

## PROJECT: Perfect Points Pillow

Flying Geese form a gradation of white, red, and black prints in a pretty pillow.

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**FABRICS** are from the Snowbound collection by Kathy Schmitz for Moda Fabrics ([modafabrics.com](http://modafabrics.com)).

**FINISHED PILLOW: 18" square**  
**FINISHED BLOCK: 3×6"**

#### MATERIALS

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

- ¼ yard *each* white tone-on-tone and black tone-on-tone (blocks)
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) *each* cream print, white floral, tan tone-on-tone, tan print, cream tone-on-tone, red print, and black floral (blocks)
- ⅝ yard red floral (blocks, pillow back)
- ½ yard black print (piping)
- 2⅛ yards ⅜"-diameter cording (piping)
- 20"-square batting
- 20"-square muslin
- 18"-square pillow form

#### CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

**From white tone-on-tone, cut:**

- 12–3½" squares

**From cream print, cut:**

- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From white floral, cut:**

- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From tan tone-on-tone, cut:**

- 6–3½" squares

**From tan print, cut:**

- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From cream tone-on-tone, cut:**

- 6–3½" squares

**From red print, cut:**

- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From black tone-on-tone, cut:**

- 12–3½" squares

**From red floral, cut:**

- 1–18½" square
- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From black floral, cut:**

- 3–3½×6½" rectangles

**From black print, cut:**

- Enough 2¼"-wide bias strips to make 90" in length

#### ASSEMBLE FLYING GEESE BLOCKS

These 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 a diagonal line on wrong side of each 3½" square.

**2** Align a marked white tone-on-tone square with one end of a cream print 3½×6½" rectangle (**Diagram 1**; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ¼"; press open attached triangle. Add a marked white tone-on-tone square to opposite end of rectangle to make a white-cream Flying Geese block. The block should be 3½×6½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make three white-cream Flying Geese blocks total.

**3** Repeat Step 2 to make three *each* of white-white, tan-tan, cream-red, black-red, and black-black Flying Geese blocks.

#### ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP

**1** Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks in six rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.

**2** Join rows to make pillow top. Press seams in one direction. The pillow top should be 18½" square including seam allowances.

#### FINISH PILLOW

**1** Layer pillow top, batting, and muslin squares; baste. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and muslin even with pillow top edges.

**2** Sew together black print 2¼"-wide bias strips to make one long pieced bias strip.

**3** Fold pieced bias strip in half lengthwise with wrong side inside; press. Insert ⅜"-diameter cording in folded bias strip.

**4** Aligning raw edges, using pins as needed, and starting 1½" from piping end, baste piping to front edges of pillow top. As you stitch each corner, clip seam allowance to within a few threads of stitching line (**Diagram 2**); gently ease piping in place.

**5** Lap piping ends, pushing piping tails into seam allowance (**Diagram 2**).

**6** Layer pillow top and red floral 18½" square with right sides together. Stitch ¼" from outer edges, rounding stitches in corner to catch the piping and leaving a 10" opening for turning (**Diagram 3**), to make pillow cover. Trim piping ends even with pillow cover edges.

**7** Turn pillow cover right side out through opening; press.

**8** Insert pillow form in pillow cover through opening. Hand-stitch opening closed to complete pillow. Rip out any visible basting stitches on piping.

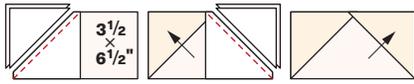


Diagram 1

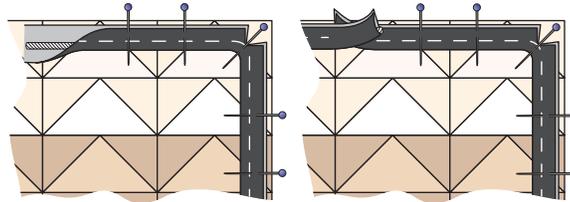
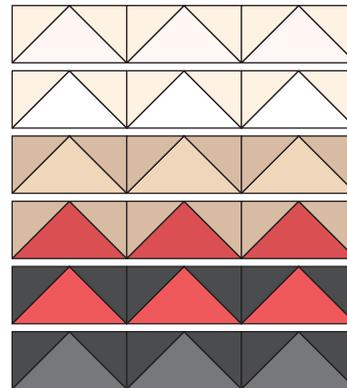


Diagram 2



Diagram 3



Pillow Top Assembly Diagram