## Sweet Dreamz Pillow Kit

# Offset Rectangles

## QUICK START GUIDE

#### **DIRECTIONS**

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

#### Cuttina

- Cut and stitch pieces so that the nap will run down in the finished project.
- Measurements are written as (Width x Height).
- Sample is shown in Yellow and Rust.
- From Yellow, cut:
  - 1 (13" x 7"), Top Rectangle.
  - 1 (7" x 13"), Left Rectangle.
- From Rust, cut:
  - 1 (7" x 7"), Small Square.
  - 1 (13" x 13"), Large Square.
  - 1 (19" x 19"), *Pillow Back*.

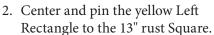
#### Assembly

#### Make the pillow front

1. Pin the 7" rust Square to the left edge of the yellow Top Rectangle.











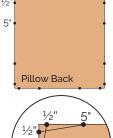
- 3. Fingerpress seam allowances open.
- 4. Keeping the seam allowances open, pin the two sections together at the seam allowance.

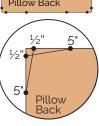


- 5. Pin side edges, then pin remainder of the seam. Pin frequently.
- 6. Sew the seam. Fingerpress the seam open.

#### Mark the corners

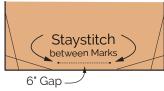
- 1. Smooth the Pillow Back, wrong side up, on a flat surface.
- 2. Make a mark ½" and 5" from each corner.
- 3. For stitching guidelines: At each corner, draw a line connecting the ½" mark to the 5" mark on the adjacent side. Lines will intersect near the corner.



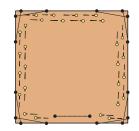


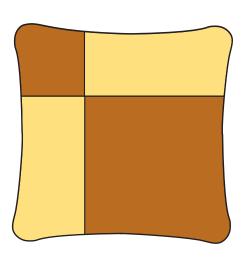
Note: These marks are guidelines for a seam allowance that slightly reduces corner angles, preventing "dog ears".

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



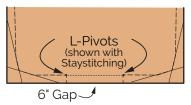
- 5. On the wrong side of the lower edge of the Pillow Front, mark and staystitch a corresponding 6" gap.
- 6. With right sides together and naps running down, double pin the Pillow Front to Pillow Back.





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 helps 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!

Sweet Dreamz Pillows

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

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