Turn an old jumper or shirt into a cushion cover

FIND YOUR REPURPOSE

This works particularly well with old Christmas jumpers, patterned shirts or clothes with a design you still love.

You'll need:

An old jumper, sweatshirt or shirt, an existing cushion or cushion pad, scissors, pins, and a needle and thread or sewing machine.



1. Choose your clothing.
Pick something large enough to cover your cushion.

2. Lay the clothing flat.
Place the cushion on top to check the size.

3. Cut two pieces of fabric.
Cut around the cushion, leaving roughly 2 cm of extra fabric around each edge for sewing.

4. Put the pieces together.
Place the sides you want visible facing each other.

5. Pin the edges.

Pin the two pieces together so they do not move while you sew.

6. Sew three sides.

Stitch around three edges, leaving one side open.

7. Turn it the right way out.

Your seams should now be hidden inside.



8. Insert the cushion.

Push your cushion or cushion pad inside the new cover.

9. Close the final edge.

Fold the open edges inwards and carefully hand-sew them together.



Easy option:

Using a button-up shirt or jumper? Position the buttons across the back of the cushion cover. You can then use the existing buttons as an opening instead of sewing the final side shut.