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Introduction

The emphasis is on quick and easy in these projects, designed to cater for quilters at all skill levels. The finished projects are ideal for home decoration, for personal gifts to friends and family, or for fundraising events. Choose from useful items such as a pencil case, needlecase, tablemats, a novelty chicken doorstop, shopping and laundry bags, cushions, a mini wallhanging, and sofa throw. Many can be made with scraps of fabric left over from previous projects so they represent only a small investment in both expenditure and time.

Template-free quick piecing methods will speed up production in many of the projects, and where templates are required, these can be printed straight from your PC. Several techniques are introduced to expand a beginner's skills, or broaden the expertise of those with more experience.

So, if you are already a committed quilter, take a break from long-term projects to enjoy the satisfaction of completing something quickly. If you are a complete beginner, these projects make a good introduction to some basic patchwork and machine quilting techniques.

Each of these colourful cushions features an asymmetrical star block set in tilted borders, which gives a contemporary look to any interior

Triangles Pencil Case

This quickly made pouch, with triangles appliquéd onto a contrasting background, could be used for pencils or as a handy travelling case for a manicure set, jewellery, cosmetics, a basic sewing kit or mobile phone charger.

Flying Geese Shopper

Lessen the mountain of plastic pollution by replacing plastic bags with this cloth shopping bag decorated with a strip of Flying Geese. The photo shows two versions of the bag, with different fabric choices.

Chicken Doorstop

This novelty Chicken weighted with gravel makes a useful doorstop.

Modernist Tablemats

These tablemats each have decorative inserts of strip piecing in bright colours and a variety of compositions. Once the strip sets are constructed the tablemats are quick to make. Vary the designs as I have done to make a set of six tablemats, or select your favourite and repeat it.

Techniques

With rotary cutting and quick piecing techniques, we can construct quickly and easily many of the traditional pieced units in patchwork, without the need for templates, as shown in the following pages.

▲ *Half square triangles*

HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

This technique divides a square into two right-angled triangles.

1. Cut squares in contrasting fabric ⅞in larger than the desired finished size of the unit. For example: for a 3in finished unit, cut squares 3⅞in.

2. Place squares right sides together and draw one central diagonal line, corner to corner. Stitch ¼in from both sides of the centre line.

3. Cut across the centre along the diagonal line, and press the resulting units. Trim. This will make two half square triangle units.

▼ *Construction of half square triangles*