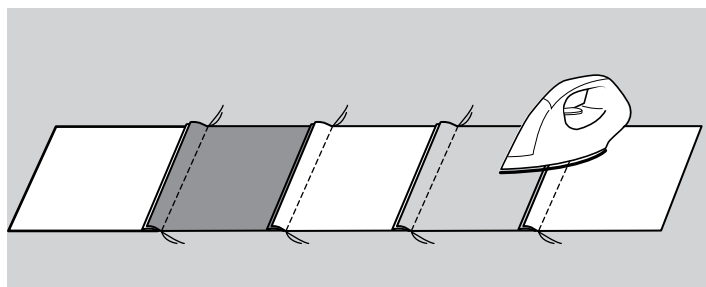
Add 1 cm seam allowance to each square. In this example, cut 12 x 12 cm squares (including seam allowance).

You can use ruler and chalk to draw your squares onto the fabric. Cut out squares. For best results, use fabrics in many different colours and patterns.
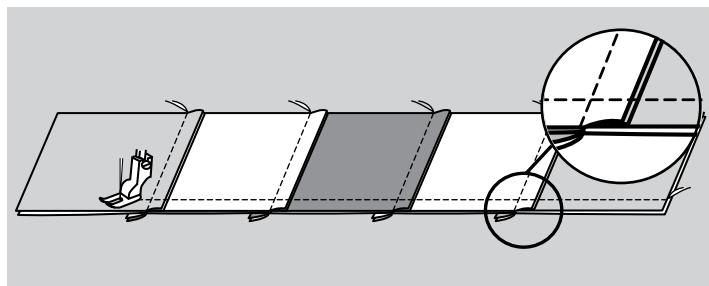
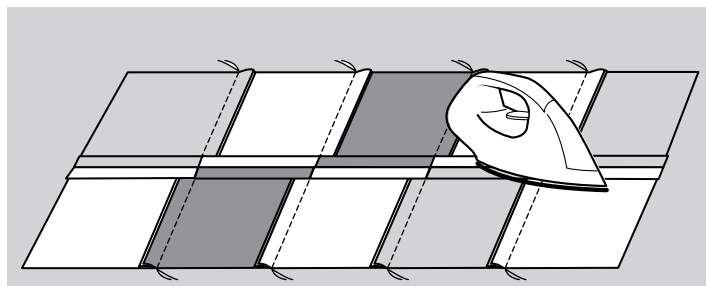Lay out the number of squares required to make a piece of patchwork the width and height you need.

1. Sew the first horizontal row together with 1 cm seam allowance. Press all seam allowances to the same side.

2. Sew the second horizontal row together with 1 cm allowance and press the seams to the opposite side. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have sewn all your horizontal rows.

3. Lay the first and second horizontal rows right sides facing. Make sure that the seams flush precisely and that the seam allowances on each row are pressed in opposite directions. Secure with pins (optional). Stitch rows together (1 cm seam allowance).

4. Press the seams flat. Lay the third horizontal row on top of the second row right sides facing. Repeat step 3 until you have sewn all your horizontal rows together. Now you can place your pattern on your very own patchwork fabric and cut out.

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