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PROJECT: Purple Dream Pillow

Three shades of purple interlock in a four-block pillow.

INSPIRED BY: *Jolly Good Night* from designer Cherry Guidry of Cherry Blossoms Quilting Studio (cherryblossomsquilting.com)

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FABRICS are from the Aubergine collection by Debbie Beaves for Maywood Studio (maywoodstudio.com).

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FINISHED PILLOW: 24½" square
FINISHED BLOCK: 10" square

MATERIALS

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

- ½ yard white polka dot (blocks)
- 18×22" piece (fat quarters) each light purple print, dark purple print, and medium purple print (blocks, inner border)
- ⅓ yard white floral (outer border)
- 7/8 yard backing fabric
- 27"-square muslin (lining)
- 27"-square batting
- 25"-square pillow form
- Lightweight fusible web

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

The Arc Pattern is on page 5. To use fusible web for appliquing, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over Arc Pattern. Use a pencil to trace pattern eight times, leaving ½" between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly ¼" outside traced lines.

2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press each fusible-web shape onto wrong side of designated fabric; let cool. Cut out fabric shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From white polka dot, cut:

- 2-10½" squares
- 1-2½×22" strip
- 2-2½×12" strips
- 2-2½" squares

From light purple print, cut:

- 1-2½×12" strip
- 4 of Arc Pattern
- 4-2½×4½" rectangles

From dark purple print, cut:

- 1-2½×22" strip
- 2-1×21½" inner border strips
- 2-1×20½" inner border strips

From medium purple print, cut:

- 1-2½×12" strip
- 4 of Arc Pattern
- 4-2½×4½" rectangles

From white floral, cut:

- 2-2×24½" outer border strips
- 2-2×21½" outer border strips

From backing fabric, cut:

- 2-14¾×24½" rectangles

ASSEMBLE SEGMENTS

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. Sew together a white polka dot 2½×12" strip and light purple print 2½×12" strip to make Strip Set A (**Diagram 1**). Cut strip set into four 2½"-wide A segments.

2. Sew together white polka dot 2½×22" strip and dark purple print 2½×22" strip to make Strip Set B (**Diagram 2**). Cut strip set into eight 2½"-wide B segments.

3. Sew together remaining white polka dot 2½×12" strip and medium purple print 2½×12" strip to make Strip Set C (**Diagram 3**). Cut strip set into four 2½"-wide C segments.

ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

1. Referring to **Diagram 4**, lay out two A segments, four B segments, two C segments, two light purple print 2½×4½" rectangles, two medium purple print 2½×4½" rectangles, and one white polka dot 2½" square in three vertical rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make Block 1. The block should be

10½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second Block 1.

2. Referring to **Diagram 5**, arrange two prepared light purple print arc pieces and two prepared medium purple print arc pieces on a white polka dot 10½" square. Align straight edges of arc pieces with raw edges of square. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse pieces in place. Using threads that match individual arc pieces, machine-blanket-stitch curved arc edges in place to make Block 2. The block should be 10½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second Block 2.

ASSEMBLE PILLOW TOP

1. Referring to **Diagram 6** for fabric placement, sew together blocks in pairs. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each pair.

2. Join pairs to make pillow center; press seams in one direction. The pillow center should be 20½" square including seam allowances.

3. Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, sew dark purple print 1×20½" inner border strips to opposite edges of pillow center. Add dark purple 1×21½" inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border. The pillow center now should be 21½" square including seam allowances.

4. Sew white floral 2×21½" outer border strips to opposite edges of pillow center. Add white floral 2×24½" outer border strips to remaining edges to complete pillow top. Press all seams toward outer border. The pillow top should be 24½" square including seam allowances.

FINISH PILLOW

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

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2. Trim batting and muslin even with pillow top edges.

3. Turn one long edge of each backing fabric $14\frac{3}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle under $\frac{1}{4}$ "; press. Turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " again and stitch in place to hem pillow back pieces. Each pillow back piece should be $14\frac{1}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

4. Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly**

Diagram, overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces by 4" to make a $24\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Stitch across overlaps to make pillow back.

5. Layer quilted pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from outer edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press.

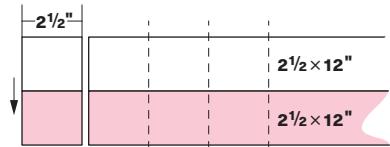
6. Insert pillow form in pillow cover to complete the pillow.

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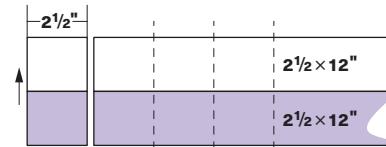
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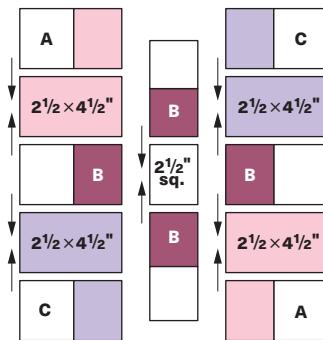
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Diagram 1



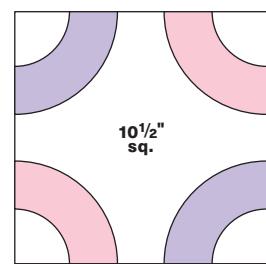
Strip Set B
Diagram 2



Strip Set C
Diagram 3



Block 1
Diagram 4



Block 2
Diagram 5

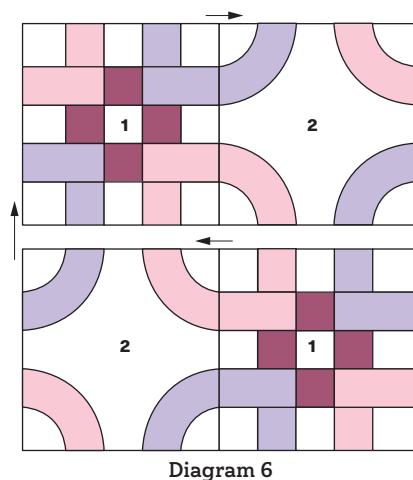


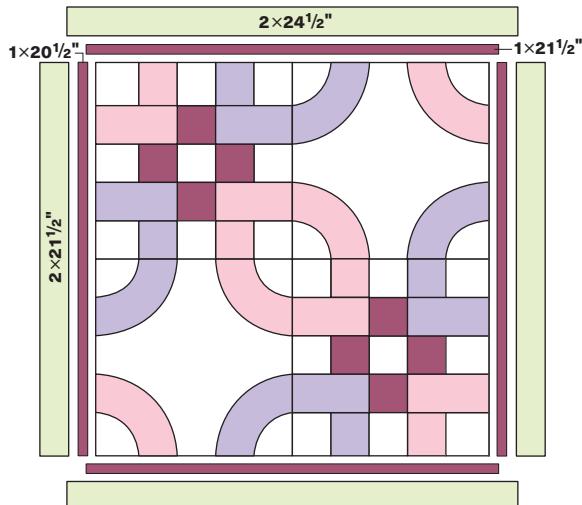
Diagram 6

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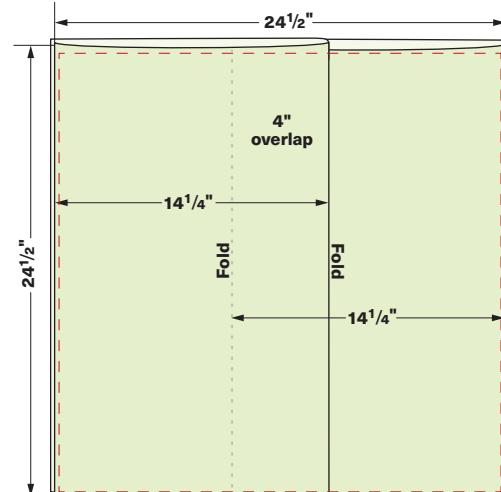
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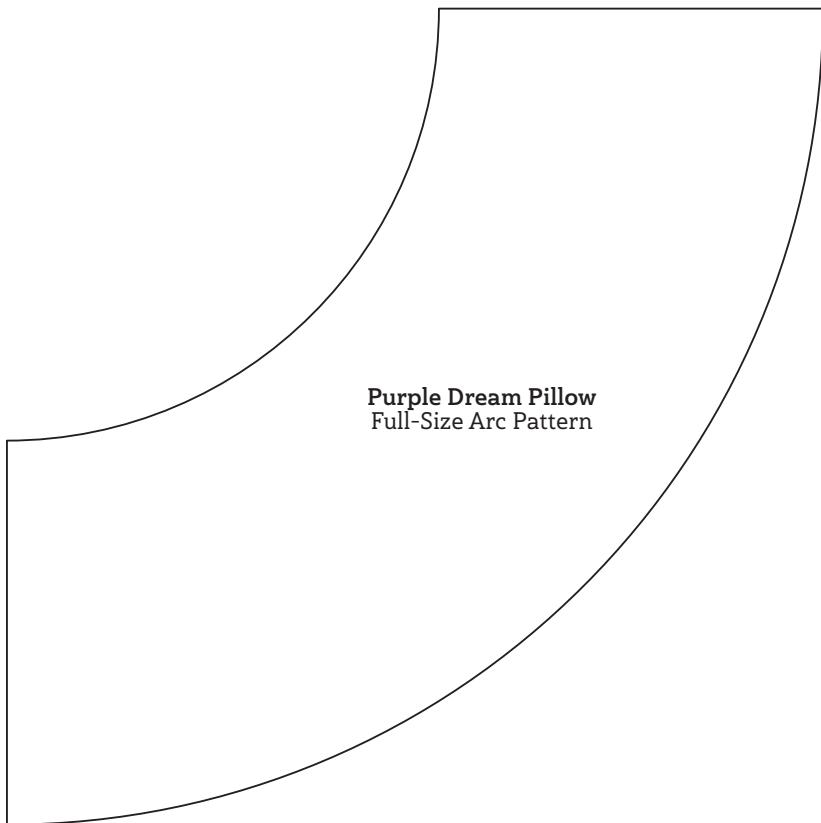
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Pillow Top Assembly Diagram



Pillow Back Assembly Diagram



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