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PROJECT: Add It Up Pillow

No complicated equations are necessary to make this plus-sign pillow.

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FABRICS are from the Kona Cotton Solids collection by Robert Kaufman Fabrics (robertkaufman.com).

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PILLOW

Finished size: 14" square
Finished block: 12" square

MATERIALS

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

- 5/8 yard solid white (block, border, backing)
- 1/4 yard solid red (block)
- 14"-square pillow form
- Embroidery floss: white

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From solid white, cut:

- 2—9½×14½" rectangles
- 4—4½" squares
- 2—1½×14½" border strips
- 2—1½×12½" border strips

From solid red, cut:

- 5—4½" squares

ASSEMBLE PILLOW FRONT

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** for color placement, lay out solid red 4½" squares and solid white 4½" squares in three rows. Join the squares in rows. Press seams in opposite directions.
- 2) Sew the rows together. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row, to make a plus sign block. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
- 3) Sew solid white 1½×12½" border strips to the opposite edges of plus sign block (**Diagram 2**). Add solid white 1½×14½" border strips to remaining edges to make pillow front.
- 4) Using two strands of white embroidery floss, on the plus sign block stitch running stitches ¼" inside the outer edges of the red squares.

ASSEMBLE PILLOW

- 1) Turn one long edge of each solid white 9½×14½" rectangle under ¼"; press. Turn same long edges under ¼" again; press. Topstitch folded edges to hem rectangles.
- 2) Overlap hemmed edges of rectangles 3½" to make a 14½" square (**Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**). Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.
- 3) Layer pillow front and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch around outer edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press. Insert 14"-square pillow form in pillow cover to complete pillow.

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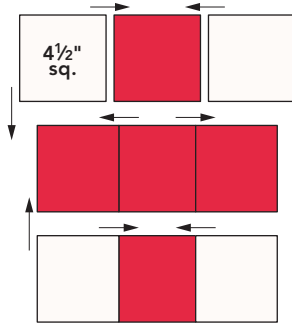


DIAGRAM 1

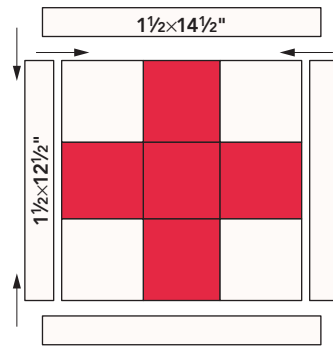
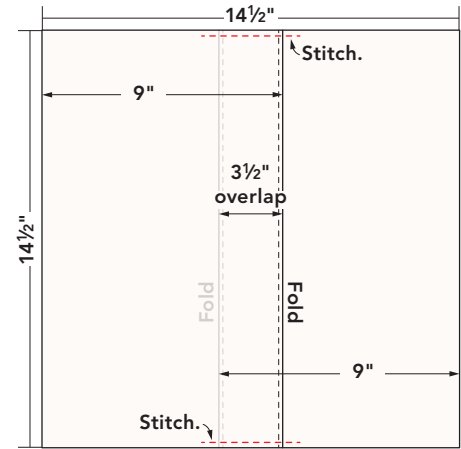


DIAGRAM 2



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM