

# Spring Quilted Pillow Sleeve

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*Part pieced and cut and part planned out, this colorful pillow is very easy to make and will brighten up any home for the springtime. Finished, it is a 20" square pillow - perfect for any couch! No two pillows will turn out exactly the same, so have fun making two or three to check out all of the slight variations on the design.*

## Supplies Needed:

### Pillow Front:

- Four 7 1/2" x 24" pieces of quilting cotton, four colors of your choice
- Note: Feel free to use more colors if you'd like. You will just need enough 24" long strips that when pieced together will add up to 24" wide.
- One 22" x 22" square of batting
- One 22" x 22" square for layering fabric (this won't show, so feel free to use some scrap fabric that you don't care about).

### Pillow Back:

- Two 20" x 13" rectangles of quilting cotton - color of your choice
- One 20" pillow form

## Cutting:

If you choose to go with four fabrics, cutting the four 7 1/2" x 24" rectangles into the following leads to more than enough strips:

- Two Times: 1 1/2" x 24"
- One Time: 2" x 24"
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## Piecing:

When piecing the pillow top, sew with a 1/4" seam.



1. Mix up the strips and piece them together, at random or in any order until you find it attractive until they add up to 24" wide. Press thoroughly. You can see that Alissa also added grey to either side to create a frame.



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2. Now, cut along the diagonal of your piecing.



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3. Adjust your two triangles of piecing so that they will create a jagged look once sewn together. Piece back together and press the seam.



4. Repeat this step. Use your ruler to cut a straight line, but don't worry about measuring. Place your ruler so that it's not quite parallel to the first seam. Take care to not cut across that first seam.



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5. With this second cut, offset the two portions in the opposite direction from the previous cut. Piece the two portions together again and press the seam.



6. Repeat again, this time offsetting the two portions in the same direction as the first cut.
7. Trim your piecing down to a 20" square.



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8. Now you've got the front of the pillow sleeve all pieced!



9. Layer with backing fabric and batting and quilt as desired. I quilted with straight lines using my walking foot.

## Assembling the Pillow Sleeve:

10. Working with the backing pieces of fabric, fold and press a 1/2" of the 20" edge down and then fold another 1/2" and press again. Sew in place to close off the edge. Repeat with the second backing piece.
11. Layer your three pillow pieces, right sides together, layering the two back pieces so that they overlap.
12. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew all the way around the perimeter of the pillow.
13. Trim the corners and turn right side out. Fill with your pillow form and you're all done!