



## Home for the Holidays Pillow



It takes just a short time to pull together a homey handmade pillow from fabric scraps and a few quilting supplies. Amp up the seasonal flair; with fat quarters in four cheerful holiday fabrics.

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Materials:

- Baby Lock Quilting and Sewing Machine
- 3/4 yard pillow backing and background fabric (white and green dot fabric)
- 4-fat quarters of coordinating holiday fabrics
- 1-1/2 yards bias tape or quilting binding
- 1-1/2 yards of large rickrack (optional)
- 16"x16" piece of batting

Step 1: Out of each fat quarter cut the following measurements:

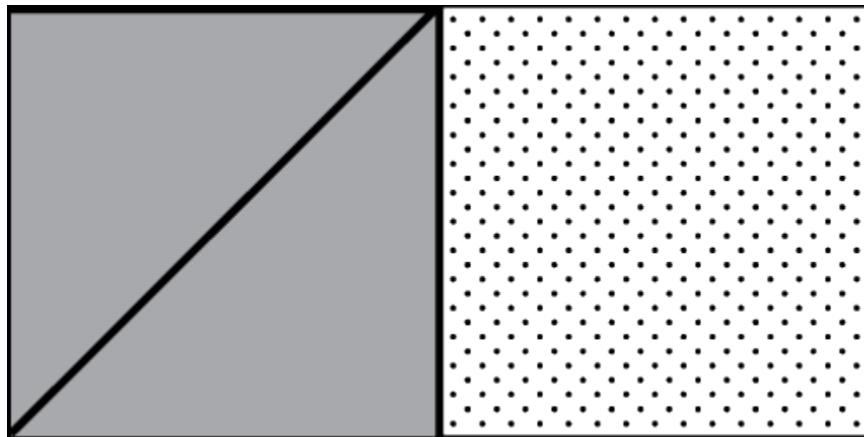
- One 6-1/2"x3-1/2" rectangle
- One 3-1/2"x3-1/2" square
- One 1-1/2"x3-1/2" rectangle

- One 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle (these will be exchanged and used for the house doors)

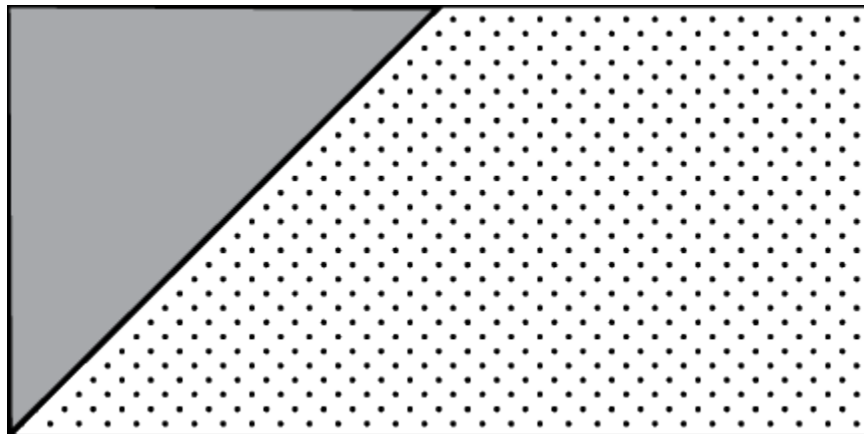
Step 2: Out of the background fabric cut the following measurements:

- Eight 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares
- Two 3-1/2" x 6" rectangles
- One 3-1/2" x 16" rectangle
- Two 16" x 12" squares for pillow backing

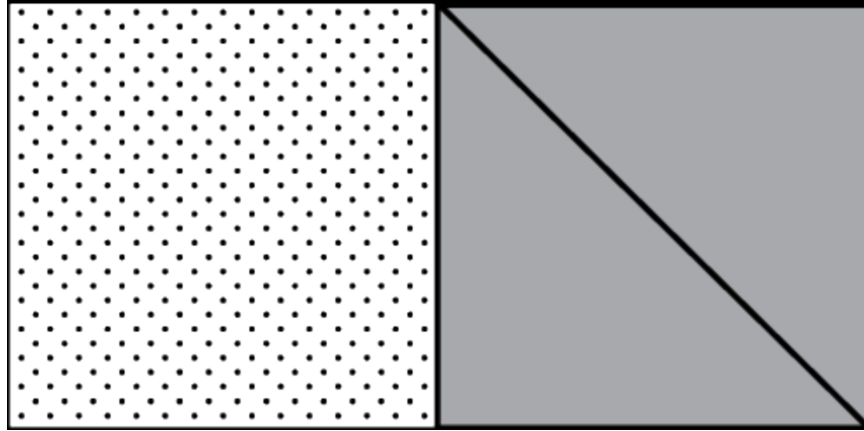
Step 3: Construct 4 flying geese blocks, by placing one 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" square on top of one 6-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle as in the illustration below. Then draw a line from the bottom left corner to the top right corner at a 45-degree angle with a pencil. Stitch on the pencil line.



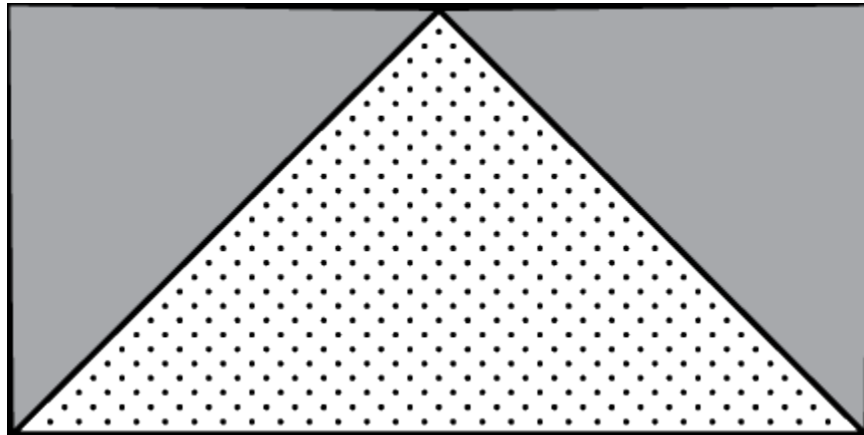
Trim off the top left triangle and press open the first corner of the flying geese block.



Place the second 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" square over the right-hand side of the rectangle and stitch the 45-degree angle.

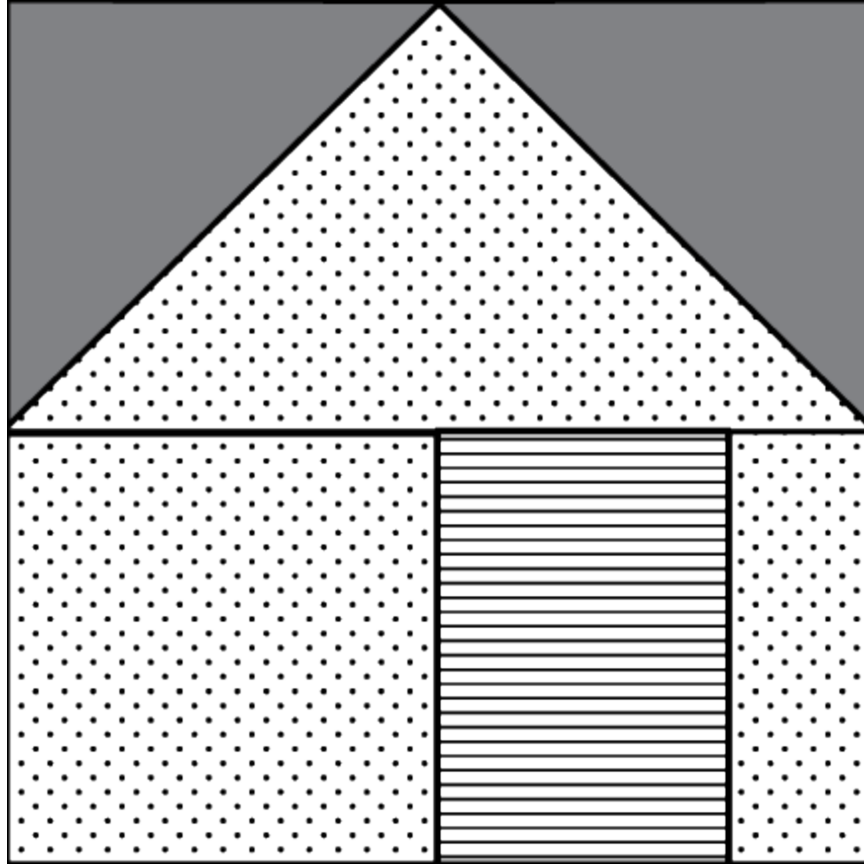


Trim off left corner and press the quilt block to have completed the flying geese block. Trim block to 6"x3-1/2" rectangle if needed.



Step 4: Arrange the rest of the quilt block according to the illustration below.

- Row #1: Flying Geese Block
- Row #2: 3-1/2"x 3-1/2" square, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" contrasting fabric, 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle.

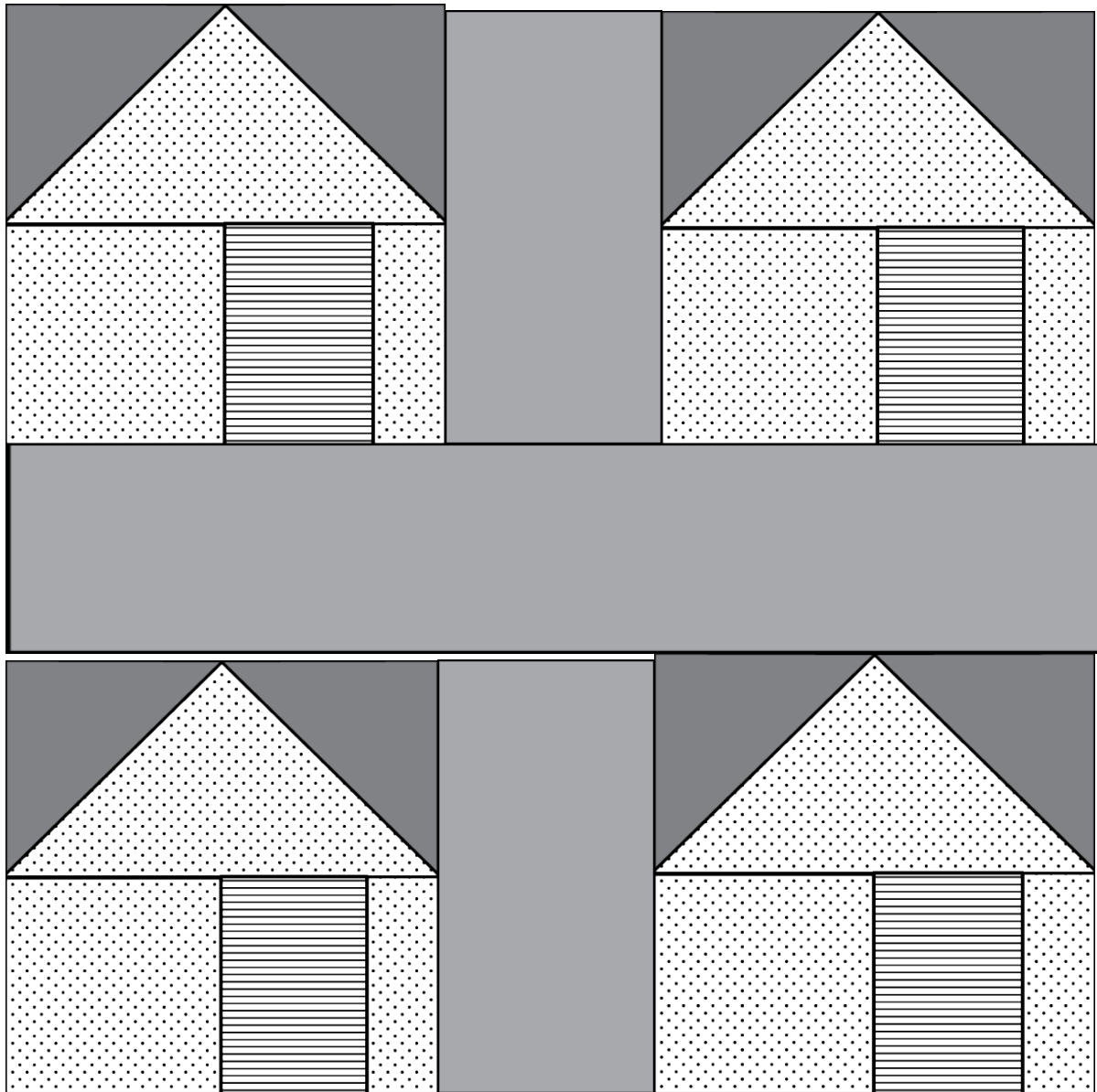


- Stitch row #1 and row #2 together using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Step 5: Complete all four house blocks according to steps #1-#4.

Step 6: Layout the pillow according to the diagram below and stitch together the following rows using 1/4" seam allowances.

- Row #1: One house block, one 3-1/2" x 6" rectangle sashing, one house block.
- Row #2: One 3-1/2" x 16" strip for sashing.
- Row #3: One house block, one 3-1/2" x 6" rectangle sashing, one house block.
- Press each row toward the house blocks. Then stitch #1-#3 together to form the pillow front.



Step 7: Take pillow backs and fold down one edge 1" and stitch. Lay down both sections with right sides together, with the sewn edges in the middle. Place the batting on top and the pillow top and quilt as desired. ( I used straight lines.)

Step 8: Baste the rickrac around the edges of the pillow. Then attach the quilt binding to the back of the pillow forms using mitered corners (if you need a tutorial go here <http://www.simplesimonandco.com/2014/02/quilted-potholders-from-scrap-quilt-binding-tutorial.html/>) and then stitch it down on the front of the pillow.

Step 9: Add 16" pillow form and you are done!

The coordinating quilt is here: <http://www.simplesimonandco.com/2015/09/home-for-the-holiday-pillow-project-quiltpattern.html/>

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