

# Pillow Talk

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*Connecting Threads*

## Quilting Basics

We encourage breaking the rules, but here are a few things you might want to keep in mind:

- We know you're excited to start but read through all the instructions before beginning a project.
- This pattern uses both  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances
- Always cut off selvages
- Press seams after piecing
- You can pre-wash your fabric if you choose, but make sure it's either all washed or all not. Also, be sure to press before cutting no matter what.



Whip up these quilted pillows in an afternoon, and they'll be ready to snuggle up with for movie night. They look involved, but really just require that you cut and sew moderately straight lines. Best of all, they're reversible, so you can flip them over to hide stains.

### Supplies

- Batting approx. 34" x 34"
- Milk Chocolate thread (20885) for piecing and Taupe thread (20864) for quilting. Or experiment with colors of your choice.
- 3 14" square pillow forms

### Helpful (but not required)

- Cutting mat • rotary cutter • gridded ruler • Pins
- Iron • ironing surface



### Yardages

(finished size 14" square, makes three)

If you don't see a fabric listed on our website (when we sell out, it's gone!) pick out any substitute that strikes your fancy.

- 1** 1250 – 1 yard
- 2** 1671 – 1 yard
- 3** 1657 – 1 yard



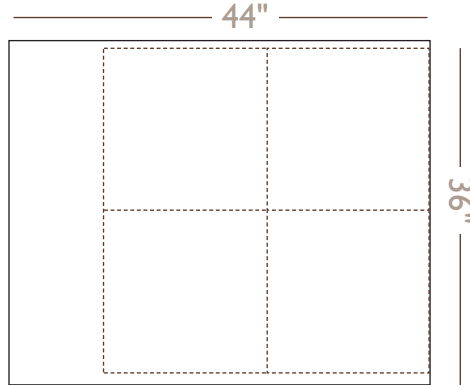
## Step One

Press all your fabric first, and cut off selvages. Cut each fabric into 4 17" squares as shown on the cutting diagram. Set aside 3 of these to be used for the pillow quilting process, one of fabric 2 and 2 of fabric 3.

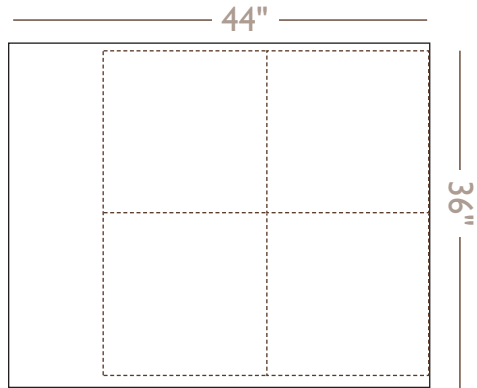
### Fabric Cuts

- 1 – 17" x 17" – cut four
- 2 – 17" x 17" – cut four
- 3 – 17" x 17" – cut four

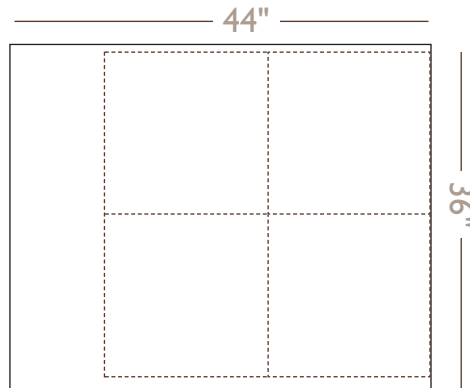
### Fabric 1



### Fabric 2



### Fabric 3



## Step Two

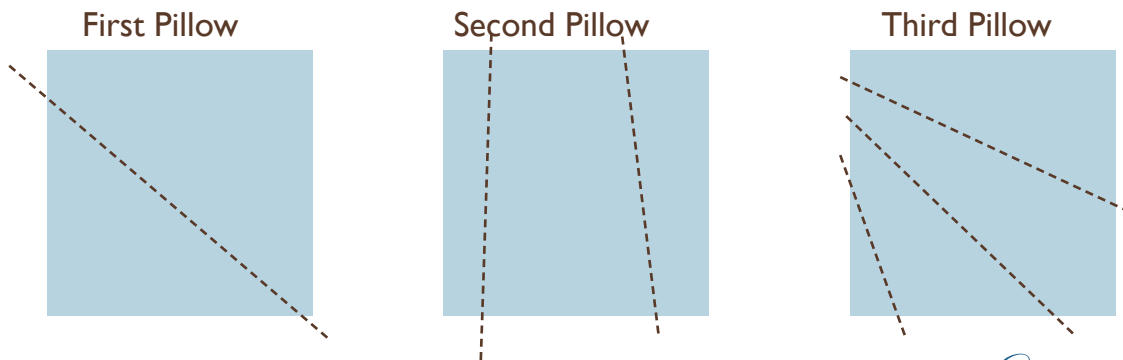
Make 3 stacks of 17" squares as follows, aligning edges right sides up. You will have 1 of fabric 2 and 2 of fabric 3 remaining, these will be used later.

- First Pillow — fabric 1/ fabric 2
- Second Pillow — fabric 1/ fabric 1/ fabric 2/ fabric 3 (trust us here, there really are four fabrics in this stack!)
- Third Pillow — fabric 1/ fabric 2/ fabric 3



## Step Three

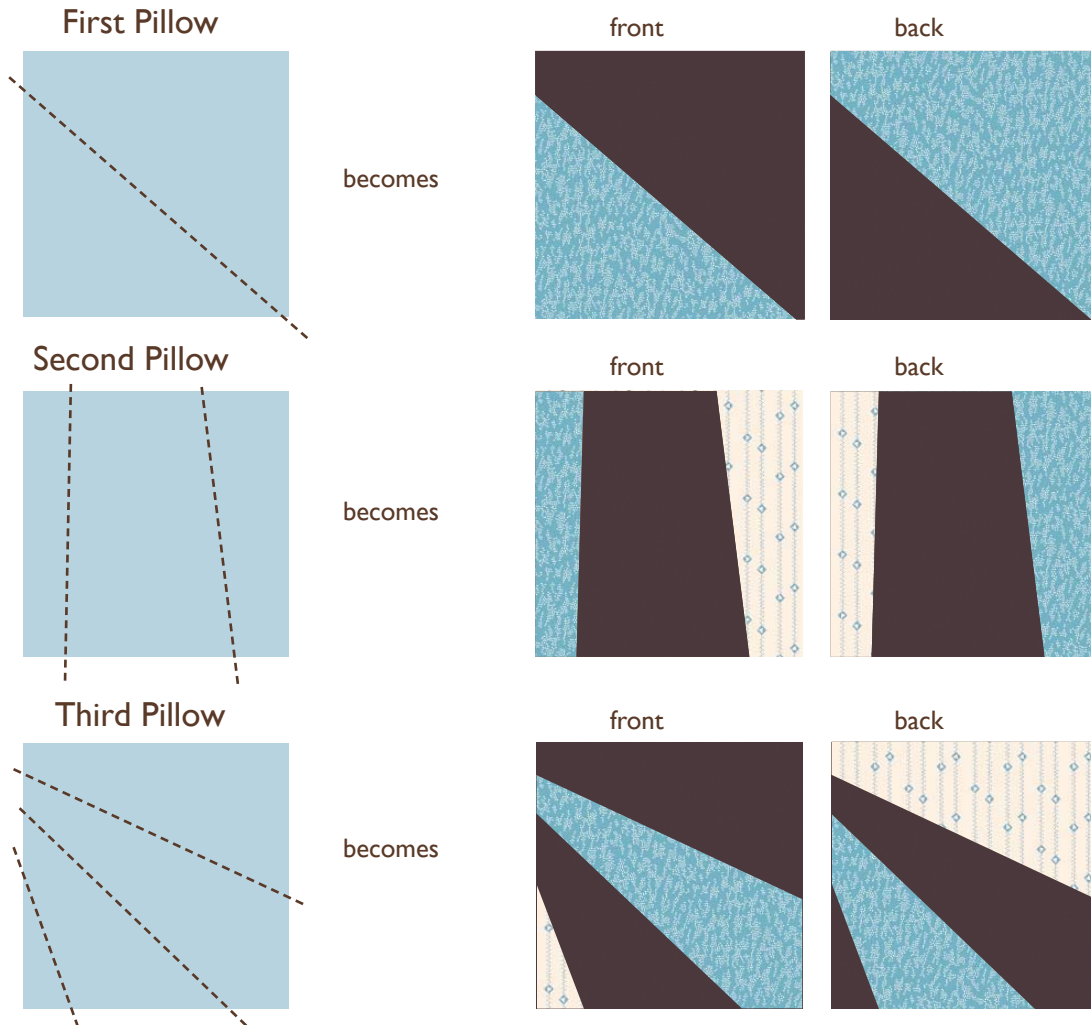
Neatly cut stacks into pieces with ruler and rotary cutter. If you have a striped or directional fabric, make sure it's rotated the way you want. Use the dotted lines below as your guide, to mimic the shapes shown in the finished pillows. Keep the pieces in stacks. Label the stacks "First Pillow," "Second Pillow" & "Third Pillow" with scrap paper so you don't mix them up.



## 4 Step Four

Pillow Assembly. \*NOTE\*: All pillows are assembled the same way, some just have more pieces than others. Use the pictures of the finished pillows to determine which fabrics fit together. For second and third pillows, you will have leftover pieces.

- Be sure to keep the stacks separate.
- With right sides together, align the cut edges of the first and second pieces.
- Pin fabrics together along the edge, and sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Press the seam toward the darker fabric.
- Repeat with remaining cut pieces for that side, pressing the seams every time to keep them neat



## 5 Step Five

When all the pillows have been pieced, trim the fronts and backs to 15" squares, making the edges as straight as possible. You will have 6 pieced squares total.

## 6 Step Six

Cut batting into 3 17" squares

## 7 Step Seven

Set the backs aside and assemble the following, make sure to center the top. Pin every few inches to keep all the pieces together. The unpieced 17" square is the left over from step two.



## 8 Step Eight

Quilt as desired, by hand or machine.

## 9 Step Nine

Trim excess batting and pieced backing to match pieced, quilted top. You should have a 15" square pieced, quilted top.

## 10 Step Ten

Place the quilted top and pieced backing square, right sides together, and sew around, using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Leave about 10" open in the middle of one side, so you can stuff the pillow inside.

## 11 Step Eleven

Trim corners. Turn pillowcase right-side out. Use a pencil to push out corners if necessary.

## 12 Step Twelve

Stuff pillow form in and hand stitch closed. Admire your handiwork and relax on the couch with your new pillows!

### Alternate Colorways

These pillows look cute in many colorways, here's another option to try



### Pillow Talk -blue and green

Simply substitute the numbered fabrics shown here for different fabrics and follow the same instructions

### Yardages

(finished size 14" square, makes three)

- 1** 1528 – 1 yard
- 2** 1671 – 1 yard
- 3** 1348 – 1 yard

