# Foxy Fun Quilt & Pillow

Skill Level:
Experience necessary
Crafting Cime:
Weekend Project

Finished size: Quilt - 43 ½" x 43 ½" Pillow - 20" x 20"

## Supplies Needed

- 1 pkg Fabric Central® Meeyo Strips
- Fabric Central® Meeyo fabric: 2 ¼ yds Brown Animals
- Fabric Central® Eivu fabric: 1 ¼ yds White Geo
- Low-loft batting: 46" x 46"
- Pillow form: 20" x 20"
- · Multi-color quilting thread
- Masking tape; safety pins or basting spray
- Rotary cutter & mat
- Acrylic rulers: 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" and 6" x 24"
- Blunt pencil or chopstick
- · Basic sewing supplies
- · Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface
- Light box (optional)
- Spray sizing or starch (optional)



### Instructions

Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Remove selvages. Press fabrics with dry iron on cotton setting before cutting. Use a ¼" seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted. wof = width of fabric.

1. Cut the following as listed:

Brown Animals (Fabric A): 1 - 46" x 42" (quilt backing)

1 - 4 ½" x 42" (quilt backing)

5 - 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x wof (quilt binding)

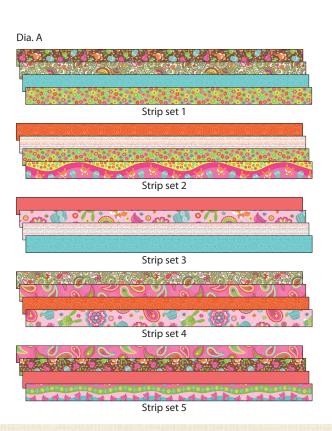
1 - 15" x 20" (pillow backing)

1 - 13" x 20" (pillow backing)

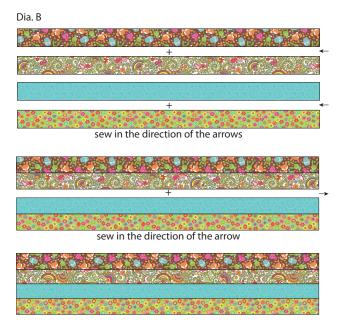
1 - 4 ½" x 4 ½" (quilt backing)

White Geo (Fabric B): 5 - 8 ½" x wof (block backgrounds)

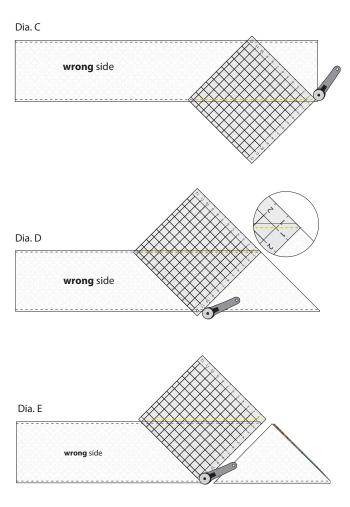
2. Blocks are created by sewing the strips and background pieces together in a tube then cutting triangles. To create the tubes, lay out five sets of four strips each as shown in Diagram A or lay out as desired.



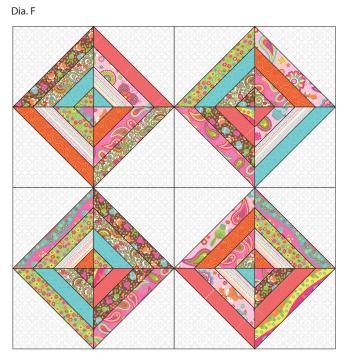
3. Sew long edges of Strips 1 and 2 **RST**, and then sew long edges of Strips 3 and 4 RST. Pin the sewn pairs **RST** from the opposite end to avoid a curved or bowed strip set (Dia. B.). Press all seams in one direction.



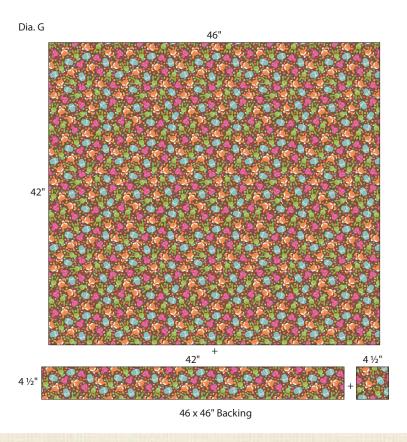
- 4. Place Strip Set 1 **RST** with a Fabric B strip and match ends and long edges. Sew along both long edges to create a tube. Repeat with remaining Strip Sets and Fabric B background strips; press.
- 5. To cut the blocks, place the tube on the cutting surface with Fabric B (background fabric) wrong side up. Align the diagonal line of the square ruler along the bottom seam on one end of Strip Set 1. Note: Check that the right corner of the ruler is on the printed part of the strip (Dia. C). Make a diagonal cut along the edge of the ruler closest to the end of the strip. Slide the ruler to the opposite side of the strip set. Line up the diagonal line with the top seam and place the point of the ruler on the bottom seam line (Dia. D). Cut through the strip set along the edge of the ruler to make a triangle (Dia. E).



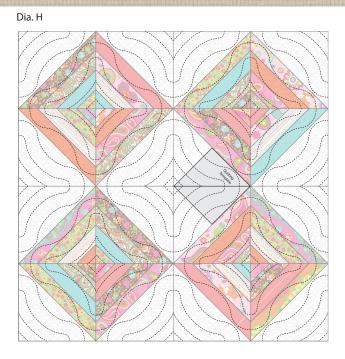
- 6. Continue cutting three more triangles from alternating sides of the strip set in this manner to make a total of four triangles, two with the long edges cut from each side of the strip set. Note: Each cut triangle will yield one half-square triangle block. Open the blocks; press toward the background fabric. Note: The outside edges of the squares are cut on the bias and can be easily stretched. Handle and press carefully; use starch or sizing if you experience problems with distorted edges.
- 7. Lay out 16 blocks as shown in Diagram F or as desired. Trim blocks to measure 11" x 11" by aligning the diagonal line on the ruler with the diagonal seam. Trim the remaining four blocks to 10 ¼" x 10 ¼" and set aside for the pillow.



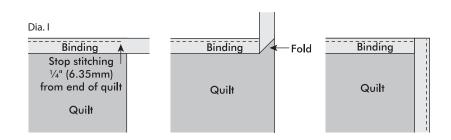
- 8. Making the quilt: Each quarter of the quilt top is made up of four blocks with pieced corners placed together and sewn. Sew each pair **RST**, and then sew the pairs together to make a quarter, staggering the seam allowances in opposite directions to reduce bulk and press. Sew all four quarters together to make a 43 ½" x 43 ½" quilt top.
- 9. To make the backing, sew the small rectangle (4 ½" x 4 ½") to the 4 ½" x 42" strip; press seam open. Sew the wof edges together to make a 46" x 46" rectangle (Dia. G). Press seam open.



10. Place the quilting template under the quilt top, matching the diagonal line with the seam as indicated by the grayed box. Trace the design with a removable marker. Continue to use the template to mark the entire quilt top as shown in the Diagram H.



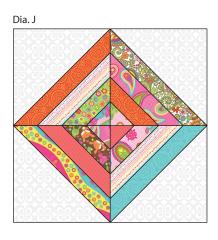
- 11. Place the backing right side up on firm surface and secure the edges with masking tape so that the quilt backing is taut. Center the batting and quilt top right side up. Baste layers together with safety pins, thread or basting spray; remove masking tape.
- 12. Stitch in the ditch along the half-square triangle seams. Quilt along marked designs. When finished, remove basting; trim the layers to be even around the edges and the corners to be square.
- 13. For the binding, sew the short ends **RST** in one continuous length; press seams open. Fold under ¼" on one end, then fold and press binding in half with **wrong** sides together and long edges aligned.
- 14. Place binding on front of the quilt with the cut edges aligned. Leaving a 2" tail, pin cut edges of the folded binding even with the edge of the quilt top and sew, mitering the corners (Dia. I).



- 15. Overlap the ends 1" and trim any excess. Enclose cut end and finish sewing the binding. Fold binding to the back and hand stitch in place.
- 16. Remove marks from quilting, if necessary.

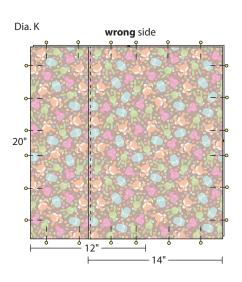
Pillow:

17. Lay out the four  $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{4}$ " blocks with the pieced corners together (Dia. J). Sew together to make a 20" x 20" square for the pillow front.



18. Press under ½" twice to hem on one 20" side of each Fabric A backing piece and sew close to the edge to hem.

19. Place pillow front right side up on firm surface. Place backing pieces **wrong** side up, overlapping in the center (Dia. K). *Note: The wrong sides of the pillow back pieces should be facing up and hemmed edges should be in the middle.* Match up corners and edges of the backing pieces with edges of the pillow top; pin in place. Sew around the edges with a ½" seam; reinforce the stitches where the backing pieces overlap.



20. Turn pillow right side out and push out corners with blunt pencil or chopstick. *Tip:* Before inserting the pillow form, redistribute the stuffing to even it out and fill the corners, if needed. Insert pillow form through back opening.

