

Technique:	Piecing, Sewing
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Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	20" (50.80cm) square

## Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Whether you're looking to add a bit o' luck to your St. Patrick's Day with a four-leaf clover, or you just want a fun pillow to add a bit of spring color to your décor, this pillow can do dual duty.

## Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**

*Featured fabrics are from the Coats Crisp Petals Collection by Natalie Malan.*

- ¼ yd (22.86cm) each of Captivating Checks, PWNM005.8LIME; Graceful Vase, PWNM004.8CITR; and Brisk, PWNM003.8LIME, for shamrock
- 1½ yds (1.03m) Brushed Geometric, PWNM007.8CITR, for shamrock, backing, piping



PWNM005.8LIME



PWNM004.8CITR



PWNM003.8LIME



PWNM007.8CITR

- ¼ yd (22.86cm) white solid cotton
- 2½ yds (2.29m) cotton cord, ⅜" (.96cm) diameter
- 20½" (52.07cm) square pillow form
- Zipper foot

## Cutting

**WOF = Width of Fabric**

**From PWNM005, PWNM004 and PWBNM003, cut:**

(4) squares, 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (12.07cm)

**From PWNM007, cut:**

(4) squares, 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (12.07cm)

(2) rectangles, 15" x 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (38.10cm x 52.07cm), for backing

(3) strips, 2" x WOF (5.08cm x WOF), for piping

**From white solid cotton, cut:**

(1) strip, 3" x WOF (7.62 x WOF); sub-cut 12 squares, 3" (7.62cm)

(2) strips, 2" x WOF (5.08cm); sub-cut 2 strips, 17  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (44.45cm) and 2 strips, 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (52.07cm)

*Seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm).*

## Assembling the Shamrock

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of each 3" (7.62cm) white square.
2. Lay out the 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (12.07cm) squares in a pleasing order of 4 rows of 4 blocks each. Separate the layout into four 4-patch blocks. Sew the 4-patch blocks together. Press seams in one direction.
3. Lay out the 4-patches in 2 rows of 2 blocks each.
4. Following the pillow photo for line direction, place a marked 3" (7.62cm) white square on the three outer corners of each block. Sew along the marked line, trim the seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm), and press open the triangles formed. Repeat to make a total of 4 blocks.

5. With the triangle corners outward, sew the 4 blocks together, matching adjacent block and triangle seams.
6. Sew a 2" x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (5.08cm x 44.45cm) white strip to each side of the shamrock. Press seams toward the border.
7. Sew a 2" x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (5.08cm x 52.07cm) white strip to the top and another to the bottom of the shamrock.

## Assembling the Piping

1. Sew together the three 2" x WOF (5.08cm x WOF) PWNM007 strips end to end using diagonal seams. Press seams open.
2. Wrap the piping strip around the cording matching long raw edges, and baste close to the cord, using the left-hand needle position if your machine has one. Trim the piping flange to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm).
3. Matching the piping raw edges to the pillow front raw edges, baste the piping to the pillow front, clipping at the corners to turn. Cut the cording so the ends abut and turn under the fabric on the overlap for a smooth joining.

## Assembling the Pillow Back

1. Press under and stitch a double  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) hem along both long edges of the pillow back pieces. Stitch the hem in place close to the edge.
2. Overlap the hemmed edges to form a 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (52.07cm) square. Baste the overlap edges together along the edges.

## Assembling the Pillow

1. With right sides together, layer the front and back pillow pieces and pin in place.
2. With the pillow front upward, and using the left hand needle position and zipper foot, stitch around the pillow perimeter, stitching just inside the piping basting line.
3. Trim the corners and turn the pillow right side out.
4. Insert the pillow form through the back overlap.