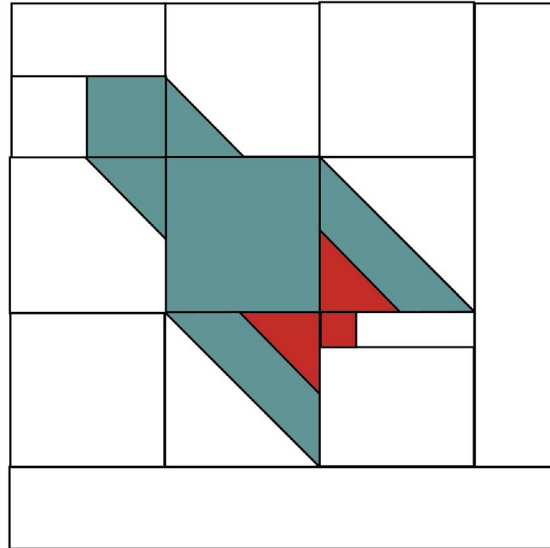


QUILTED PILLOW COVER

Using an Invisible Zipper



INTRODUCTION

This pattern is a free bonus pattern for quilts that have a block that could be turned into a pillow cover. It can also be used with solid fabric pieces.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Read through the whole pattern before beginning.
- Basic quilting knowledge is assumed for this pattern.
- RST = Right sides together

PATTERN REQUIREMENTS

- Pillow Cover (Assembled according to directions from your choice of pattern.)
- Batting - the size of the pillow cover with 2-4" overage on all sides
- Sandwich backing - the size of the pillow cover with 2-4" overage on all sides
- Pillow Backing Fabric - the same size as the pillow cover.
- Invisible Zipper 2-3" smaller than the pillow cover width.

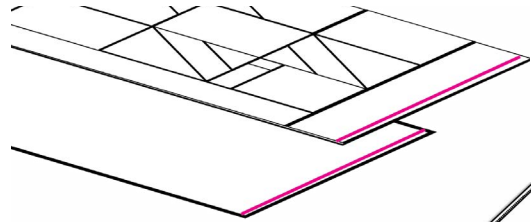
NOTE: Invisible Zipper is best assembled with an Invisible Zipper Foot but it is not required.

PILLOW ASSEMBLY

1. Sandwich and quilt the pillow top as desired. (Use up a scrap piece of fabric or muslin for the backing fabric to protect your sewing machine from the batting.)

Learn to Sandwich [here](#). Basic Quilting ideas [here](#).

2. On the Right Side of the Back, mark a line $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom across the entire length. Repeat on the bottom of the Right Side of the Front. (If desired, you can serge or a zig-zag stitch the bottom of both Back and Front to prevent fraying.)



3. Fully open zipper as far as you can. RST, align center of the zipper to the center of the square. Align the teeth over the line marked in Step 2. Pin in place along the length of the zipper. Coils (WRONG Side) will face up.

4. Attach your invisible zipper foot to your machine. Place the coils under the LEFT side groove.

5. Stitch down the length of your zipper. The foot will pull the coils open a bit and the stitch line will be just right of the coils! Stitch until you reach the zipper pull. Backstitch a few times in place and then remove your project from your machine.

6. Repeat Steps 2-5 on the bottom of the pillow front. In step 4 place the coils under the RIGHT side groove. Stop at the pull and backstitch. Close the zipper.

7. With right sides of the back and front covers together, align the corners on either side of the zipper and pin.

8. Switch to a regular zipper foot. Sew from the edge of the pillow cover to just past where the zipper stitching starts... along that pressed line.

9. Repeat Step 8 on the other side of the zipper. This completes one edge of your pillow cover, with an invisible zipper in the middle.

10. OPEN THE ZIPPER! Replace the zipper foot with your regular machine foot.

11. RST of the back and front, sew the remaining three sides together with at $\frac{1}{2}$ ", as shown. Seam finished as desired. Trim corners at a 45° angle without cutting the seams. Reverse the cover to right side out and push out the corners. Fill with your favorite pillow insert. (Approx. 20-22".) Read about my favorite pillow inserts [here](#).

