Lightning Bolt Patchwork Cushion Cover

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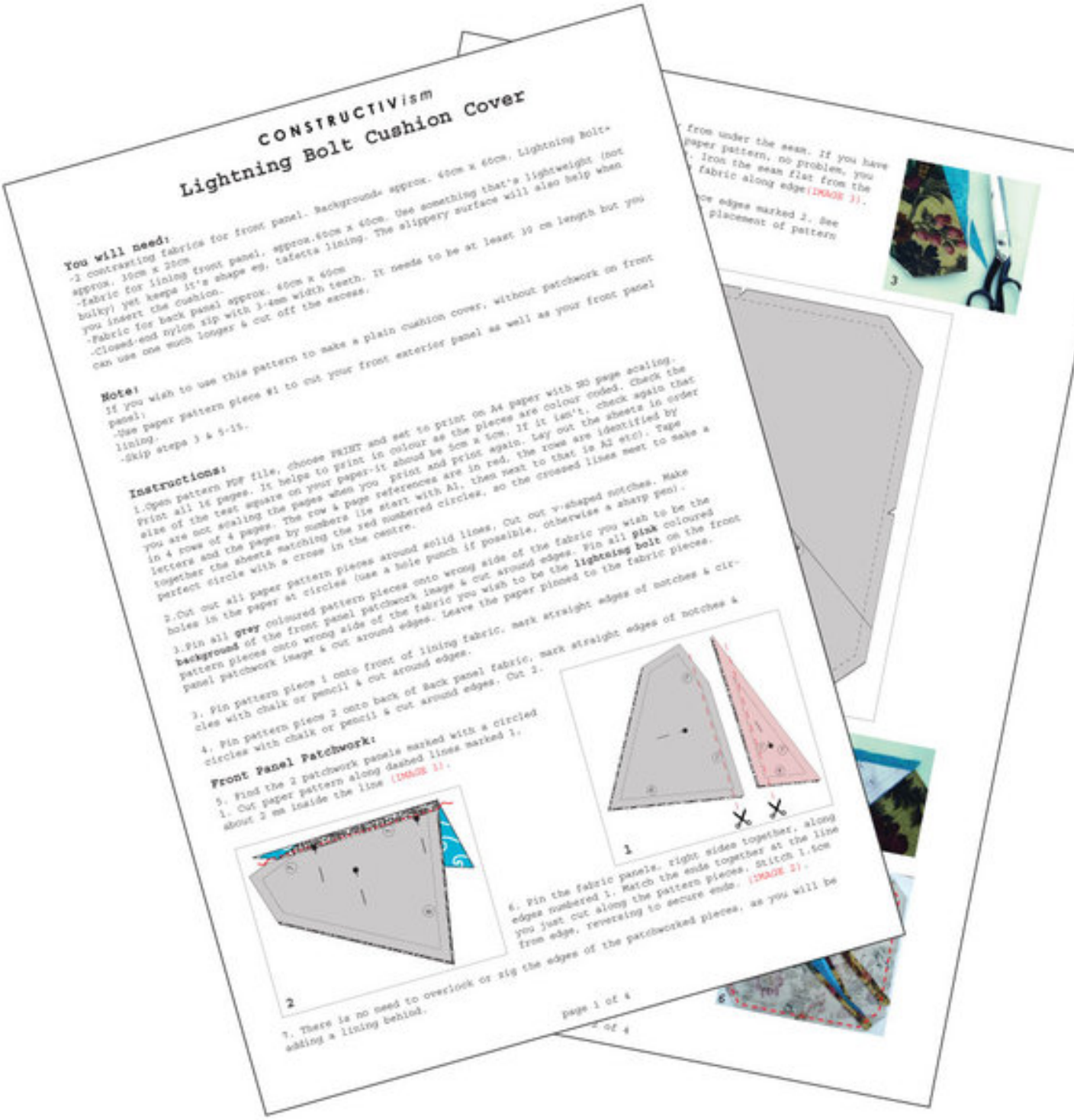
My own pattern for an abstract patchwork cushion cover. The front panel has a lightning bolt design in “crazy patchwork”. The back has a “mitred” corner construction to give a nice soft edge.

Materials

I've used a vintage piece of linen by Sanderson I've had for ages and some turquouise silk brocade I've also had for ages. The cushion insert is 20 x 20 inches.

Step 1 — PDF Instructions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You will need:
-2 contrasting fabrics for front panel. Backgrounds approx. 40cm x 40cm. Lightning Bolt approx. 10cm x 20cm
-fabric for lining front panel, approx.40cm x 40cm. Use something that's lightweight (not bulky) yet keeps it's shape eg. taffetta lining. The slippery surface will also help when you insert the cushion.
-Fabric for back panel approx. 40cm x 40cm
-Closed-end nylon zip with 3-4mm width teeth. It needs to be at least 30 cm length but you can use one much longer & cut off the excess.

Note:
If you wish to use this pattern to make a plain cushion cover, without patchwork on front panel;
-Use paper pattern piece #1 to cut your front exterior panel as well as your front panel lining.
-Skip steps 3 & 5-15.

Instructions:
1.Open pattern PDF file, choose PRINT and set to print on A4 paper with NO page scaling. Print all 16 pages. It helps to print in colour as the pieces are colour coded. Check the size of the test square on your paper-it should be 5cm x 5cm. If it isn't, check again that you are not scaling the pages when you print and print again. Lay out the sheets in order in 4 rows of 4 pages. The row & page references are in red, the rows are identified by letters and the pages by numbers (ie start with A1, then next to that is A2 etc). Tape together the sheets matching the red numbered circles, so the crossed lines meet to make a perfect circle with a cross in the centre.

2.Cut out all paper pattern pieces around solid lines. Cut out v-shaped notches. Make holes in the paper at circles (use a hole punch if possible, otherwise a sharp pen).

3.Pin all **grey** coloured pattern pieces onto wrong side of the fabric you wish to be the **background** of the front panel patchwork image & cut around edges. Pin all **pink** coloured pattern pieces onto wrong side of the fabric you wish to be the **lightning bolt** on the front panel patchwork image & cut around edges. Leave the paper pinned to the fabric pieces.

3. Pin pattern piece 1 onto front of lining fabric, mark straight edges of notches & circles with chalk or pencil & cut around edges.

4. Pin pattern piece 2 onto back of back panel fabric, mark straight edges of notches & circles with chalk or pencil & cut around edges. Cut 2.

Front Panel Patchwork:

5. Find the 2 patchwork panels marked with a circled 1. Cut paper pattern along dashed lines marked 1, about 2 cm inside the line (IMAGE 1).

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6. Pin the fabric panels, right sides together, along edges numbered 1. Match the ends together at the line you just cut along the pattern pieces. Stitch 1.5cm from edge, reversing to secure ends. (IMAGE 2).

7. There is no need to overlock or zig the edges of the patchworked pieces, as you will be adding a lining behind.

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from under the seam. If you have paper pattern, no problem, you . Iron the seam flat from the fabric along edge(IMAGE 3).

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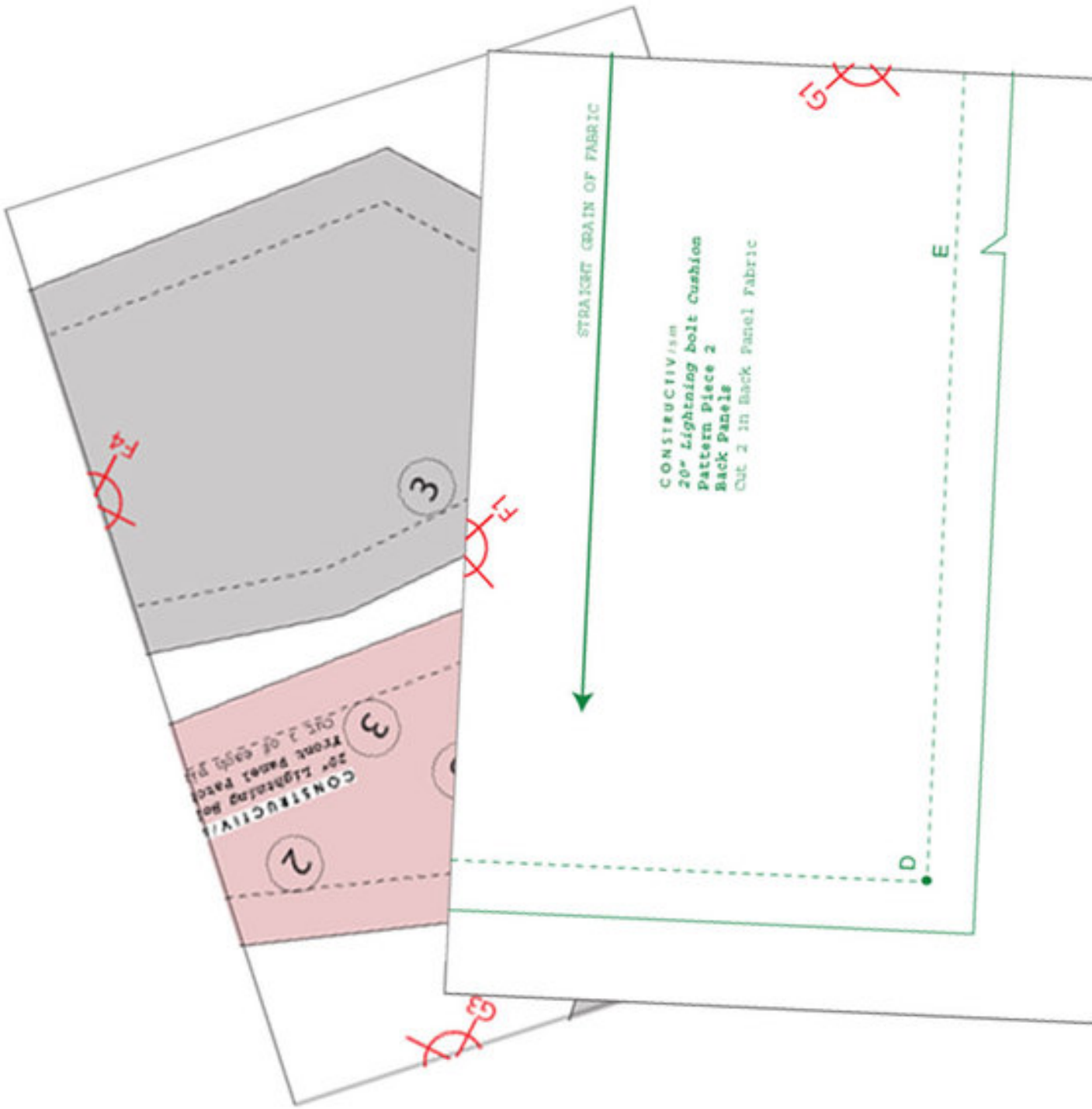
Step 2 — Pattern pieces



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