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Project: Twice Is Nice Pillow

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A pair of pillow toppers helps you make the shift from one holiday to the next.

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Materials For Two Pillow Toppers

- ½ yard blue print (appliqué foundations)
- 1/3 yard solid black (appliqués)
- Scraps of yellow and off-white felted wool (appliqués)
- Scraps of pink print, orange plaid, gold plaid, yellow check, dark brown print, rust print, brown plaid, mottled gold, and yellow print (appliqués)
- ¼ yard mottled brown (turkey appliqué)
- ¾s yard blue plaid (binding, ties)
- 2—15" squares backing fabric
- 2—15" squares batting
- 2—1/8"-diameter black beads
- Lightweight fusible web
- Purchased 18"-square pillow

Finished quilts: 121/2" square

Unless otherwise specified, quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics. All measurements include a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

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

Patterns are on pages 4-8. To use fusible web for appliqueing, complete the following steps.

- 1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over patterns. Use a pencil to trace each pattern the number of times indicated in cutting instructions, leaving ½" between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly ¼" outside the traced lines.
- 2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto backs of designated fabrics; let cool. Cut out fabric shapes on drawn lines and peel off paper backings.

From blue print, cut:

■ 2—12**½**" squares

From solid black, cut:

- 1 each of patterns A and B
- 2 of Pattern D

From yellow wool, cut:

2 of Pattern C

From off-white wool, cut:

■ 2—1/4×3" strips

From pink print, cut:

1 of Pattern E

From orange plaid, cut:

- 2 of letter 0
- 1 each of letter B and patterns
 F. G. and W

From gold plaid, cut:

1 of Pattern H

From yellow check, cut:

1 of Pattern I

From dark brown print, cut:

1 each of patterns K, L, M, N, and O

From rust print, cut:

1 each of patterns P, Q, R, S, and T

From brown plaid, cut:

1 of Pattern U

From mottled gold, cut:

1 of Pattern V

From yellow print, cut:

1 of Pattern X

From mottled brown, cut:

1 of Pattern J

From blue plaid, cut:

- 3-2**½**×42" binding strips
- 2-11/2×42" strips

Appliqué Cat Block

- Referring to Cat Appliqué
 Placement Diagram, lay out
 pieces A-D, orange plaid letters,
 and pieces F-I on a blue print
 12½" square; fuse in place.
- Using threads that match the appliqué pieces and working from the bottom layer to the top, machine-blanket-stitch around each piece.

3. Arrange two off-white wool

1/4×3" strips in an X on the cat's
face to make whiskers. Center
pink print E nose on top of the
strips; fuse in place. With pink
thread, machine-blanket-stitch
around the nose, leaving whisker
ends loose, to complete the cat
block.

Appliqué Turkey Block

- 1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, press a fusibleweb 3" square onto the back of a solid black scrap; let cool. Cut the fused square into two 1/4×2" strips and four 1/4×1" strips; peel off paper backings.
- 2. Referring to Turkey Appliqué
 Placement Diagram, lay out
 pieces J-X and the fused black
 print strips on the remaining
 blue print 12½" square. Fuse all
 pieces in place.
- Using threads that match the appliqué pieces and working from the bottom layer to the top, machine-blanket-stitch around each piece.
- **4.** Referring to patterns W and X, machine-straight-stitch the veins on each leaf to complete the turkey block.

Finish Quilts

- **1.** Layer each appliquéd block with batting and backing 15" squares.
- 2. Quilt as desired. In each background, Avis machine-quilted an allover stipple.
- **3.** Use black thread to hand-sew black beads on the turkey for eyes.

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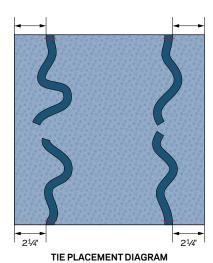
- 4. With right sides inside, fold each blue plaid 1½×42" strip in half lengthwise; sew together long edges. Cut each strip into four 10½"-long pieces for eight ties total. Turn ties right sides out; press.
- 5. On back of each quilted block, sew ends of two ties along top and bottom edges according to Tie Placement Diagram. Tie raw end of each tie in an overhand knot.
- 6. Bind quilted blocks with blue plaid 2½×42" strips. Place mini quilt on each side of 18" pillow and tie the ties together in bows.



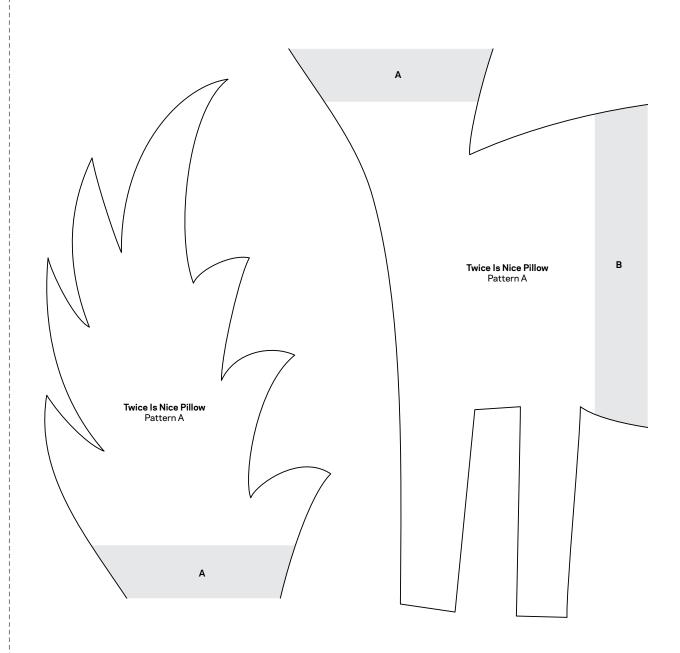
CAT APPLIQUÉ PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



TURKEY APPLIQUÉ PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



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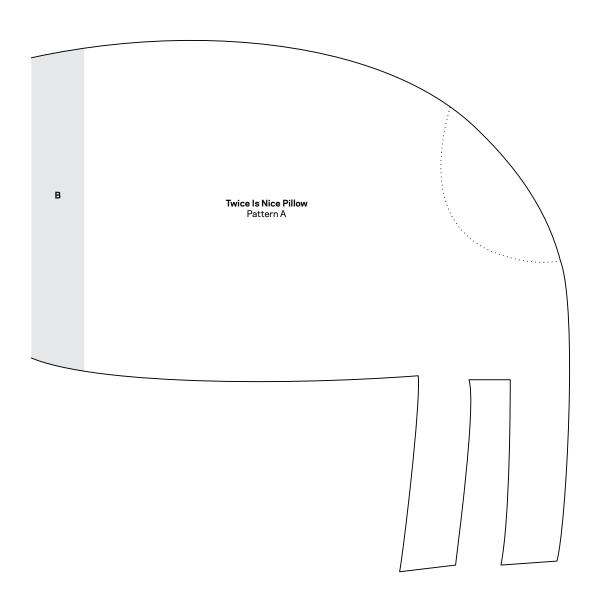


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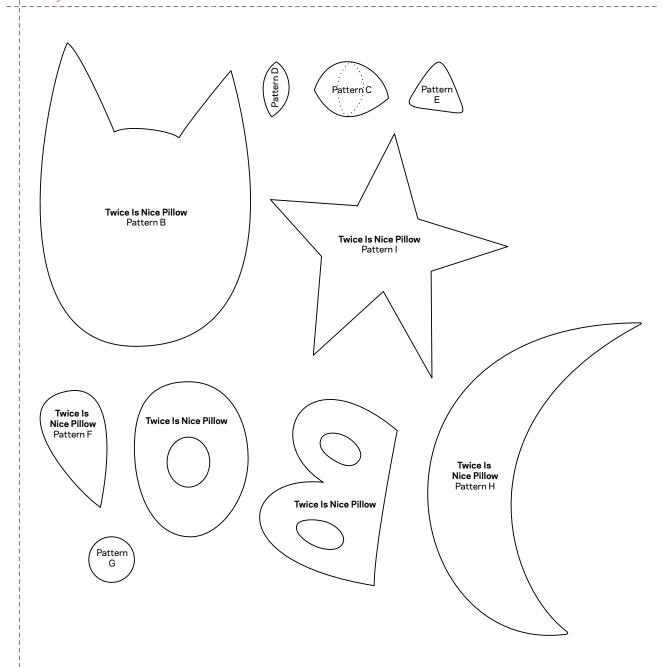


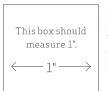
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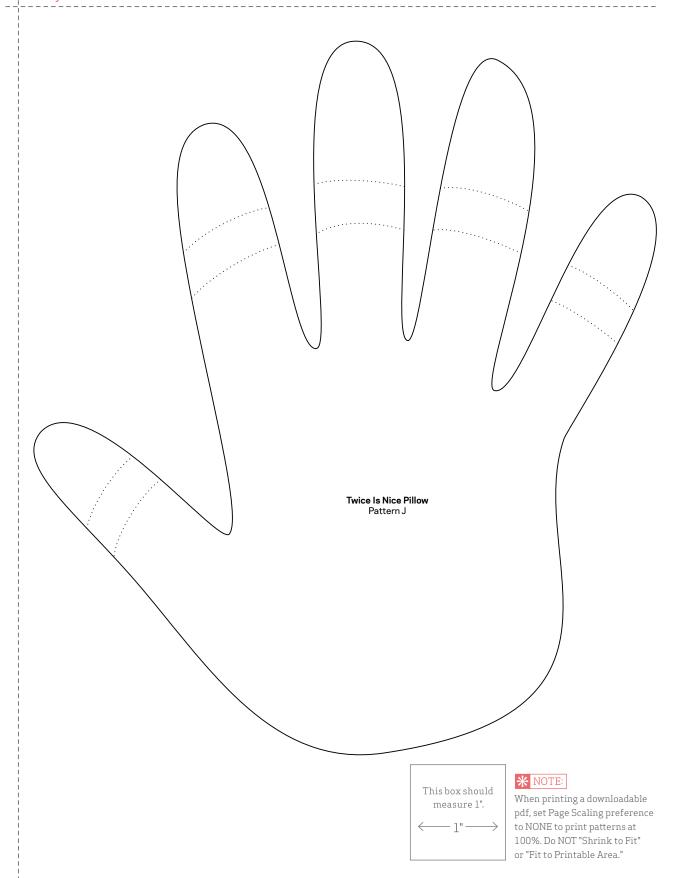


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