

ASSEMBLE THE PILLOW

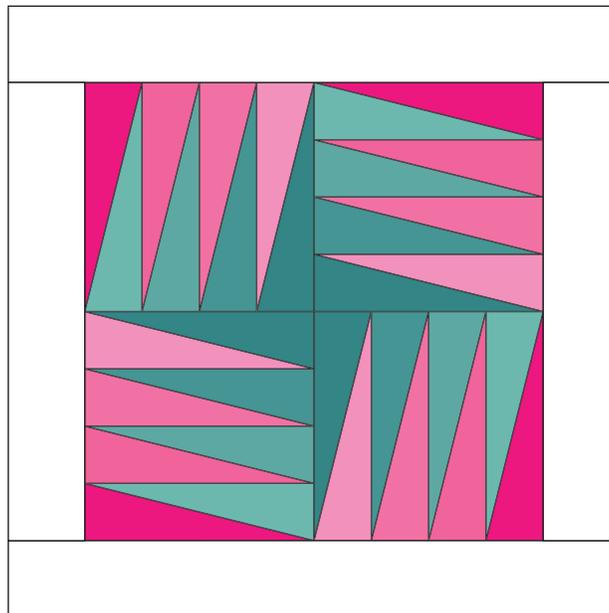
Sew the Blocks Together:

With right sides together, align the corners of the blocks and pin or use clips. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the four blocks in the layout you prefer. Press seams open for less bulk.

Borders: Cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18" borders from a fat quarter or a Jelly Roll of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

Measuring for Borders:

Measure your blocks and cut two borders the size of this measurement for the side borders. They should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Sew the borders to the sides of the block section and press. Measure from the outside edge of one side border to the opposite border edge to determine the length to cut the top and bottom borders. The top and bottom borders should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ ". Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the top and bottom borders to the pillow top. Press.



Remove the paper foundation from the pillow top.

Fuse the 16½" x 16½" fusible fleece to the wrong side of the pillow top. The fleece will add firmness and stability to the pillow.

Quilting: *If you want to quilt the pillow, now is the time.*

Step 3: Envelope-Style Pillow Back

The envelope style will be used for the pillow back. It requires two pieces of fabric that overlap, making it easy to insert and remove the pillow form. Yeah, no zippers are used!

Cut two 12" x 16½" rectangles for the pillow back:

(half the finished width of the pillow: $16"/2 = 8" + 4" = 12"$).

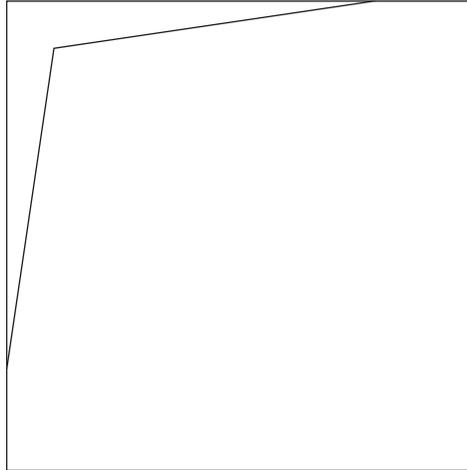
To create a finished edge on the two backing pieces, fold over ½" along one 16" edge and press; fold it again and press. Sew along the folded edge to create the finished edge. Repeat for the other backing piece.

Place the pillow top with the right side up. Place one section of the pillow back aligning the corners, right sides together on the pillow top. Add the second backing piece, aligning the opposite corners. The backing pieces will overlap in the center. Pin or use clips to hold the sections together.

The Decorator Touch: Here is the tip that adds that decorator touch to your pillow. Tapering the corners will get rid of the “dog ears” that poke out. Mark all four corners of the pillow using the template for tapering corners. Draw lines on all four corners to taper them. Cut on the drawn lines to remove the wedges on all four corners.



Template for tapering corners:



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Sew around all four edges using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. By taking a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, the pillow cover will be slightly smaller than the 16" pillow form, giving you a well-stuffed pillow with no "dog ears" on the corners. Turn the pillow cover right side out and insert the pillow form. The pillow form should fit snugly and the pillow top should be smooth. You have now completed your new decorator pillow!

Next Lesson: Foundation Paper Pieced – Tote Bag

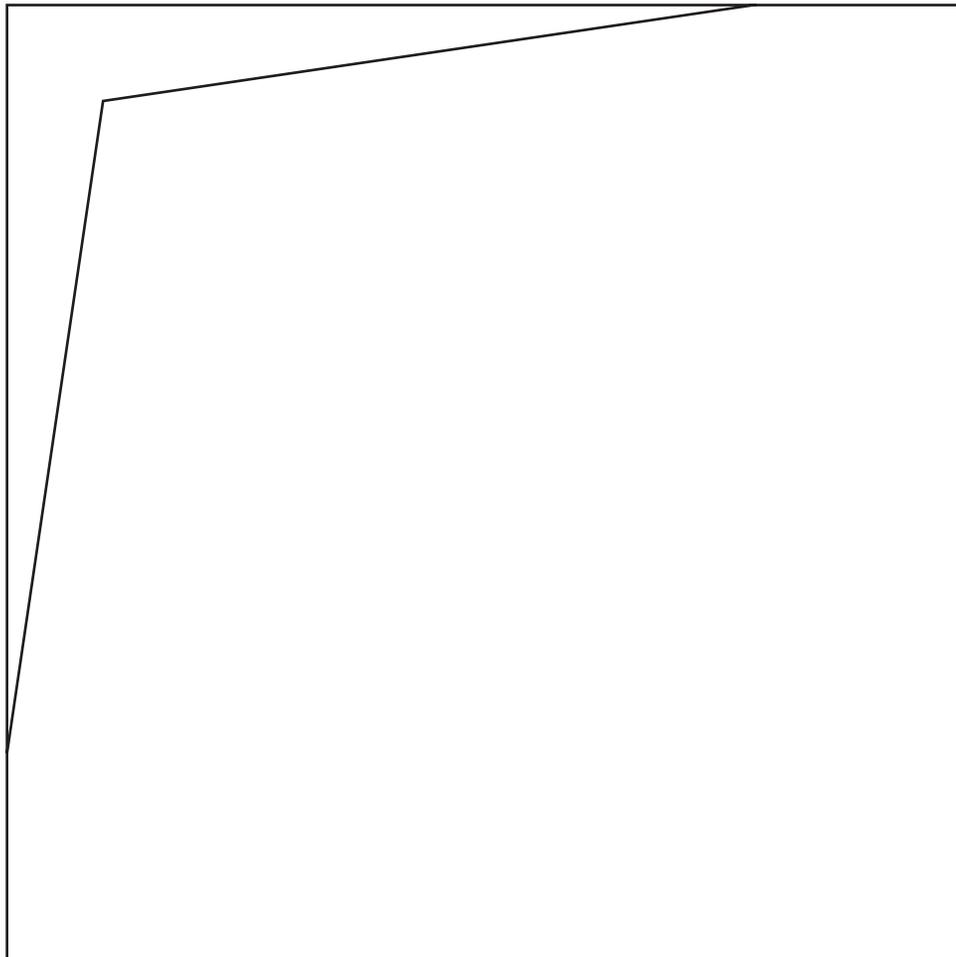


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