

Sweet Dreamz Pillow Kit

Courthouse Steps

QUICK START GUIDE

DIRECTIONS

Approximate Finished Size: 18" x 18"
Seam allowances are 1/2".

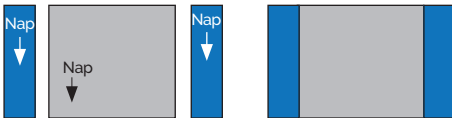
Cutting

- 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 Grey and Blue.
- From Grey, cut:
 - 1 (12" x 12"), Center Square.
- From Blue, cut:
 - 2 (4 1/2" x 12"), Sides.
 - 2 (19" x 4 1/2"), Top, Bottom Strips.
 - 1 (19" x 19"), Pillow Back.

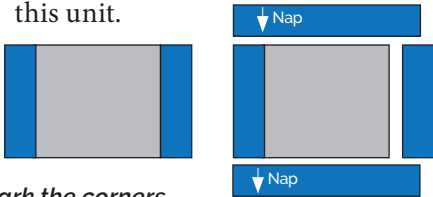
Assembly

Make the top

1. Sew the Sides to the Center Square.

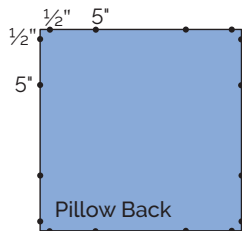


2. Sew the Top and Bottom Strips to this unit.



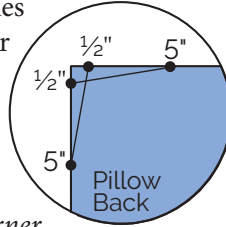
Mark the corners

1. Smooth the Pillow Back, wrong side up, on a flat surface.
2. Mark 1/2" and 5" from each corner.

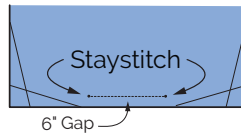


3. For stitching guidelines, at each corner, draw a line connecting the 1/2" mark to the 5" mark on the adjacent side. Lines will intersect near the corner.

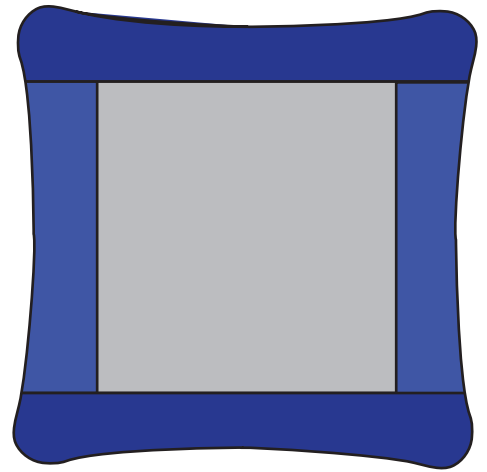
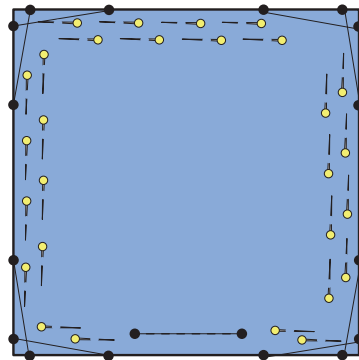
Note: Marks are seam allowance guidelines to slightly reduce corner angles, preventing "dog ears."



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

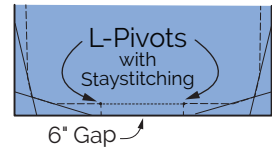


5. Mark and staystitch a corresponding 6" gap on the lower edge of the Pillow Front.
6. With right sides together and naps running down, double pin the Pillow Front to the Pillow Back.



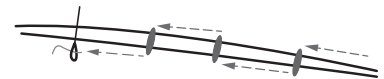
7. Sew the edge, following the marked stitching line at the corners and stitching an L-Pivot at the gap.

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 handsewing 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:
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