

Wrapped in Comfort Pillow



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Finished Pillow: 19½" x 54½"

Pieced and quilted by Pat Wys

Materials

Yardage is based on 42"-wide fabric.

- ¾ yard each of 8 assorted light-value neutral fabrics for pillow front and binding
- ¾ yard of beige print for sashing strips and ties
- 1¾ yards of fabric for pillow back
- 45" x 60" piece of batting
- Body pillow*
- 6 squares, 1" x 1", of hook-and-loop fasteners
- 6 assorted buttons, approximately 1" diameter (optional)

**These inexpensive pillows are found in most home or bedding stores.*

This fantastic pillow was simply made for comfort! Use a body pillow form, purchased at your local bedding store, to make this lovely addition to your bed or sofa.

Cutting

From the light-value fabrics, cut a total of:

- 18 squares, 6½" x 6½"; cut each square into quarters diagonally to yield 72 triangles
- 33 squares, 4" x 4"
- 12 strips, 2½" x 10"

From the beige print, cut:

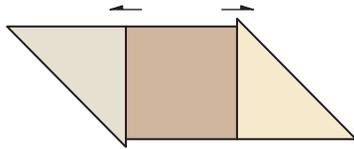
- 3 strips, 3" x 42"
- 6 strips, ¾" x 10"

From the pillow-back fabric, cut:

- 1 piece, 13½" x 56"
- 1 piece, 12½" x 56"

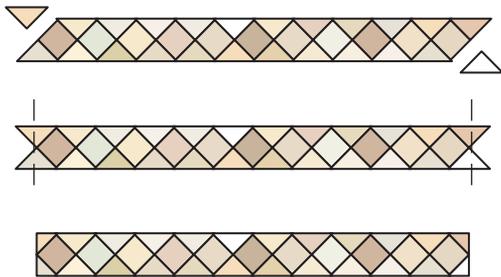
Making the Pillow Front

1. Sew assorted triangles to opposite sides of each 4" square as shown. Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Make 33 of these units.



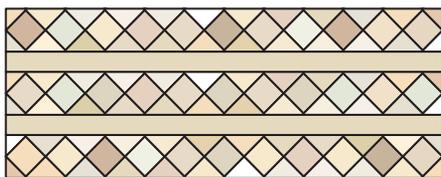
Make 33.

2. Sew 11 units from step 1 together to make a row of on-point squares. Press the seam allowances in one direction. Add a triangle to each end of the strip as shown to complete the row, and press the seam allowances toward the just-added triangles. Make three of these rows. Trim and square up each row, making sure to leave a ¼" seam allowance beyond the points of all the squares for seam allowance. The rows should measure 5½" x 55½".

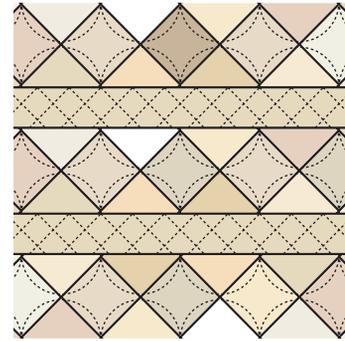


Make 3.

3. Sew the 3"-wide beige strips together end to end. From this continuous strip, cut two 55½"-long sashing strips.
4. Join the rows from step 2 and the sashing strips from step 3, alternating them as shown to complete the pillow front.



5. If you wish to quilt the pillow front, layer the top with batting and baste. Using a walking foot, I machine quilted a grid in the sashing strips and rows of continuous curves in the on-point squares to give a scalloped appearance.



Making the Pillow Back

1. If you want to quilt the pillow-back pieces, layer each pillow back with batting; baste. Machine quilt as desired.
2. Sew the 2½"-wide assorted strips end to end to make two 60"-long strips. Press each strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, to make two binding strips.
3. Sew a binding strip to one long edge of each quilted pillow-back piece.

Making the Ties

1. Fold each ¾"-wide beige strip in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew along the long raw edge with a ⅛" seam allowance.
2. Turn each tie right side out, center the seam on the back of the tie, and press flat. Then press each tie in half. Make six ties.



Constructing the Pillow

1. On the right side of the pillow front, place the folded end of three ties on each short end. Pin a tie in the center and a tie about 1" from each corner, aligning the folded edges of the ties with the raw edge of the pillow front. Pin the ends of the ties toward the middle of the pillow to avoid catching the ends in the seam.
2. Lay the two pillow-back pieces right sides together with the pillow front, aligning the raw edges and overlapping the bound edges on the back pieces in the center. Pin and then sew around the edges using a ½" seam allowance.
3. Clip the corners, as needed, and turn the pillow right side out. Evenly space the hook-and-loop fasteners along the back opening of the pillow and add decorative buttons, if desired. Insert a body pillow inside this lovely quilted cover and make the ties into bows.



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