

PROJECT: Supportive Pillow Pair

Large throw pillows offer comfort whether you're
lounging in bed or on the floor.

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FABRICS are from the Malibu Batiks collection by Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).

FINISHED PILLOWS: 27" square
FINISHED BLOCK: 9" square

MATERIALS FOR TWO PILLOWS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 1¼ yards total assorted batiks (blocks)
- ⅝ yard *each* aqua batik and mint green batik (blocks)
- 1⅝ yards backing fabric
- 2—32"-square muslin pieces
- 2—32"-square batting pieces
- Acrylic ruler marked with 45° angle
- 2—28"-square pillow forms

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted batiks, cut:

- 6—11" squares
- 2—9½" squares

From each aqua batik and mint green batik, cut:

- 4—9½" squares
- 12—4½" squares

From backing fabric, cut:

- 4—16¼×27½" rectangles

ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1 Use a pencil to mark diagonal lines in an X on wrong side of each assorted batik 11" square (**Diagram 1**).

2 Place a marked batik square on work surface with unmarked side up. Referring to **Diagram 2**, align an aqua batik 4½" square right side down

with each corner of marked batik square. Pin aqua batik squares in place, positioning pins away from marked diagonal lines on wrong side of 11" batik square.

3 Flip Step 2 unit over to expose marked diagonal lines. Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew ¼" on each side of marked diagonal lines, stitching continuously across single-layer center. Remove pins.

4 Referring to **Diagram 4**, cut on marked diagonal lines. Referring to **Diagram 5**, press attached triangles open to make four aqua subunits.

5 Repeat steps 2-4 to make 12 aqua subunits total.

6 Repeat steps 2-4 with remaining 11" batik squares and mint green batik 4½" squares to make 12 mint green subunits.

7 Referring to **Diagram 6**, use an acrylic ruler with a 45° angle to trim an aqua subunit into a 3½×9½" aqua rectangle unit. When trimming the subunit to 9½" wide, adjust the ruler so the bottom corner triangle tips form 45° angles. Trim edges in this order: sides, bottom, top. Repeat with remaining aqua subunits to make 12 aqua rectangle units total. Repeat with mint green subunits to make 12 mint green rectangle units.

8 Referring to **Diagram 7**, sew together three aqua rectangle units to make an aqua block. The block should be 9½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four aqua blocks total.

9 Referring to **Diagram 8**, repeat Step 8 with mint green rectangle units to make four mint green blocks.

ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOPS

1 Referring to **Aqua Pillow Top Assembly Diagram** for block orientation, lay out aqua batik 9½" squares, aqua blocks, and one assorted batik 9½" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Press seams away from aqua blocks. Join rows; press seams in one direction to make aqua pillow top. The pillow top should be 27½" square including seam allowance

2 Referring to **Mint Green Pillow Top Assembly Diagram** for block orientation, repeat Step 1 with mint green batik 9½" squares, mint green blocks, and remaining assorted batik 9½" square to make mint green pillow top.

FINISH PILLOWS

1 Layer each pillow top with batting and muslin squares; baste. Quilt as desired.

2 Trim batting and muslin even with pillow top edges.

3 Turn one long edge of 16¼×27½" backing rectangles under ¼"; press. Turn under ¼" again. Stitch folded edges to make hemmed back pieces. Each hemmed back piece should measure 15¾×27½" including seam allowances.

4 Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, overlap hemmed edges of two pillow back pieces by 4" to make a 27½" square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back. Repeat to make a second pillow back.

5 Layer a pillow top and a pillow back with right sides together; pin. Use a pencil to trace a curved object like a cup or a bowl in each corner. Cut on the drawn lines to round pillow corners.

6 Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from outer edges to make a pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press.

7 Repeat steps 5 and 6 to make a second pillow cover.

8 Insert a pillow form in each pillow cover to complete two pillows.

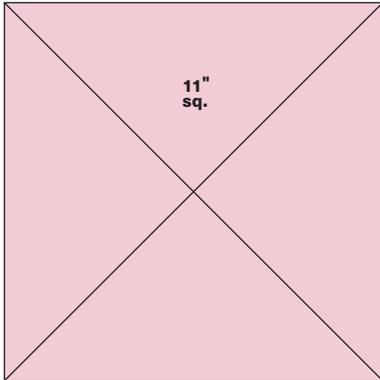


Diagram 1

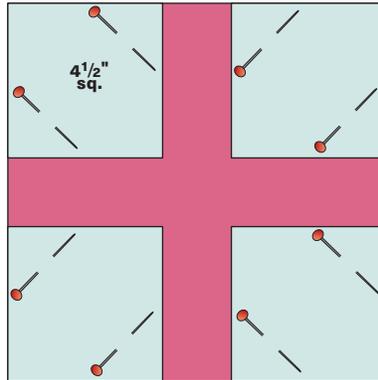


Diagram 2

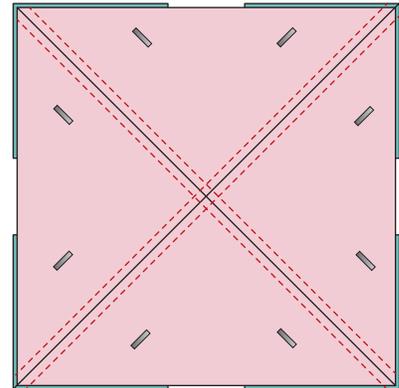


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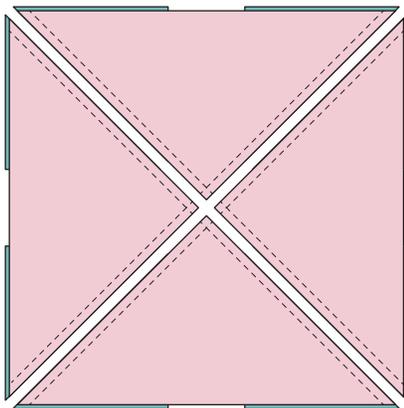


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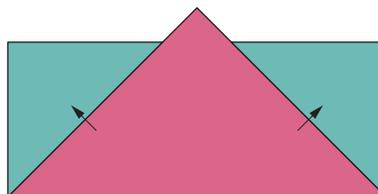


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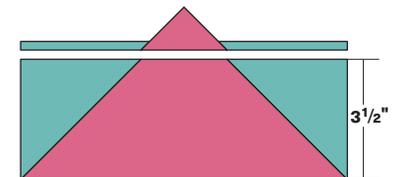
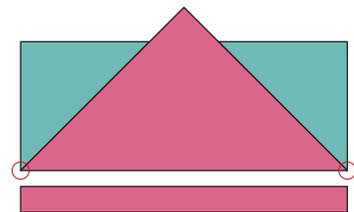
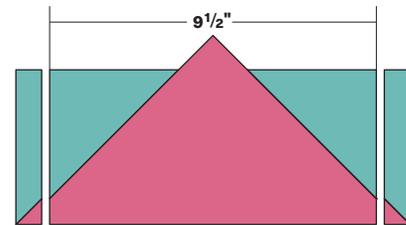
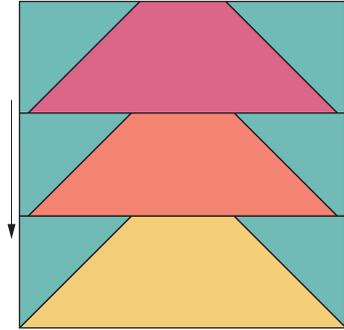
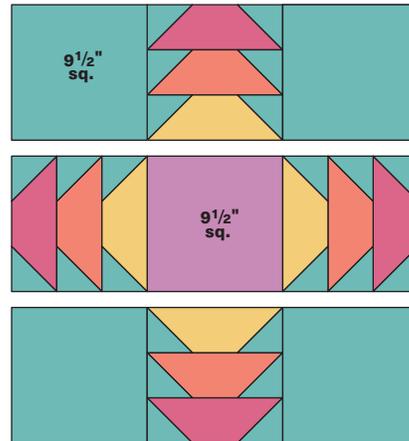


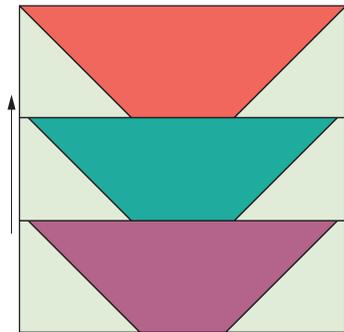
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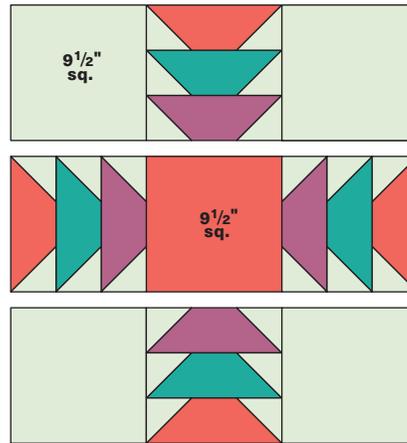
Aqua Block
Diagram 7



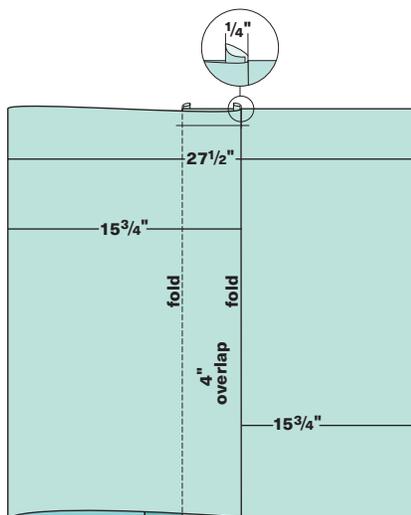
Aqua Pillow Top Assembly Diagram



Mint Green Block
Diagram 8



Mint Green Pillow Top Assembly Diagram



Pillow Back Assembly Diagram