

# Hex of a Pillow

Skill level: Intermediate



Featuring: Coats Cotton Covered Quilting and Piecing thread

<b>Technique:</b>	Template piecing, Patchwork, Quilting
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<b>Brand:</b>	Coats
<b>Crafting Time:</b>	Day

Make it by hand or machine; either way, this pieced hexagon pillow project provides an easy way to enjoy a splash of color.

**Finished Size of Project:** 18" x 18" (45.72 cm x 45.72 cm)

## Supplies

Coats Cotton Covered Quilting & Piecing thread to match fabrics

## Cotton Fabrics\*

- (A) Chartreuse 1 yard (.91 m)
  - (B) Baltic 1/3 yard (.31 m)
  - (C) Tangerine 1/4 yard (.23 m)
- Single-sided fusible fleece, 20" x 20" (50.8 cm x 50.8 cm)  
 Muslin, 20" x 20" (50.8 cm x 50.8 cm)  
 Pillow form, 18" x 18" (45.72 cm x 45.72 cm)

\*We used cotton fabrics from FreeSpirit Designer Essential Solids.

## Additional Requirements

- Sewing machine (optional)
- Template plastic
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Basic sewing and pressing supplies

## Cutting

### Notes:

1. **Print out the patterns at actual size (100%).**
2. Trace the patterns provided onto template plastic, including seam allowance.
3. Mark a dot at each corner.
4. Cut out neatly.

### Fabric A, cut:

- (2) 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (31.43 cm x 46.99 cm), for pillow back
- (2) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" (6.35 cm x 35.6 cm), for outer side border
- (2) 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.99 cm x 44.45 cm), for outer top and bottom border
- (1) hexagon
- (4) half hexagons
- (6) triangles

### Fabric B, cut:

- (2) 1" x 14" (2.54 cm x 35.6 cm), for inner side border
- (2) 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 34.29 cm), for inner top and bottom border
- (3) hexagons

### Fabric C, cut:

- (1) 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 34.29 cm), for inner top and bottom border
- (3) hexagons

## Instructions

**Note:** Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64 cm) seam allowance unless otherwise indicated. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even using matching thread.

### Pillow Center

1. Using the photo as a guide, lay out the hexagons and half hexagons in three horizontal rows. Position the hexagons so that the straight of grain edges are oriented vertically.
2. Rows 1 and 3. For Row 1, pin two hexagons together along one side edge. Insert the needle at one marked corner and sew the pieces together, stopping at the next marked corner. Backstitch to secure. Sew a half hexagon to each end of the row in the same manner. Repeat for Row 3.
3. Row 2. Sew three hexagons together, starting and stopping at the corners, and backstitching to secure.
4. Sew the rows together, again starting and stopping at the corners and backstitching to secure.
5. Sew the setting triangles to the top and bottom rows of the pillowcase top using the same method.
6. Press all seams.

### Borders

7. Inner top and bottom borders. Using a 45-degree seam, sew the 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 36.83 cm) **Fabric C** strip between (2) 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 34.29 cm) **Fabric B** strips to make one long strip. Trim seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64 cm). Press strip open, then cut (2) 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 36.83 cm) lengths using the photo as a guide and positioning the diagonal seams where desired. Noting fabric orientation, sew the strips to the top and bottom of the pillow top. Press seams toward the border.
  8. Inner side borders. Sew a 1" x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.54 cm x 34.29 cm) **Fabric B** strip to each side of the pillow top. Press seams toward the border.
  9. Outer border. Sew a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" (5.08 cm x 35.6 cm) **Fabric A** strip to each side of the pillow top. Press seams toward the inner border. Sew a 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.99 cm x 46.99 cm) **Fabric A** strip to the top and bottom of the pillowcase top. Press toward inner border.
- Note:** Top and bottom borders are wider than side borders.

## Finishing

10. Baste the pillow front and muslin lining together.
11. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece to the lining. Quilt as desired. Trim the muslin and fleece even with the pillow top.
12. Press one 18½" (46.99 cm) edge under ¼" (.64 cm) on each pillow back piece, then press under again. Pin along the folded edges and topstitch through all layers. Press.
13. Place the backing pieces with folded edges overlapping so that they measure 18½" (46.99 cm) square. Baste all around the perimeter, including the overlap, ⅛" (.32 cm) away from the edge.
14. Place the quilted pillow front and the back right sides together with raw edges aligned and stitch around all four sides using a ½" (1.27 cm) seam allowance.
15. Clip the corners, and then turn the pillowcase right side out.  
**Note:** Pillowcase measures ½" shorter than pillow form to ensure a snug fit.
16. Push out the corners and smooth the seams using a point turner.
17. Insert pillow form.



