



First decide how wide you want it, double it then add the seam allowances for a double-thickness frill, or only the seam allowances for a single-thickness one. The length of the frill also depends on personal choice – it can be one-and-a-half to three times the perimeter of the cushion – depending on how full you want it and how thick the fabric is. For a round cushion, join the fabric strip into a circle and gather the frill by running two lines of gathering stitch near the raw edge/s. Gather it and distribute the fullness evenly around the cushion, see diagram 4. Do the same for square or rectangular shapes, but put some extra fullness in the corners. For a two-colour frill, cut contrasting strips at different widths and join them lengthwise as shown in diagram 5, then double the pieced strip as described above and finish it in the same manner.

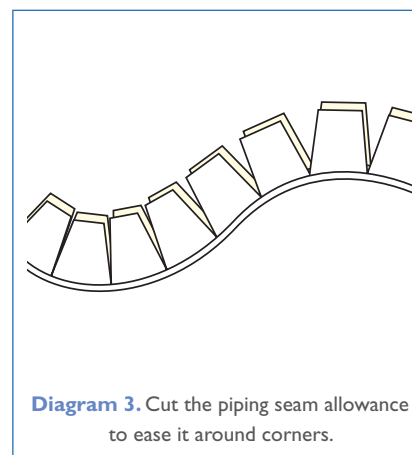
4. Ricrac is available today in a wide range of colours and sizes – giant ricrac adds a lovely curvy edge with a minimum of fuss. Sew it into the seam allowance at the edges for a gentle scalloped edge.

5. Pieced edges such as Prairie Points or scallops are worth the extra effort. See the Something Red cushion by Esther Aliu in this issue for more details about Prairie Points.

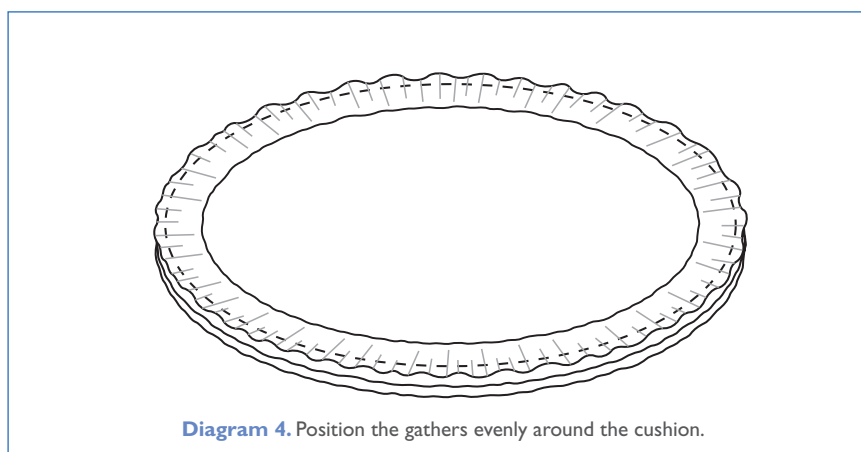
Scallops stitched as separate ‘tongues’ are basted to the outer edge of the cushion top, then stitched in place as it’s assembled, see diagram 6.

6. Stitching a flange is a simple way to ‘frame’ a cushion. Make the cushion top and back 2in larger than suits the insert and stitch around the finished cushion as shown in diagram 7. The flange can also be a contrasting colour for a more dramatic effect.

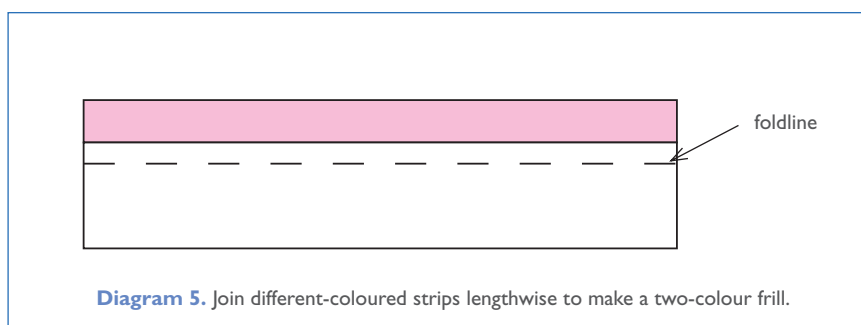
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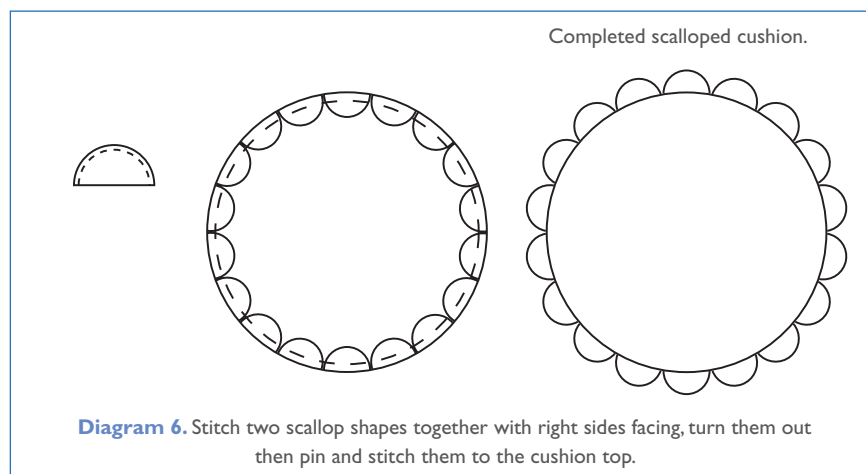
**Diagram 3.** Cut the piping seam allowance to ease it around corners.



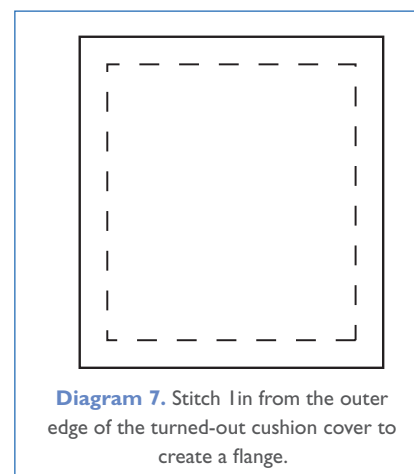
**Diagram 4.** Position the gathers evenly around the cushion.



**Diagram 5.** Join different-coloured strips lengthwise to make a two-colour frill.



**Diagram 6.** Stitch two scallop shapes together with right sides facing, turn them out then pin and stitch them to the cushion top.



**Diagram 7.** Stitch 1in from the outer edge of the turned-out cushion cover to create a flange.

