



## **PROJECT: Cozy Floor Pillow**

An oversize pillow can provide additional seating for a guest or a comfy headrest during movie night.

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FABRICS are from the Bali Stone Quarry and Bali Lake Front collections by Benartex (benartex.com).



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FINISHED PILLOW: 22½" square FINISHED BLOCK: 18" square

#### **MATERIALS**

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

- □ 1 yard cream batik (block, border, backing)
- □ 3/8 yard brown batik (block)
- □ ¼ yard yellow batik (block)
- □ 23"-square pillow form

#### **CUT FABRICS**

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut 2½" squares instead of the 2¾" squares listed in cutting instructions.

# From cream batik, refer to Cutting Diagram and cut:

- $\Box$  2-16×23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " backing rectangles
- $\Box$  2-3×23½" border strips
- $\Box$  2-3×18½" border strips
- $\Box$  4-3½" squares
- $\square$  8-2×3½" rectangles
- □ 12-2" squares

#### From brown batik, cut:

- $\Box$  4-3½×6½" rectangles
- $\Box$  4-23/8" squares
- $\square$  8-2×3½" rectangles
- $\Box$  40–2" squares

#### From yellow batik, cut:

- $\Box$  1–3½" square
- $\Box$  4-23/8" squares
- $\Box$  12-2×3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- □ 8-2" squares

#### ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include 1/4" 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, lay out three cream batik 2" squares, two brown batik 2×3½" rectangles, and two brown batik 2" squares in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a corner unit. The unit should be 5" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four corner units total.
- 2. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of 24 brown batik 2" squares, each yellow batik 23/8" square, and each yellow batik 2" square.
- **3.** Align a marked brown batik 2" square with one end of a yellow batik 2×3½" rectangle (**Diagram 2**; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ½"; press open attached triangle. Add a second marked brown batik 2" square to opposite end of rectangle, again noting direction of marked line, to make a left-hand diamond unit. The unit should be 2×3½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four left-hand diamond units total.
- **4.** Reversing seam directions, repeat Step 3 to make four right-hand diamond units (**Diagram 3**).
- **5.** Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together a left-hand diamond unit, a brown batik  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, and a right-hand diamond unit to make Unit A. The unit should be  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make four A units total.
- **6.** Layer a marked yellow batik 23/8" square atop a brown batik 23/8" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching 1/4"

on each side of marked line (Diagram 5). Cut apart on marked line. Press open to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight triangle-squares total.

- 7. Align a marked brown batik 2" square with left-hand end of a cream batik 2×3½" rectangle (Diagram 6; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ½"; press open attached triangle. Add a marked brown batik 2" square to right-hand end of rectangle to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit still should be 2×3½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four Flying Geese units total.
- **8.** Referring to **Diagram 7**, sew together two brown batik 2" squares, two triangle-squares, and one Flying Geese unit to make Unit B. The unit should be 2×9½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four B units total.
- **9.** Sew together an A unit and a B unit to make a side unit (**Diagram 8**). The unit should be  $5\times9\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make four side units total.
- 10. Align marked yellow batik 2" squares with opposite corners of a cream batik 3½" square (Diagram 9; note direction of marked lines). Sew on marked lines; trim excess fabric, leaving ½" seam allowances. Press open attached triangles to make Unit C. The unit should be 3½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four C units total.
- 11. Sew together a cream batik  $2\times3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle and a yellow batik  $2\times3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to make Unit D (**Diagram 10**). The unit should be  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four D units total.



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**12.** Referring to **Diagram 11**, lay out C and D units and yellow batik  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows; join rows to make center unit. The unit should be  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

#### **ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP**

- 1. Lay out corner units, side units, and center unit in three rows (Diagram 12). Sew together units in rows; join rows to make a block. The block should be 18½" square including seam allowances.
- **2.** Sew cream batik 3×18½" border strips to opposite edges of block. Add cream batik 3×23½" border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward border. The pillow top should be 23½" square including seam allowances.

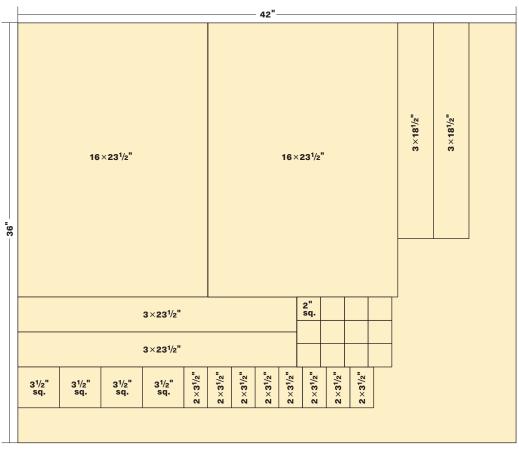
#### **FINISH PILLOW**

- 1. Turn one long edge of each backing fabric  $16 \times 23^{1}/2^{"}$  rectangle under  $^{1}/4^{"}$ ; press. Turn under  $^{1}/4^{"}$  again and stitch in place to hem pillow back pieces. Each pillow back piece should be  $15^{1}/2 \times 23^{1}/2^{"}$  including seam allowances.
- 2. Referring to Pillow Back Assembly Diagram, overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces by 7½" to make a 23½" square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.
- **3.** Layer pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch ½" 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.

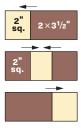




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**Cutting Diagram** 





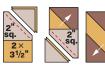


Diagram 2



Diagram 3



Unit A Diagram 4



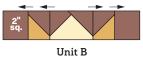
Diagram 5







Diagram 6

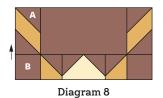


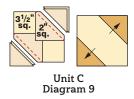
Unit B Diagram 7



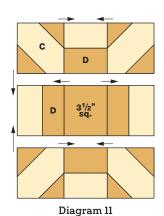


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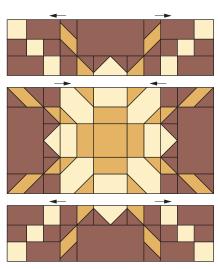


Diagram 12

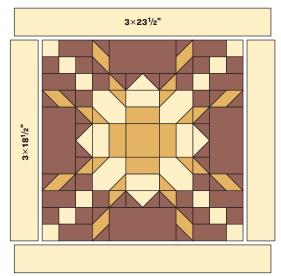
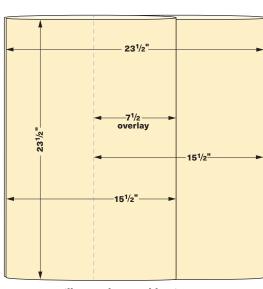


Diagram 13



Pillow Back Assembly Diagram