

Project: Just a Dash Pillow

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FABRICS are from the Kensington collection by Deborah Edwards for Northcott Studio (northcott.net).

A single block composed of a stripe, dot, and swirling floral results in a sophisticated pillow. Strips cut 2" wide frame the block to make an 18"-square pillow.

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Materials

- 18×21" pieces (fat quarters) each of white floral and brown stripe (block)
- ¾ yards brown dot (block, border, backing fabric)
- Polyester fiberfill

Finished pillow: 18" square

Finished block: 15" 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 white floral, cut:

- 2—5⅞" squares
- 1—5½" square
- 4—2½×5½" rectangles

From brown stripe, cut:

- 2—5⅞" squares
- 4—2×5½" rectangles

From brown dot, cut:

- 1—18½" pillow backing square
- 2—2×18½" border strips
- 2—2×15½" border strips
- 4—2×5½" rectangles

Assemble Block

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong sides of the white floral 5⅞" squares. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
2. Layer a marked square atop a brown stripe 5⅞" square. Sew pair together with two seams, sewing ¼" on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**). Cut pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units. Press each triangle unit open, pressing seam toward brown stripe, to make two triangle-squares.

Each triangle-square should be 5½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four triangle-squares total.

3. Referring to **Diagram 2**, join a brown stripe 2×5½" rectangle, a white floral 2½×5½" rectangle, and a brown dot 2×5½" rectangle to make a Rail Fence unit. Press seams toward center rectangle. The Rail Fence unit should be 5½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four Rail Fence units total.
4. Referring to **Diagram 3**, lay out triangle-squares, Rail Fence units, and the white floral 5½" square in three horizontal rows.
5. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams away from Rail Fence units. Join rows to make a block. Press seams in one direction. The block should be 15½" square including seam allowances.

Complete Pillow

1. Referring to **Pillow Assembly Diagram**, sew brown dot 2×15½" border strips to opposite edges of block. Add brown dot 2×18½" border strips to remaining edges to make pillow top. Press all seams toward border.
2. Layer pillow top and brown dot 18½" square with right sides together. Sew together, leaving a 10" opening along one edge for turning, to make a pillow cover.
3. Turn pillow cover right side out; stuff with fiberfill. Hand-stitch opening closed to complete pillow.

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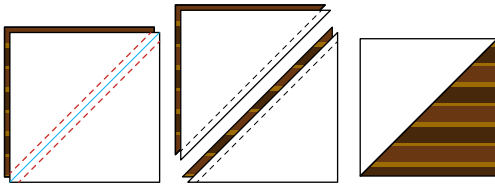


DIAGRAM 1

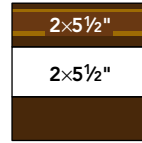


DIAGRAM 2

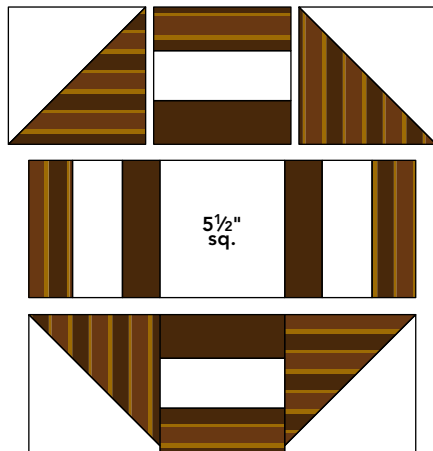
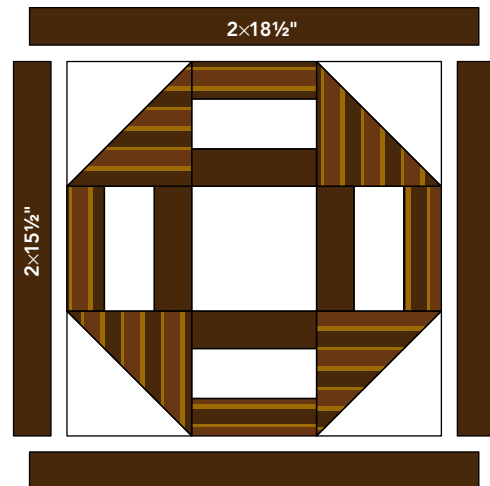


DIAGRAM 3



PILLOW ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM