



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEASONAL TREE CUSHION

Finished size : 50 x 50 cm (19 ⅜ x 7 ⅞ inches)

Seam allowance throughout: 1 cm (⅜ inch)

**Technique: Computerised Embroidery and Quilting**

**Skill Rating: 2 Machines**

### MATERIALS

8 x blocks of good quality white woven fabric for the stitch outs big enough to fit your 127 x 178 mm (5 x 7 inch) hoop size but at least 20 x 30 cm (8 x 12 in)

54cm x 54cm (21in x 21in) firm batting

54cm x 58cm (21in x 23in) white fabric for cushion cover back

Zip 45 cm (18 in)

Daisy chain lace or other thin width cotton lace 2m (2 yards)

Broad cotton lace about 5 cm (2 in)

Cushion inner 50 x 50 cm (19 ⅜ in)

Air fading or water-soluble marking pen

Tearaway stabiliser

Machine embroidery threads

Construction thread, white and colours to match the fabrics

Machine needles: embroidery, universal

### CUTTING

	Units	cm		in	
Tree Stitch outs	4	17	26	6 ⅞	8 ¼
Seasonal Text	4	11	26	4 ⅞	8 ¼
Daisy chain lace	3	52		20 ½	
Broad lace	1	52		20 ½	
Cushion cover back	2	54	56	21 ¼	22

## EMBROIDERY

This project uses the four seasonal trees from Aljay Seasonal Trees Set 1 Large and the four vertical seasonal labels.

When the stitching is complete, remove the stabiliser and press face down on a thick towel. Keeping the design centred trim each of the trees to 17 x 26 cm (6 7/8 x 8 1/4 in). Trim the text labels to 11 x 26 cm (4 1/4 x 8 1/4 in).



## JOINING STITCH OUTS TOGETHER

First stitch together each tree with its corresponding label. For spring and autumn, the labels must be on the left of the tree, and for summer and winter the labels must be on the right of the tree.



Next spring and summer together so that they form a horizontal row with spring on the left and summer on the right. Do the same with autumn and winter, keeping autumn on the left and winter on the right. Finally join the two rows together as shown below.



## ADDING BATTING AND LACE TO CUSHION COVER FRONT

Lay the batting underneath and the cushion cover front on top.



Place the lace on top. Start with the broad lace which must be placed **horizontally** at the center of the cushion cover front. The daisy chain or thin lace must be placed **vertically** between the trees and the labels and between the trees in the center. Pin the lace carefully through all layers and stitch through all layers. For the broad lace I stitched in the center and along both edges. If you are using thin lace instead of daisy chain you will probably need to stitch along both edges. With the daisy chain I only stitched along the center of the chain.



Trim away the excess batting.



## CUSHION COVER BACK

Sew your two pieces of fabric together along the short edge, using a larger seam allowance – at least 2m or 5/8 in. Use your normal running stitch along the outside edges, but on the inside, for the length of your zip, use a tacking stitch length that can easily be unpicked.



Open your zip and lay it face down on the right of your seam and stitch to close to the edge. Close the zip and stitch the remainder of the right side and turn around at the bottom. Stitch the left side with the zip closed. Now unpick the stitching where the zip is and open the zip slightly.



## JOINING THE CUSHION COVER FRONT TO THE BACK

Lay the back down with the front on top, right sides facing and zip still slightly open. Trim the back to fit the front.



Pin, stitch around all four edges and neaten off with your over locker or a zigzag stitch on your machine.





Turn the right way out and insert your cushion. Place on your favourite sofa!

