

Zig Zag Pillow Magic

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Supply list

Black - 4.5" x wof
Blue check (backing) – 33" x wof
Red herringbone (binding) – 11" x wof
Blue Snowman – 4.5" x wof
Red Dots – 4.5" x wof
Red and Cream Stripe – 8" x 20"
1 Regular Bed Pillow

Cutting Directions (Pillow and matching 12" trivet)

Black -

- cut 1 strip 4" x wof
 - Cut this strip into 10 squares 4" x 4"

Blue check

- cut 2 squares 18.5" x 18.5" for pillow back
- cut 2 strips 4" x wof
 - Cut these strips into 20 squares 4" x 4"
- cut 1 strip 4" x 16"
 - Cut this strip into 4 squares 4" x 4"

Red Herringbone

- cut 1 strip 4" x 16"
 - Cut this strip into 8 squares 4" x 4"

Blue Snowman

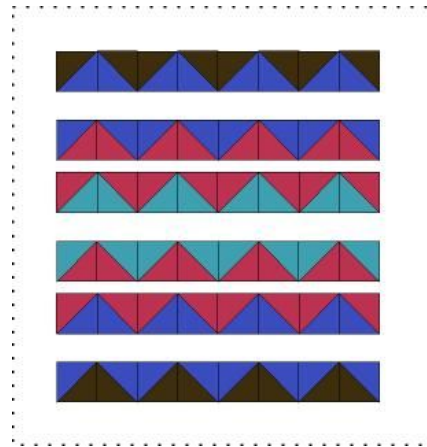
- cut 1 strip 4" x 16"
 - Cut this strip into 8 squares 4" x 4"

Red Dots

- cut 1 strip 4" x 16"
 - Cut this strip into 8 squares 4" x 4"

Red and Cream stripe

- Cut 3 snowflakes and 18 dots



Sewing Directions

Sort your fabrics into color pairs

- 5 Black & Blue Check
- 5 Blue Check & 5 Red Herringbone
- 5 Red Herringbone & 5 snowman
- 5 Snowman & 5 red dots
- 5 Red dots & 5 Blue Check
- 5 Blue Check & 5 Black

Now make them ALL into HST units.

You will have left overs for a 12" block to make into something else!



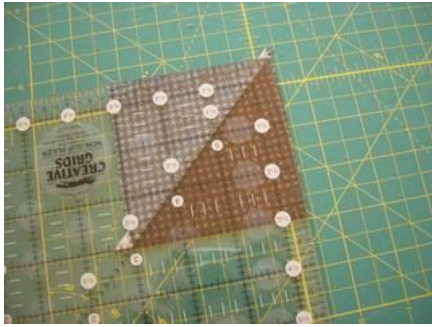
Draw a diagonal line



Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the line



Cut ON the line



Press open, align the diagonal of ruler on the seam and trim the block to 3.5" x 3.5"



Sew, Press and trim all the blocks.



Lay the HST units out in rows to sew. Use only 8 of the HST units per row. See the extras at the top!



TIP – Sew one row at a time. Then sew the rows together.



Once the rows are all sewn, appliqué 3 peppermint snowflakes. Mine are fused with Heat n Bond Lite



Stitch with pretty Aurifil Thread!



Take your 2 squares of pillow backing to the ironing board



Fold under about 1/2", press



Fold under a second time and press



Using your walking foot, sew the flap down close to the fold



To make the edge nice I top stitch close to the outside.



Layer the 2 backing squares wrong side facing you. Put the pillow top right side facing you.



Make sure the pillow top and backing pieces are lined up



I pinned a bit to hold it together for binding the edge



Cut your binding 1.5" wide. The flannel is thick. If doing regular cotton you can use double binding. I sew my binding on the back and pull to the front



I used red thread in my top and blue thread in the bobbin so it matched the fabric.



Reverse your machine's blanket stitch and sew down the binding with your blanket stitch or other decorative stitch



Here is the back! A nice finished edge which is wide enough so it won't open when using the pillow.



TIP – When stuffing the bed size pillow in I push it ALL down into the one end. Then pull the flap so that it can expand into the other end of the pillowcase. This is a tight fit for a regular bed pillow. I like the tight fit as it makes a super pillow to lounge with!



Take the extra squares and if you have my kit, the extra blue piece. Set the extra blocks for a 12" x 12" block you can use for a trivet, a tote bag, or a smaller companion pillow!

