

Level: Medium

All that is required to create this beautiful hand printed cushion cover is using a few key products and a little patience!

What you need:

100% Cotton Fabric
EC Paint Stamp Effect
Liquitex Acrylic Paint
Liquitex Fabric Medium
Palette Knife
Tear Off Palette
Masking Tape
Best Protect Wipes
Scissors
Ruler
Sewing Machine
Plastic Spoon
Cushion Filler



What you do:

1. Take a piece of cotton fabric that is twice the length of the cushion you want to cover and a little wider. E.g. For a cushion that is 40cm x 30cm, you will need a piece of cotton fabric that is 90cm x 40cm.
2. Lay the fabric on a flat surface and secure with masking tape to make taut, ensuring there are no creases. (It is not necessary to hem the edges)
3. Combine equal quantities of Liquitex acrylic paint colours and Liquitex Fabric Medium on a tear off palette. You can use a plastic spoon to measure out the quantities. Use the palette knife to mix together. (You might find it easier to make up smaller batches. This will help avoid overloading the stamps and the paint drying out).
4. Before you use the EC Paint Stamp Effect Set, you need to decide on the designs you want to create and the order you want to print them in. Next, carefully dip in the paint (you can use a piece of paper to test the print and ensure the paint is not overloaded on the stamp). Lay the stamp face down onto the fabric 3cm from the edge of the fabric, gently remove and repeat the process with the other stamps until you have one complete row of a printed design.

What you do (continued):

5. You may find it useful to lay a ruler onto the fabric as guide to print a straight design. The paint will dry quite quickly so by the time you have finished one row you should be stamping on the second row.
6. For the second row, alternate the order of the stamp designs so you are not repeating the same design on each row. Continue printing the designs row by row until the fabric surface has been covered.
7. Once the paint is dry, take the fabric and fold in half so the printed design is on the inside. Pin the two long edges. You want to create an overlapping panel so that it resembles a pillow case. (Note that no heat setting is required)
8. Next stitch along the length of the fabric on both sides, 2cm from the edge of the fabric. You can then turn the fabric the correct way out and put in your cushion.
9. The cushion cover can be washed inside out on a gentle cycle.

