

Pillow Sham

Skill level: Beginner

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Fabrics Needed

5" fabric squares	Eight
1 3/4" fabric strips	Three
1 7/8" fabric squares	Seven
Backing fabric	1/3 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon® 821 Quilter's Grid™ On Point	1/2 yard
Applique Pressing Sheet	

Tools Needed

Sewing Machine and Related Supplies
Iron

Cut fusible grid on fold. Piece will be 18" x 22".

Cut one sashing strip into two 21" pieces.

Cut two sashing strips into sixteen 5" x 1 3/4" strips.

Directions:

Fold the Pellon® lengthwise to determine the center - this is your starting point.

Count down two full grid squares from the center top.

Place your first 5" x 5" square directly below the second diamond within the grid markings. It will look like a diamond.

Place the applique pressing sheet on top of the fabric piece, use a hot iron to fuse in place. 10 seconds is a recommended time to spend fusing the fabric piece. You will always use the applique pressing sheet when fusing on the grid. Caution: pressing sheet gets very hot. Use care in touching it after direct contact with the iron. Do not use steam with the pressing sheet.

Directly below your first fabric square count down two more diamonds and place your second 5" x 5" square. Fuse in place.

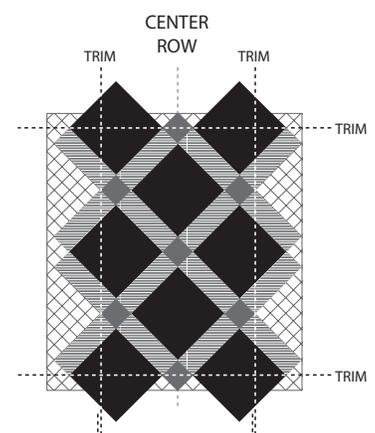
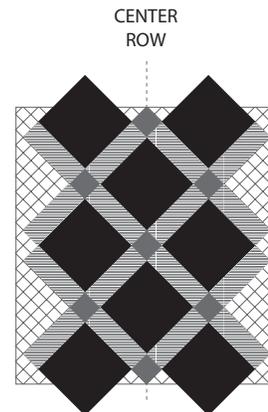
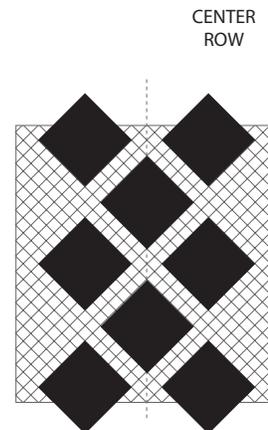
Count out two full grid rows from each side of your two squares that are fused in place and lay the other six 5" squares. Follow diagram. Fuse all squares in place.

The top and bottom squares will partially hang off the grid.

There should be a 2" grid opening between each 5" square.

Place the sixteen 1 3/4" x 5" strips on the sides of all the 5" squares, there will be a small gap between all the fabric pieces, this is intentional, follow diagram. Fuse all sashing strips in place.

In the 2" openings at the top and bottom of each 5" square place a cornerstone piece of fabric that is 1 7/8" x 1 7/8". Fuse all cornerstones in place.



Start Sewing

After your pillow sham is completely fused, fold right sides together along one of the sashing strip rows that has four 5" strips and three cornerstones. This will be in the center of the Pillow Sham. Notice how the small gap between the sashing strips and the squares makes the grid easy to fold. Be sure to have the sashing strip on the topside of the fold while sewing. The fabric squares will be on the under side of the fold next to the feed dogs on your sewing machine. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, begin stitching from one side of the Pillow sham top to the other, using the fold as your guide.

Finish sewing both sides of each sashing row before moving to the next strip. sew across entire pillow sham top. Repeat sewing process on the other two sashing strips in that direction.

When all the rows are sewn in one direction, press your seams toward the fabric squares on the wrong side first. Then press on the right side of the pillow sham top. It is best if you can get your seams as flat as possible.

Now fold the pillow sham top right sides together, following the unsewn sashing strip rows in the center of the pillow sham top. Sew 1/4" seams from one side to the other. continue sewing each unsewn sashing strip row until all the gaps are sewn and the pillow sham top is complete.

Press all the sashings seams toward the fabric squares.

Trimming Pillow Sham

Use a ruler and a rotary cutter to trim the pillow sham. Trim the long sides of the pillow sham using the outer most corners of the small cornerstones as your guide. Cut from one side to the other side of the pillow sham.

Trim the short sides of the pillow sham using the center of the 5" squares from point to point and this will also cut through the small cornerstone point to point. Pillow sham should measure approximately 10" x 16 1/2".

Attaching Borders

You will only add borders to the long sides of the pillow sham. Use one strip of sashing width of fabric cut in half so you will have two pieces 1 3/4" x 21".

Measure the length of the long sides and cut your border strips to that length. Pin border strips to long sides of pillow sham right sides together.

Sew 1/4" seams.

Press the seams toward the border piece.

Pillow Backing

Cut the 1/3 yard backing fabric on the fold so you will have two pieces 12" x 22" (you will only use one piece). Cut off the selvage.

Cut this piece into 2 pieces measuring 10" x 12" and 11" x 12".

Hem one of the 12" sides on each of these pieces by folding toward the wrong side 1/4" press. Fold 1/4" again so the raw edge is no longer showing, then stitch.

Lay the two pieces right sides up, side by side with the hemmed sides touching.

Slide one piece on top of the other overlapping until the measurement is the same size as the length of the pillow sham. Pin overlap to secure.

Next, lay the pillow sham wrong side up on top of the backing fabric (right sides will be together) and pin along all outside edges. Length of pillow sham should match backing fabric exactly.

Using the pillow sham as your guide, sew 1/4" seam around the outside edge. Reinforce the stitching where the backing fabric overlaps.

Now trim the width of the backing fabric, following the pillow sham as your guide.

Trim your seam allowance diagonally on all the corners to reduce bulk.