

Project: Checkerboard Pillow

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Showcase a rainbow of colors for a checkerboard-look pillow.

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### Materials

- 8—2½×21" strips assorted yellow, green, blue, pink, and gray prints (pillow top)
- ⅝ yard dark gray print (pillow back, binding)
- 16½"-square muslin
- 16½"-square batting
- 16"-square pillow form

Finished pillow: 16½" square

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

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

#### From dark gray print, cut:

- 2—2½×42" binding strips
- 2—16½×11½" rectangles

### Assemble Pillow Top

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, align long edges and alternate colors of eight assorted print 2½×21" strips. Sew together to make a strip set. Press seams in one direction. Cut strip set into eight 2½"-wide segments.
2. Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together segments to make pillow top. Press seams in one direction.

### Finish Pillow

1. Layer pillow top, batting square, and muslin square. Quilt as desired. For this project, a diagonal grid was machine-quilted through the center of the gray squares.

2. Press under ¼" along a long edge of each dark gray print 16½×11½" rectangle. Press same edge under an additional 2" and topstitch in place to make two hemmed pillow back pieces.
3. With wrong sides together, pin pillow back pieces to pillow top, aligning raw edges and overlapping hemmed edges. Sew pieces together along all four outer edges to make pillow cover (**Pillow Assembly Diagram**).
4. Bind with dark gray print binding strips. Insert pillow form.

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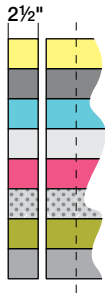


DIAGRAM 1

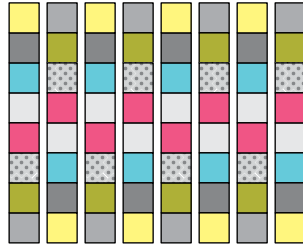
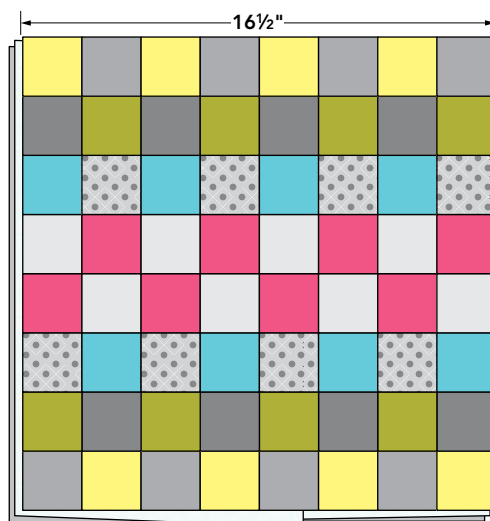
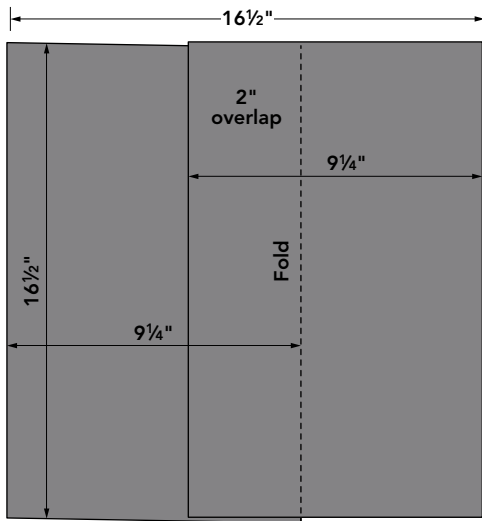


DIAGRAM 2



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM