

Joy of Zippers Workshop - Quilt Block Pillow

Materials List

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Skill Level: Confident Beginner - To have a successful experience in this class, you must have some experience with machine sewing, measuring, and cutting fabric.

Size: Varies by quilt block size

Description: Get those leftover or “oops” blocks out of your scrap bins!!! Let’s make pillows with them!! Using a coordinating zipper, we will make a zipper opening rather than an envelope opening to insert the pillow form. The goal for this workshop is to complete one zippered pillow cover. However, this workshop is scheduled for 3 hours. Feel free to bring extra materials to make a second (or third) cover if there is time remaining.



Skills learned in this class

- Insert a zipper
- Make a zippered pillow cover

Also, there is pre-class prep needed for this class. See Below.

Materials

| Size | 12” Pillow | 14” Pillow | 16” Pillow |
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| Pillow Form Size (Poly-fill not foam) | 12” | 14” | 16” |
| Zipper Size (coordinating color - it will be visible) | At least 14” | At least 16” | At least 18” |
| Quilt Block Size (Note 1) | 12 ½” square | 14 ½” square | 16 ½” square |
| Backing (Note 2) | 12 ½” square | 14 ½” square | 16 ½” square |
| Zipper end tabs - same for all sizes | 3” x 12” scrap fabric | 3” x 12” scrap fabric | 3” x 12” scrap fabric |

Note 1: If the quilt block is not the size needed for the pillow, add coordinating or scrappy borders to the quilt block to enlarge the block to the size needed.

Note 2: A scrappy backing can be used if desired. Sew scraps together then trim to the required backing size.

Supplies

- Sewing machine - test for proper working order before class; remember to pack your cord and foot pedal.
 - Satin Stitch foot (general sewing foot) or 1/4" foot
 - Zipper Foot
 - Note that some of the newer sewing machines have a multipurpose foot that can be used for zippers. Check your machine's manual for the proper presser foot selection.
- Neutral and/or coordinating thread for sewing
- Bobbins: At least (2) Full Bobbins
- Fabric Scissors - to cut the zipper tabs
- General purpose scissors - to trim the zipper
- Fabric Pins or Fabric Clips
- Seam ripper
- OPTIONAL: Best Press ® spray starch and sizing (Available at Blackstone)
 - Using Best Press ® on your project in various stages will provide a crisp look to the finished project.

Please consider purchasing your materials and supplies from Blackstone Quilting Co.

Pre-Class Preparation

- Iron all fabric - use Best Press ® (optional) to provide some additional stability to the fabric
- This is a workshop for learning zippers. We will not be making quilt blocks in this class. Please have your quilt block and backing trimmed to the appropriate size before class.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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