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"Follow Me" Pillow

Designed by Snapdragon Studios

This fun and offbeat pillow is sure to bring a smile to your face! For a quick version, use a single fabric on the front and back of the pillow. You can also choose to show off a favorite fabric collection or bust your scrap stash by strip piecing one or both sides.

Yardage needed:

Front: 1/2 yd. of Stella-S359 Purple (Sunday Morning Floral)(3/4 yd. for directional fabric)

Back: 1/2 yd. of Stella-S360 Purple (Impressions) (3/4 yd. for directional fabric)

Side panel: 1/3 yd. of Stella-S7 Purple (Mosaic)

Bias for piping: 1/2 yd. of Stella-S276 Lilac (Calico)

Notions:

2 yds. of medium weight fusible interfacing (optional)

5 yds. of 1/4" piping cord

1 lb. of Fiberfill

Preparation:

From the front and back fabrics: cut one arrow shape from each. If strip piecing one or both sides, cut strips 20"x1.5" (28 for one side or 56 for both sides). Sew long sides together with 1/4" seam allowance, pressing seam allowances toward the darker fabrics and creating a pieced "fabric." Cut arrow shape from pieced fabric.

From the side panel fabric: cut three rectangles 32"x4". Remove selvedges and sew together end to end to create a long strip. Press seams open.

From the interfacing: cut two arrow shapes and five rectangles 20"x4".

From the piping fabric: cut off selvedges, open fabric and fold down one corner to create a 45 degree angle. Cut along the angle to create a bias edge. With a ruler and fabric pen, measure 1.5" from the cut edge, mark a line and cut. Continue cutting 1.5" bias strips and sewing them together with 1/4" seam allowance until you have 5 yards (180") of bias. Press seams open.

All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

Make the piping:

Place the piping cord along the center of the wrong side of the bias. Fold the bias over the piping cord, matching raw edges. Using a piping foot, stitch close to the cord.

Interface (optional):

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse interfacing to the wrong sides of the front, back, and side pieces. For the side piece, overlap short interfacing pieces slightly when fusing and cut off the excess.

Attach piping:

Leaving a 1.5" "tail" hanging free, begin pinning piping along the edge of the right side of the pillow front matching raw edges. Pin all the way around, clipping into the piping seam allowance to turn corners smoothly.

When you reach your starting point, leave a 1.5" tail to overhang and cut the piping. Lap the tails one over the other with the ends in the seam allowance. Stitch piping in place, stitching straight over tails of piping.

Repeat with remaining piping on pillow back.

Attach side panel:

Leaving a 3" tail, pin the side panel to the pillow front right sides together, sandwiching the piping between them. Clip into the seam allowance of the side panel to turn corners smoothly.

Stitch, stopping and backstitching 3" from your starting point. Match the tails of your side panel, pinning to mark the point where they meet. Stitch the short ends of the side panels together straight across where they meet and press seam open.

Repeat for pillow back, being sure to align corners with the pillow front. Leave 4" unstitched to turn right side out.

Finish pillow:

Clip seam allowance on corners, then turn right side out and stuff. Slipstitch opening closed.

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Use these dimensions to draw your arrow shape onto tracing paper or enlarge 250% for full size.

0.5"

10.5"

2.75"

4"

4.5"

7.25"

Cut two on the fold

23"

4.75"

8.5"

5.75"

0.75"

8.25"

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