

Project: So Many Strips

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Fabric scraps take center stage on this pair of geometric pillows. A quick stitch-and-flip method brings together narrow fabric strips to create a delightful pillow duet.

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Materials for Two Pillows:

- ¼ yard muslin (piecing foundations)
- ¼ yard solid light green (pieced panels, border)
- ¼ yard solid light turquoise (pieced panels, corner triangles)
- ¾ yard green floral (pieced panels, borders, pillow backs)
- ⅞ yard each of solid dark green, solid dark turquoise, and solid yellow (pieced panels)
- Polyester fiberfill

Finished pillows: 12" square and 22×12"

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

To make the best use of your fabrics, cut pieces in the following order.

From muslin, cut:

- 1—5×16" rectangle
- 1—6" square

From solid light green, cut:

- 2—2½×18½" border strips
- 2—2½×4½" border strips

From solid light turquoise, cut:

- 2—5" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 4 triangles total

From green floral, cut:

- 1—12½×22½" pillow back
- 1—12½"-square pillow back
- 2—2½×22½" border strips
- 2—2½×12½" border strips
- 4—2½×8½" border strips

From solid dark green, solid dark turquoise, solid yellow, and the scraps of solid light green, solid light turquoise, and green floral, cut:

- 12—6"-long strips in widths ranging from ¾" to 1½"
- 25—5"-long strips in widths ranging from ¾" to 1½"

Assemble Pieced Panels

1. With right side up, align an assorted solid or floral 6"-long strip with an edge of muslin 6" square. With right side down, place a second assorted strip atop first strip. Sew together through all layers (**Diagram 1**). Finger-press top strip open (**Diagram 2**). Continue adding assorted solid and floral strips until muslin square is covered; press. Trim covered muslin square to 5¾" square including seam allowances to make square pieced panel.
2. Referring to Step 1, cover muslin 5×16" rectangle with assorted solid and floral 5"-long strips. Trim to 4½×14½" including seam allowances to make rectangular pieced panel.

Assemble Pillows

1. Sew solid light turquoise triangles to opposite edges of square pieced panel (**Diagram 3**). Add solid light turquoise triangles to remaining edges; press all seams toward triangles. Trim to 8½" square including seam allowances to make square pillow center.

2. Add green floral 2½×8½" border strips to opposite edges of square pillow center. Add green floral 2½×12½" border strips to remaining edges to complete square pillow top (**Diagram 4**). Press all seams toward border. Pillow top should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
3. Join solid light green 2½×4½" border strips to short edges of rectangular pieced panel. Add solid light green 2½×18½" border strips to remaining edges; press all seams toward border. Sew green floral 2½×8½" border strips to short edges of pillow center. Add green floral 2½×22½" border strips to remaining edges to complete rectangular pillow top. Press all seams toward green floral border. Pillow top should be 22½×12½" including seam allowances.
4. Sew each pillow top to its corresponding-size green floral pillow back, leaving an opening for turning. Turn right side out; press. Stuff with fiberfill and hand-stitch openings closed.

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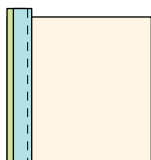


DIAGRAM 1

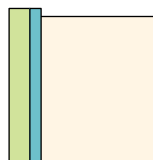


DIAGRAM 2

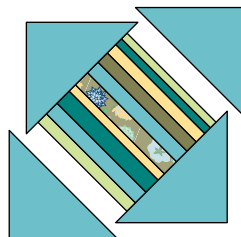


DIAGRAM 3

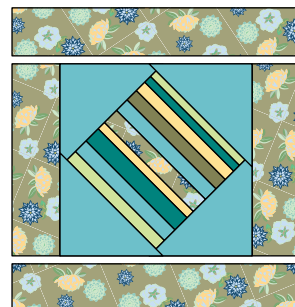


DIAGRAM 4