Sweet Dreamz Pillow Kit

Diagonal Stripes

QUICK START GUIDE

DIRECTIONS

Approximate Finished Size: 18" x 18" Seam allowances are ½".

Cutting

Sample is shown in Magenta and Peach.

- From Magenta, cut:
 2 (19" x 19"), Pillow Front, Back.
- From Peach, cut:
 - 1 (19" x 19"), Appliqué Square for Diagonal Stripes.

Assembly

Prepare the appliqué

1. On the wrong side of the Peach Appliqué square, use a fabric-safe marker to draw a *dotted line* from the upper left to lower right.

Note: Have the nap on the right side running down.



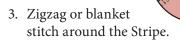
- 2. Draw three *solid lines*, each 3" apart,

 toward the upper right corner.
- 3. Draw an additional line, 3" toward the lower left corner.
- 4. Cut *only* on the solid lines. Set aside wide center Stripe and upper 3" stripe to use as Appliqués.

Appliqué the Stripes

1. Center the 6" wide Stripe on right side of Pillow Front.

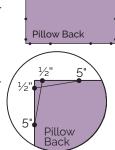
2. Pin in place—ends first, then between the ends.



4. To the upper left, pin and stitch the narrow Stripe, 3" from wide Stripe.

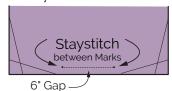
Mark the corners

- 1. Smooth the Pillow Back, wrong side up, on a flat surface.
- 2. Make a mark ½" and 5" from each corner.
- 3. For stitching guidelines: At each corner, draw a line connecting the ½" mark to the 5" mark on the adjacent side. Lines will intersect near the corner.

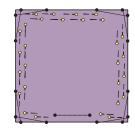


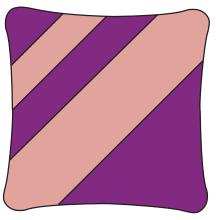
Note: These marks are guidelines for a seam allowance that will slightly reduce corner angles, preventing "dog ears".

4. Next, mark a 6" gap on the bottom edge of the wrong side of the Pillow Back. Staystitch between the marks.

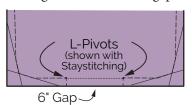


- 5. On the wrong side of the lower edge of the Pillow Front, mark and staystitch a corresponding 6" gap.
- 6. With right sides together and naps running down, double pin the Pillow Front to Pillow Back.





7. Sew the edge, following the marked stitching line at the corners and stitching an L-Pivot at the gap.



Note: L-Pivots secure the seam ends as the pillow is turned and help the seam allowance turn in at the gap.

Finishing

- 1. Turn the pillow right side out.
- 2. Gently push out the corners using a point turner.
- 3. Insert the pillow form, giving a little extra attention to getting the corners filled.
- 4. Hand stitch the gap closed using a ladder stitch.



Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Tighten every few stitches.

More Ideas!

- Additional pillow top designs.
- Making a zipper-back pillow.

For additional information, go to:

Shannonfabrics.com: Learning Center: Sweet Dreamz Pillows

