

# Sashed Pillow

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Project of the Month



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## Requirements for one 16" Pillow:

- Fat Quarter of hand dyed or patterned fabric for the squares
- Half Yard of hand dyed or 'solid' fabric for the sashing and pillow back
- Fat Quarter of cotton batting (shrunk size)
- Fat Quarter of muslin or similar fabric for pillow front backing
- 16" Pillow form



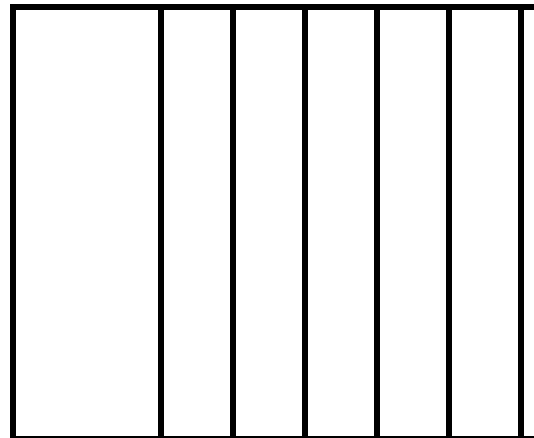
*Preshrink all fabrics, including cotton batting. Your pillow cover will stay flat and retain its size after washing.*

## Optional:

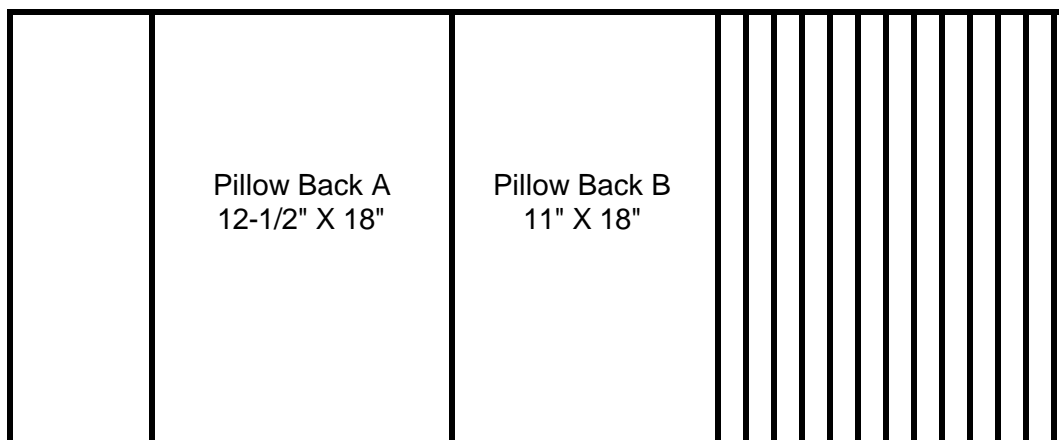
- Variegated machine quilting thread

## Cutting Layout:

After washing and ironing your fabrics, cut five 3" strips from your Fat Quarter of patterned fabric



Cut twelve 1-1/4" strips, an 11" X 18" piece and a 12-1/2" X 18" piece from your Half Yard of 'solid' fabric



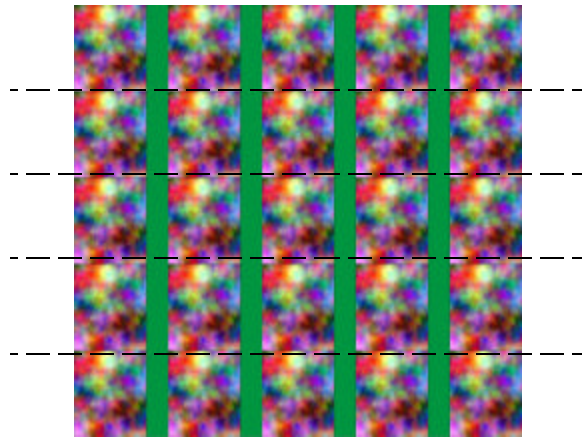
Twelve 1-1/4" sashing strips

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### Pillow Front Assembly:

Strip piece, alternating the patterned fabric with the sashing fabric

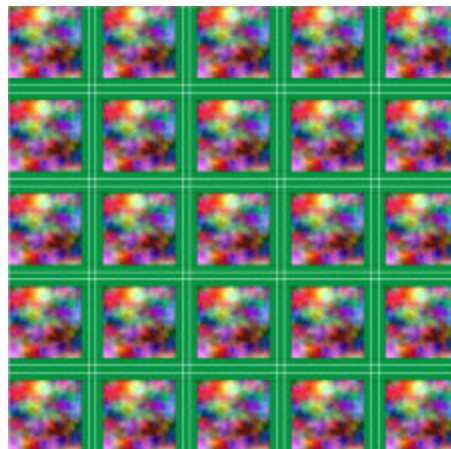
Cut into 3" strips as shown



Join the 3" strips with additional sashing strips

Make your 'quilt sandwich': top, batting and backing

Quilt about 1/8" from edge of sashing in a window pane pattern as shown

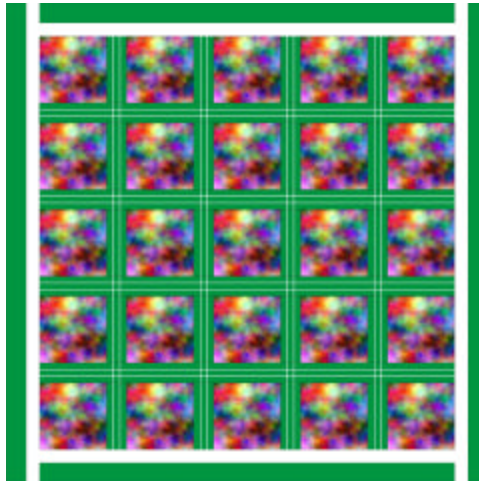


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### Pillow Front Assembly, continued:

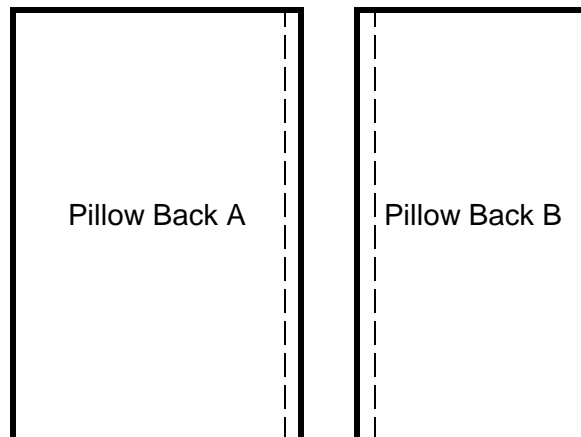
Add a sashing strip top and bottom and left and right

The resulting piece should measure approximately 17-1/2" X 17-1/2"



### Pillow Back Assembly:

Along the 18" edge of each piece of pillow back, finish the edge by making a hem and top stitch



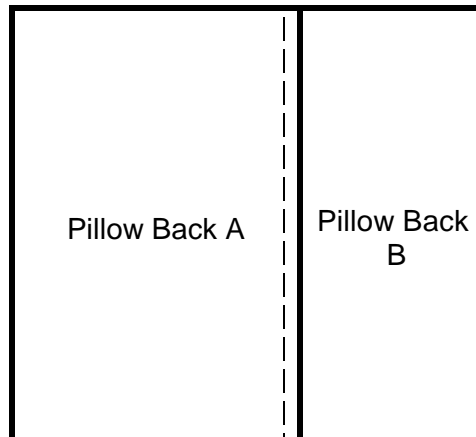
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### Pillow Back Assembly, continued:

Place Pillow Back A on Pillow Back B overlapping by 2"

Pin or baste to keep from shifting

Trim to 17-1/2" X 17-1/2"



### Pillow Completion:

With right sides together, stitch the top to the back using 1/2" seam allowance

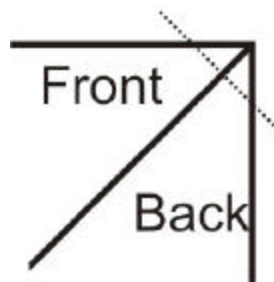
Remove pillow back basting

Turn to right side and insert pillow form

### Tips:

To smooth out the corners of the pillow cover, turn inside out and flatten each corner as shown

Stitch diagonally across the corner being careful not to interfere with the front patterned blocks



If desired, add Velcro®, a snap or button to close the pillow back