

Project: Boo to You

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Create a whimsical pillow using Halloween prints. Fussy-cut words from fabric to showcase in the covered buttons.

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Materials

FOR ONE PILLOW

- ¼ yard each of polka dot and gray spider print (pillow top)
- 6" square orange word print (covered buttons)
- ⅓ yard backing fabric
- 1½"-diameter covered button kit, such as Dritz size 45, which includes template, buttons, mold, and pusher, to make three covered buttons
- 10×16" pillow form

Finished Pillow: 10×16"

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 polka dot, cut:

- 1—4½×16½" rectangle
- 8—2½" squares

From gray spider print, cut:

- 1—4½×16½" rectangle
- 4—2½×4½" rectangles

From orange word print, cut:

- 3—2½" squares

From backing fabric, cut:

- 2—10½×10¾" rectangles

Assemble Flying Geese Units

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each polka dot 2½" square. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
2. Align a marked polka dot square with one end of a gray spider print 2½×4½" rectangle (**Flying Geese Diagram**; note direction

of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ¼". Press open attached triangle, pressing seam toward polka dot triangle. In same manner, add a second marked polka dot square to opposite end of rectangle to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit should be 2½×4½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four Flying Geese units total.

Assemble Pillow Top

1. Referring to **Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**, sew together Flying Geese units into a row. Press seams open. The row should be 2½×16½" including seam allowances.
2. Join gray spider print 4½×16½" rectangle and polka dot 4½×16½" rectangle to long edges of Flying Geese row (**Pillow Top Assembly Diagram**) to make pillow top. Press seams away from the Flying Geese row. The pillow top should be 10½×16½" including seam allowances.

Finish Pillow

1. Using an orange word print 2½" square, refer to "How Do I... Make Covered Buttons?" on page 4 to assemble a covered button. Repeat to cover three buttons total.
2. Referring to photo, page 1, hand-stitch covered buttons to Flying Geese row in pillow top.
3. Turn one short edge of a 10½×10¾" backing rectangle under ¼"; press. Fold under pressed edge ¼" again; press. Topstitch folded edge to hem a

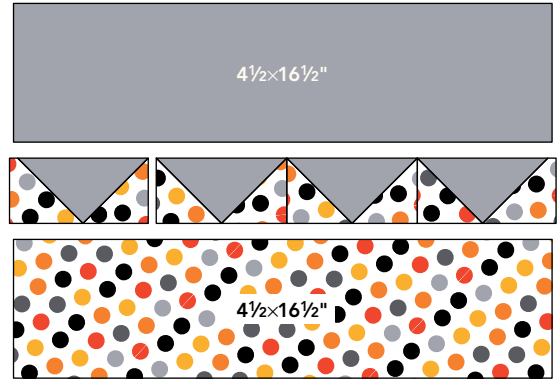
pillow back piece. Repeat to hem a second pillow back piece.

4. Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, overlap hemmed edges of pillow back pieces about 4" to make a 10½×16½" rectangle. Stitch across overlap to make pillow back.
5. Layer pillow top and pillow back with right sides together. Stitch around all edges to make pillow cover. Turn right side out through opening in pillow back; press. Insert pillow form to complete pillow.

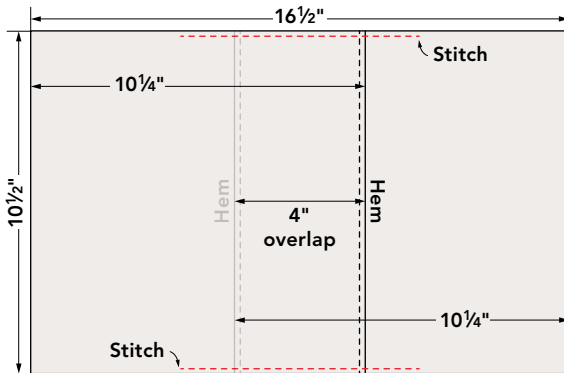
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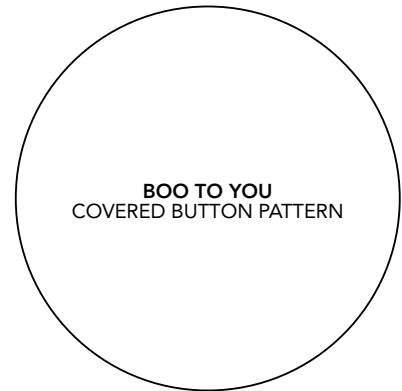
FLYING GEESE DIAGRAM



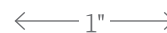
PILLOW TOP ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



This box should measure 1".



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How Do I...Make Covered Buttons?



1 Following the button kit instructions, use the kit template to trace a circle on fabric. (Or, in lieu of the template, use the Covered Button Pattern, *page 3*.)



2 Cut out circle on traced line.



3 Center fabric, wrong side up, over mold. Hold fabric firmly, and, with smooth curved button shell edge facedown, press shell into mold.



4 Tuck raw edges of fabric into button shell. With button shank faceup, place button back over tucked fabric.



5 Press down firmly with pusher to snap button back into place.



6 Remove mold to reveal covered button.