

Quick Pillow Finish

- Your squared block should be 8.5 x 8.5 (unfinished).
- From your accent fabric: Cut 2 strips 1.25" x 8.5", 2 strips 1.25" x 10" and 4 cornerstones 2" x 2".
- For your outer border and back: Cut 4 strips 2" x 10" and a 13" square. (I like to make my outer borders and back the same, but this is up to you.)
- All seams are a quarter inch unless stated otherwise.
- Sew the 2 – 8.5" strips to each side and press toward the outside. Then sew the 2 – 10" strips to the top and bottom and press toward the outside.
- Sew 2 of the outer border strips (2" x 10") to each side and press toward the outside.
- Sew the 4 cornerstones to each end of the remainder border strips and press toward the border strips. (This way your seams will nest). Then sew these units to the top and bottom.
- With right sides together (front and back), sew around all 4 sides leaving an opening on one side to turn right side out. (I generally leave about 3-4 inches)
- Trim corners and turn right side out. Press the outer edges flat.
- Create a small flange adding a tailored look to your pillow. Beginning and ending at the opening to turn, sew a **half inch** from the outer edge. (I found if I used my walking foot the measurement should be a half inch from the outer edge of your foot.)
- Stuff the pillow with poly-fil pillow stuffing as full as you desire.
- Hand stitch the opening closed.
- Complete the flange edge. This could be tricky as you need to push the poly-fil out of the way in order to get that last seam lined up.