

**Please read through the pattern before beginning. 1/4" seams throughout.**

1. Using the free patterns from Renee's House of Quilting, make the four Quilters Trek blocks. Using the enclosed pattern, make two 6" finished, chum dash blocks.
2. Cut the fabric for the pillow:

Moda map fabric

One 7 1/2" by width of fabric strip.

Subcut into: One 7 1/2" x 20 1/2" rectangle

Four 2" x 7 1/2" strips

One 2 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle

Four 1" x 6 1/2" strips

MAS8206-J; black/white check for binding

Cut three 2 1/4" x width of fabric strips. Sew these strips together = 126"

Follow the pillow diagram and:

1. Sew the cherry block to the 2 1/2" x 9 1/2" map fabric strip. Then sew the leaf block to the cherry block/map fabric strip. Press seams towards map strip.
2. Sew the trillium block to one churn dash block. Press seams towards churn dash.
3. Sew the snowman block to the remaining churn dash block. Press seams towards churn dash.

For the Michigan block:

1. Trace the letters, flowers, leaves and bird templates onto the paper side of large piece of fusible web. Leave approximately 1/4" around each template.
2. Iron the templates to the **WRONG** side of the fabric that corresponds to each template. For example the Michigan letters are ironed to the **WRONG** side of the aqua grunge. *The templates are reversed already* so that once the template is ironed onto the **WRONG** side of the fabric the letter will read correctly when ironed onto the background fabric. The bird template has been reversed as well.
3. Cut out the templates on the drawn line and set aside.
4. Take your 7 1/2" x 20 1/2" piece of map fabric. Lay a long ruler along the long edge of the fabric with the 2 3/4" line along the long edge. Beginning 3 1/4" from the left edge place the letter M. Continue placing the letters about 1/4" apart. See photo.



5. Once you have the letters evenly spaced, iron in place.
6. Place the bird and flowers as shown in the photo on the cover. Iron in place.

Complete the pillow top:

1. Sew the completed Michigan block to the cherry/leaf blocks unit. Press seams toward Michigan.
2. Sew the three sections together forming a 16 1/2" x 38 1/2" pillow top.
3. Lay a 18" x 40" piece of batting on your work surface. Center the completed pillow top with the right side up over the batting. Baste along the outside edge to hold the layers together. Stitch around the blocks, letters and flowers. I used a straight stitch and invisible thread to do this. I quilted the Michigan block using invisible thread and a serpentine stitch.
4. Trim the excess batting.

Pillow back:

1. Cut two pieces of the backing fabric 16 1/2" by 22".
2. Finish one 16 1/2" edge on each piece with a serger or zig zag stitch. Fold under this finished edge by 1/2" and press. Stitch along the finished edge forming a 1/2" hem.