

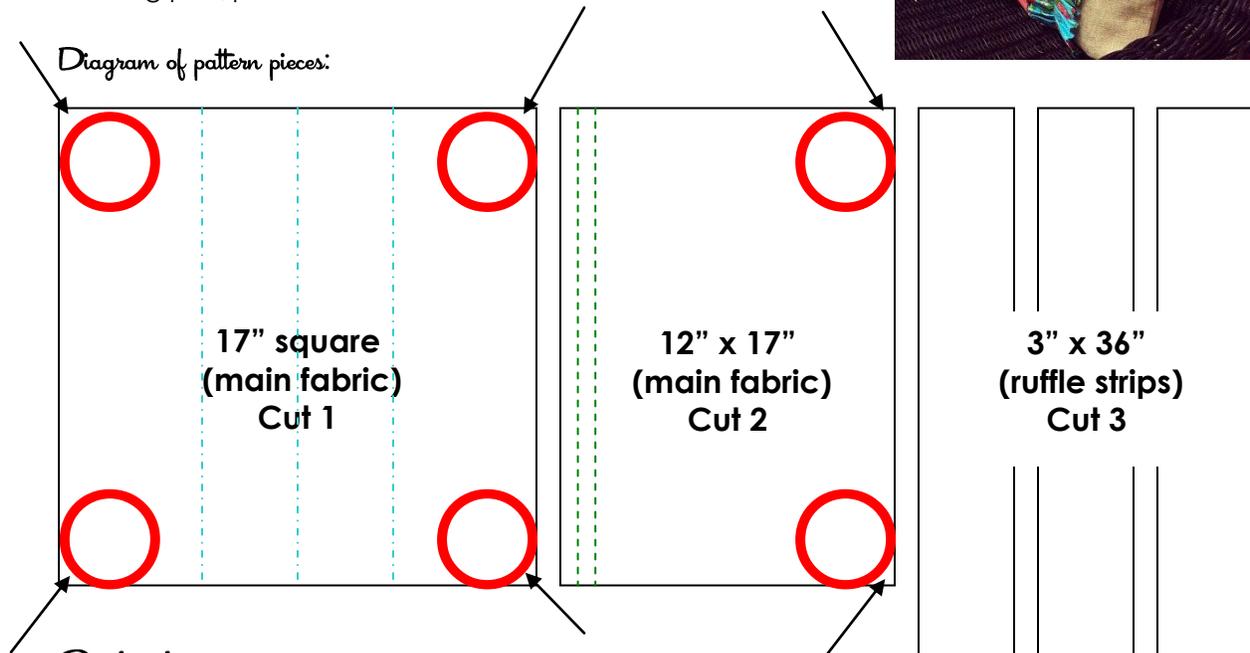
Easy Peasy Pleated Pillow

Supplies:

- 16" pillow form
- ¾ yard fabric (for main pillow cover)
- ¼ yard fabric for pleated ruffles (can mix patterns here)
- Matching or neutral thread
- Seam gauge
- Marking pen/pencil



CUT ONLY THIS PART AWAY AT EACH INDICATED CORNER



Instructions:

1. Cut the pattern pieces as directed above. Use a pinking edge scissor or rotary cutter to cut ruffle strips. This alleviates fraying since strips are not hemmed/turned under.
2. Cut out and trace circle pattern at corners of 17" square and two corners of the 12" x 17" pieces (marked with red circles). Trim away as indicated at each corner. *This creates rounded corners.*
3. For BOTH 12" x 17" pattern pieces: turn under ½" and press where green dotted line indicates. Turn under again and stitch/hem along pressed edge.
4. Mark blue stitching lines indicated on pillow front with fabric pencil or disappearing ink at the following measurements:
 - a. 5 ½" from left edge
 - b. 8 ½" from left edge
 - c. 11 ½" from left edge
5. Center first ruffle strip along middle stitching line on the right side of the pillow cover. Using a long stitch tack the end flush with edge of pillow.

STOP!!! PRACTICE THIS NEXT STEP BEFORE SEWING ON YOUR PILLOW!!!

6. Hand pleat the ruffle by pushing several 1/2" folds/pleats towards the presser foot; stitching over and then repeat this action. You will find that as you create the pleats it is pretty simple to create a somewhat uniform ruffled pleat once you find your groove. If you should run out of material to pleat continually to the opposite edge, just stop about 3-4" short of the end of the strip; stitch an additional 3" x 2" you need to finish and then carry on pleating.

NOTE:

You can see in the photo that I ran short on the length of my red strip...so I stopped leaving enough of the strip that I could easily splice on another few inches in order to finish my pleating to the edge of the front pillow cover.

Remember: stitch it right sides together and press the seam flat before continuing.



7. Repeat step 6 with the remaining two strips EXCEPT – START PLEATING on the opposite side so that your folds will run in opposite directions. Trim any excess pleat material flush with edge of front pillow cover.
8. Pin the front pillow cover to the two back pillow cover pieces as follows:
 - a. Lay front pillow cover down in front of you RIGHT SIDE UP
 - b. Lay first back pillow cover RIGHT SIDE DOWN; finished hemmed edge should be folded TOWARD you and parallel with the ruffles you've pleated. Rounded corners should match up.
 - c. Lay second back pillow cover RIGHT SIDE DOWN; finished hemmed edge should be folded TOWARD you and parallel with ruffles. Rounded corners should match up and this piece will be overlapping first piece by about 3-4 inches.
9. Pin the layers above perpendicular to stitching line. Stitch 1/2" from edge (don't forget to shorten your stitch length). Clip at corners and turn right side out. Press seams flat.

Insert your 16" pillow form and voila! Add this adorable Easy Peasy Pillow to your home décor!