



Blocked Squares Pillow

creative pillow design

This PDF freebie will show you how to sew a square pillow front using four pieces of fabric.

A blocked squares pillow, or color blocked pillow is a fun and creative way to add color and texture to any room.

Pillows are the Jewelry for your Furniture.

Have you ever struggled when designing pillows? Or have you ever struggled with pillow fabrication? Or are you ever challenged with not having enough fabric for the pillow front and back? A blocked squares or color-blocked pillow may be the technique you can use in your next pillow design.

If you are a visual learner, be sure to click the link below to watch the video for this pillow front method. You can start and stop the video and sew along with me.

YouTube for blocked squares pillow:

<https://youtu.be/v11PwkWglt4>

[For more about pillow forms, read my blog here.](#)

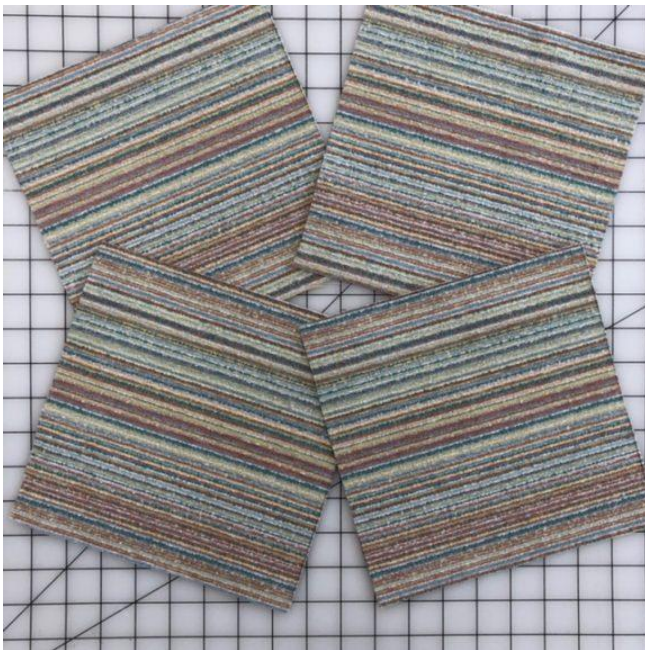
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Start by cutting your fabric.

You'll need four squares of fabric, cut the same size. Use either the same fabric or use contrasting colored fabrics. Fabrics with interesting textures or stripes will make interesting patterns once the pillow front is completed. You can make the pillow back the same as the front or get creative and use different fabrics for the back. Have fun and get creative!

Note: All seam allowances in this project are $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

For a finished pillow cover of 15" x 15", cut four pieces of fabric at $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " for the pillow front.

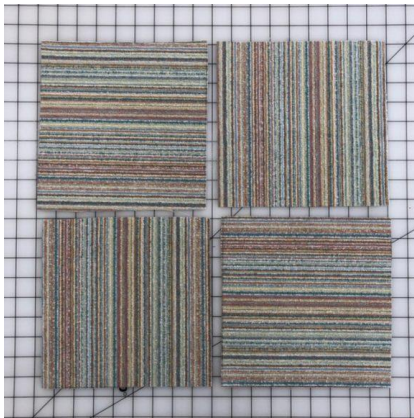


Here's the math:
Finish size = 15" divided into 4 equal squares will be 7.5" each. Now we to add seam allowances to all 4 sides of each square.

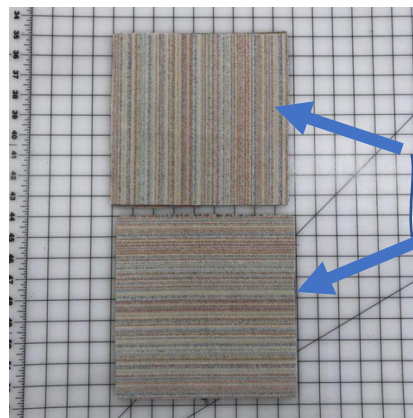
$\frac{1}{2}$ " + 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (width) + $\frac{1}{2}$ " = 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Now do the same for your height.
This gives you your four 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Arrange the fabric to create your design.

Lay the fabric pieces on your table and alternate the direction of the squares for visual interest.



Layer and pin the top two pillow pieces and bottom two pieces together matching the right sides..

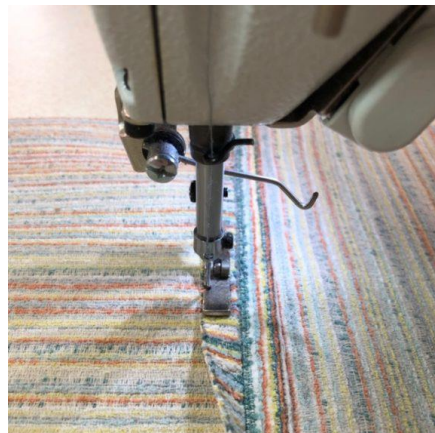


Pin these edges.

Stitch a ½" seam allowance for each of the two sections shown above.

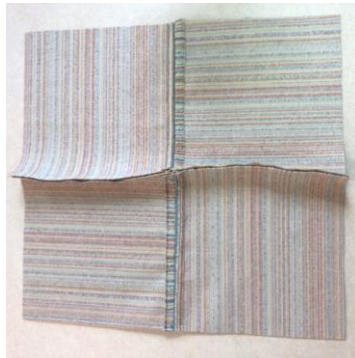


Press the seams open and top stitch an equal distance from either side of the seam.

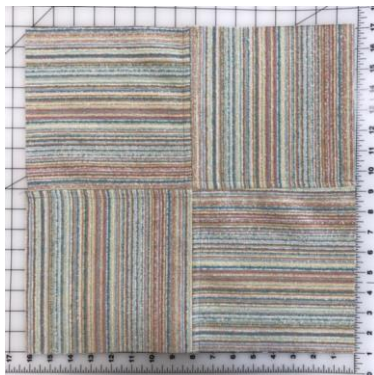


Complete the pillow front.

Keeping the center seams lined up, sew the pillow top and bottom sections together. Sew a 1/2" seam. Press the seam open and topstitch as you did for the first seams.



The blocked squares pillow front is now ready for you to complete the pillow. The pillow front will measure 16" square. Once you add the pillow back and stitch a 1/2" seam allowance, the finished pillow size will be 15" square.



This is just one idea for blocked squares pillow. You may also change this design by cutting rectangles rather than squares.

Have fun with your fabric remnants and create unique designs!

This pillow uses a combination of a stripe, a bright cotton fabric, and two faux leather colors. The topstitching was sewn in contrasting colors and the welt cord is a contrast color.



Now enjoy your new creation.
Let me know how you liked this pillow PDF!

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