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You will want to start with two quilted squares or rectangles that are the correct size for your pillow. This will allow you to customize each pillow to match your quilt, using extra blocks, or just extending the pattern.



Check out the Pillow Sizes chart on page 2, to know how large to make your quilted throw pillow sides, batting and backing to fit all common commercial throw pillow sizes.

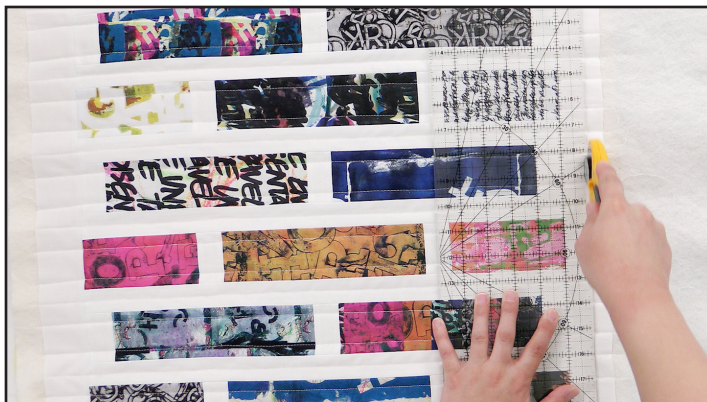
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Supplies

1. Two quilted pillow sides. Follow the Pillow Sizes Cutting Chart on page 2, to create your desired size pillow sides with extra blocks or fabric scraps.
2. Pillow form in your desired size. Get creative, you can cover throw pillows you already have in your home. This is a great way to dress up the house for holidays without needing a lot of storage space or just change out your throw pillow cover every time you put a new quilt on the couch.
3. Invisible zipper in a color that coordinates with the fabric that will be on the bottom of the pillow. See the Pillow Sizes Cutting Chart on page 2 to see what size you need.
4. Walking foot that fits your sewing machine. We will use this foot for the entire project.

Assembly Instructions

This project is sewn with half-inch seam allowances.



1. Trim your pillow sides to 1-inch larger than your finished pillow size. Use the Trim Size Before Assembly Column in the Pillow Sizes Cutting Chart on page 2 to determine the size your pillow sides must be cut to.

Pillow Sizes Cutting Chart

Finished Size	Pillow Side Size Before Quilting	Batting and Backing Size	Trim Size Before Assembly	Invisible Zipper Length
16" x 16"	18" x 18"	20" x 20"	17" x 17"	18"
18" x 18"	20" x 20"	22" x 22"	19" x 19"	20"
20" x 20"	22" x 22"	24" x 24"	21" x 21"	22"
26" x 26"	28" x 28"	30" x 30"	27" x 27"	28"
12" x 18"	14" x 20"	16" x 22"	13" x 19"	20"
14" x 20"	16" x 22"	18" x 24"	15" x 21"	22"
20" x 26"*	22" x 28"	24" x 30"	21" x 27"	22"
20" x 36"**	22" x 38"	24" x 40"	21" x 37"	22"

*Standard-sized pillow sham. **King-sized pillow sham.

Use the chart above to determine how large to make your quilted throw pillow sides, batting and backing to fit all common commercial throw pillow sizes, standard- and king-sized pillow shams.

You will create your own quilted pillow sides using the chart above and then begin following the instructions to assemble your pillow. Use your own creativity to customize your pillows to coordinate with your latest quilt by using extra blocks for the center or repeating design elements in the pillow.

I recommend using solid borders around the edges of your design so it can be easily trimmed to size after quilting without losing any of your design.

The easiest way to turn an extra quilt block into a throw pillow is to start with a standard-sized 12-inch block. Then add 3 ¼-inch borders around the entire block. That will give you a throw pillow of 18-inches wide to quilt and trim down to 17-inches after quilting. Once you assemble the pillow with half-inch seam allowances, you'll have a perfectly sized 16-inch throw pillow.



2. Place your two pillow sides right sides together and pin at the bottom corners and about 2-inches in from the bottom corner. The inner pins indicate where you will start and stop your basting stitches.

For the standard- and king-sized pillow shams only, place the pins on one side of the pillow.

3. Continue to add additional pins across the bottom, or side for shams, to secure the two pillow sides together.

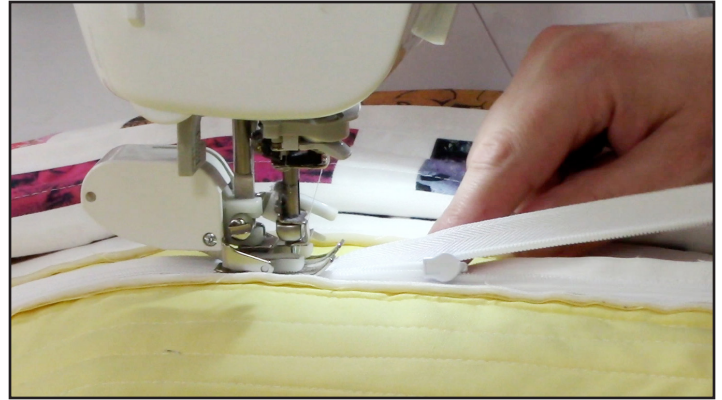


4. Sew with a 2.0 or 2.5 stitch length from the corner to the pin that is 2-inches in. Backstitch to secure the threads. Increase the stitch length to 5.0 and sew a basting stitch until you reach the pin that is 2-inches from the second corner. Decrease the stitch length to 2.0 or 2.5. Backstitch to secure the threads and sew to the corner.

5. Press the seam open from the wrong side of the throw pillow cover.



6. With the wrong side of the pillow facing up, place the invisible zipper with the pull side down. If your zipper is longer than the pillow, place the pull to the left of the pillow cover.



9. Sew across the other side of the zipper tape. Make sure to tuck the zipper pull under the zipper teeth and out of the way of the needle.



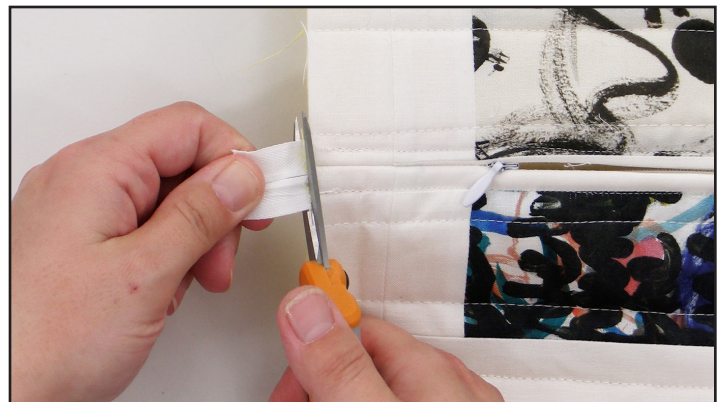
7. Sew across one side of the zipper tape, making sure to keep the zipper teeth centered over the seam.



10. Use a seam ripper to remove the basting stitches.



8. Pull the zipper pull down about 4-inches, making sure the pull is over the basting stitches sewn in step 4.



11. Open the zipper and trim the excess zipper tape even with the sides of the pillow cover.



12. Pin the remaining three sides together.



13. Stitch around the remaining three sides of the pillow, starting and ending at the zipper, making sure to backstitch when you start and stop sewing.



14. Turn the pillow right side out, pushing out the corners.



15. Insert the pillow form and style your new quilted throw pillow with your favorite quilt.