PROJECT: Play It Cool Pillow

Arrange cool-tone fabrics in Log Cabin-style blocks for a pillow that has geometric appeal.

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FABRICS are from the Declassified collection by Giucy Giuce for Andover Fabrics *(andoverfabrics.com)*.

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PILLOW
Finished size: 20" square
Finished block: 9" square

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

- ❏ 10"-square blue print (blocks)
- ❏ ¼ yard *each* white geometric print and white stripe (blocks)
- ❏ 12"-square *each* aqua print and gray print (blocks)
- ❏ 15"-square lime print (blocks)
- ❏ 6×12" rectangle purple print (blocks)
- ❏ ⅜ yard backing fabric
- ❏ 20"-square pillow form

CUT FABRICS
Cut pieces in the following order.

From blue print, cut:
- 1—2½×8" strip
- 3—1½×8" strips

From white geometric print, cut:
- 1—1½×12" strip
- 4—1½×9½" strips
- 4—1½×8½" strips
- 6—1½×8" strips
- 4—1½×5½" strips
- 4—1½×4½" strips

From aqua print, cut:
- 2—3½×8" strips
- 1—2½×8" strip
- 1—1½×8" strip

From lime print, cut:
- 2—5½×8" strips
- 1—2½×8" strip
- 1—1½×8" strip

From purple print, cut:
- 1—1½×12" strip
- 1—2½" square

From gray print, cut:
- 4—2½×7½" rectangles

From white stripe, cut:
- 4—3½" squares
- 4—1½×7½" strips
- 4—1½×6½" strips

From backing fabric, cut:
- 2—12¾×20½" rectangles

ASSEMBLE SEGMENTS A–G
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) Referring to **Diagram 1,** sew together two blue print 1½×8" strips and one white geometric print 1½×8" strip to make Strip Set A. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide A segments.

2) Sew together remaining blue print 1½×8" strip, a white geometric print 1½×8" strip, and blue print 2½×8" strip to make Strip Set B. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide B segments **(Diagram 2).**

3) Sew together an aqua print 3½×8" strip, a white geometric print 1½×8" strip, and aqua print 1½×8" strip to make Strip Set C. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide C segments **(Diagram 3).**

4) Sew together remaining aqua print 3½×8" strip, a white geometric print 1½×8" strip, and aqua print 2½×8" strip to make Strip Set D. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide D segments **(Diagram 4).**

5) Sew together a lime print 5½×8" strip, a white geometric print 1½×8" strip, and lime print 1½×8" strip to make Strip Set E. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide E segments **(Diagram 5).**

6) Sew together remaining lime print 5½×8" strip, remaining white geometric print 1½×8" strip, and lime print 2½×8" strip to make Strip Set F. Cut strip set into four 1½"-wide F segments **(Diagram 6).**

7) Sew together white geometric print 1½×12" strip and purple print 1½×12" strip to make Strip Set G. Cut strip set into four 2½"-wide G segments **(Diagram 7).**
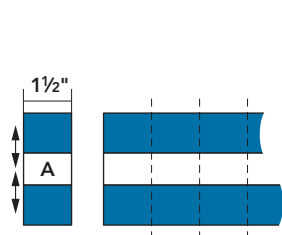
ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP
1) Referring to **Diagram 8,** sew together a gray print 2½×7½" rectangle and a G segment to make a sashing unit. The unit should be 2½×9½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four sashing units total.

2) Referring to **Diagram 9**, sew an A segment to bottom edge of a white stripe 3½" square. Referring to **Diagram 10**, add a B segment to right-hand edge.

3) Referring to **Diagram 11,** sew a white geometric print 1½×4½" rectangle to bottom edge of Step 2 unit and a white geometric print 1½×5½" rectangle to right-hand edge.

4) Referring to **Diagram 12,** continue adding white stripe strips, white geometric print strips, and segments C–F to bottom and right-hand edges of Step 3 unit to make a block. The block should be 9½" square including seam allowances.

5) Repeat steps 2–4 to make four blocks total.

6) Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram,** lay out blocks, sashing units, and purple print 2½" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make pillow top. The pillow top should be 20½" square including seam allowances.

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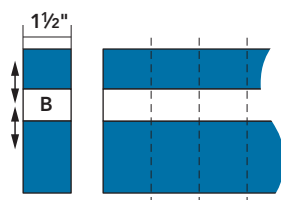**Quilts
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FINISH PILLOW

1) Turn one long edge of each backing fabric 12¾×20½" rectangle under ¼"; press. Turn under ¼" again; stitch in place to hem pillow back pieces. Each hemmed pillow back piece should be 12¼×20½" including seam allowances.

2) Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram,** overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces by 4" to make a 20½" square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.

3) Layer pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch ¼" from outer edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press.

4) Insert pillow form in pillow cover to complete the pillow.

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Strip Set A
DIAGRAM 1

1½"

A

Strip Set B
DIAGRAM 2

1½"

B
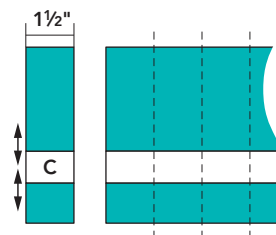
Strip Set C
DIAGRAM 3

1½"

C
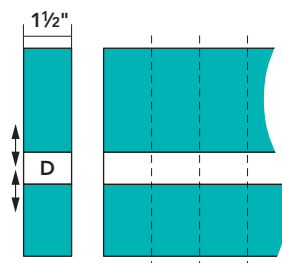
Strip Set D
DIAGRAM 4

1½"

D
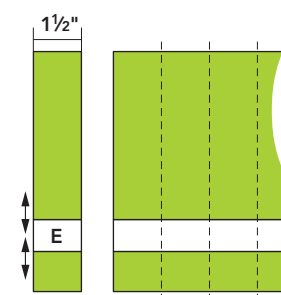
Strip Set E
DIAGRAM 5
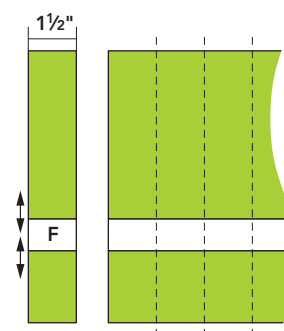
1½"

E

Strip Set F
DIAGRAM 6

1½"

F

Strip Set G
DIAGRAM 7

2½"

DIAGRAM 8

2½×7½"

G

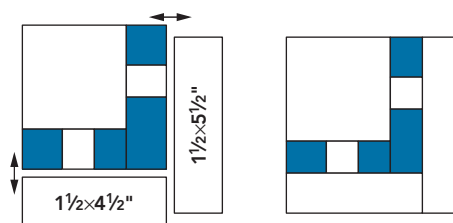DIAGRAM 9

3½"
sq.

A

DIAGRAM 10

B

DIAGRAM 11

1½×5½"
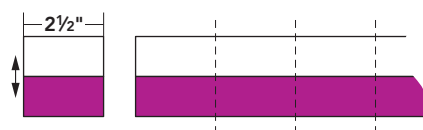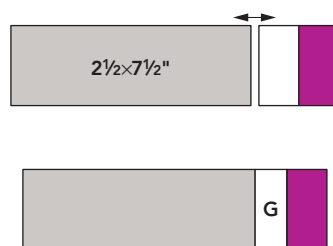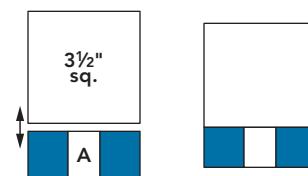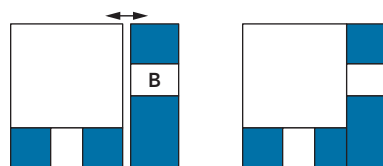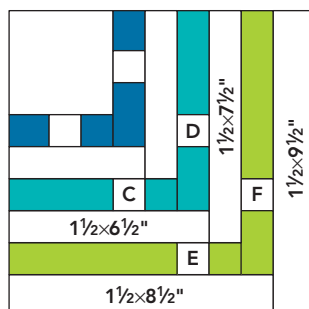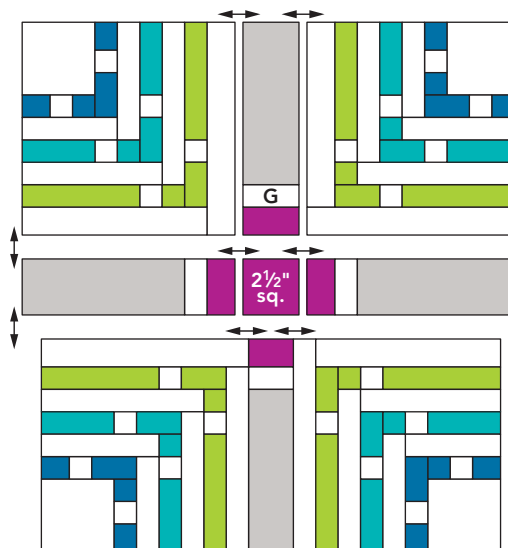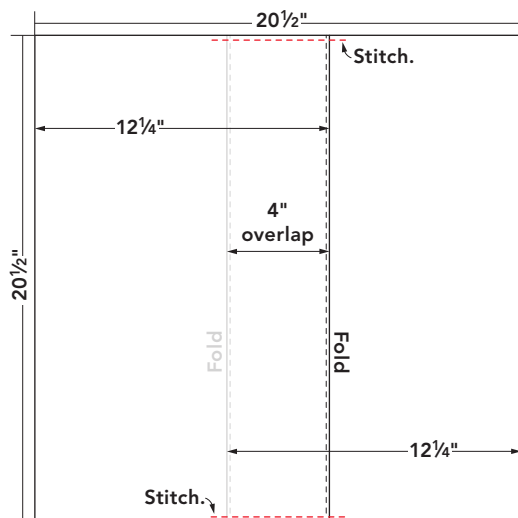
1½×4½"

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DIAGRAM 12

PILLOW TOP ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM