

CRAZY QUILT MINIATURE PASSOVER LEANING PILLOW

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This pillow was originally designed by Gilda Joan Hecht and Ellyn Ruth Sheidlower of the North Shore Long Island Region.

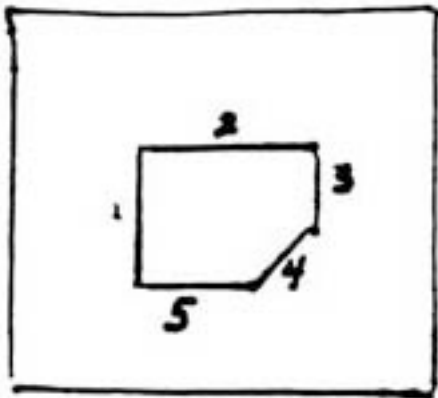
The 5 inch by 5 inch pillow can serve as a place marker and a favor for your seder guests.

This pillow can be assembled by hand sewing if a sewing machine is not available. This is a highly portable project so you can stitch wherever you may be.

Materials

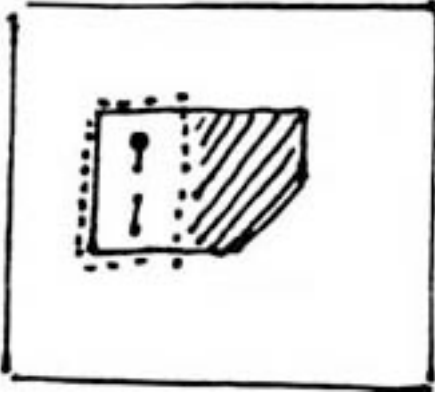
1. Two 6 inch squares of muslin. One will serve as the base for the piecing of the top of the pillow. The other will be the back of the pillow.
2. Fabric of various designs and solid color for piecing. (The original pillow used fabric from men's ties.)
3. Sewing needles, straight pins and thread
4. Stuffing
5. Fabric marking pen ("Sharpie" works well)

Directions for Making the Pillow

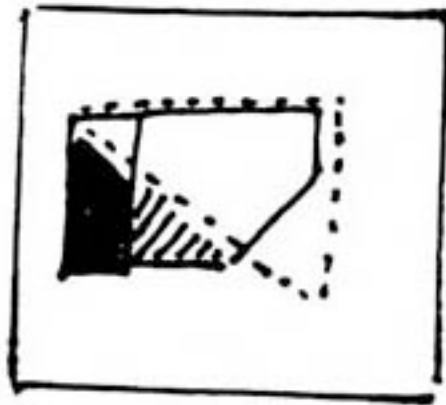


PLACEMENT OF CENTER SQUARE

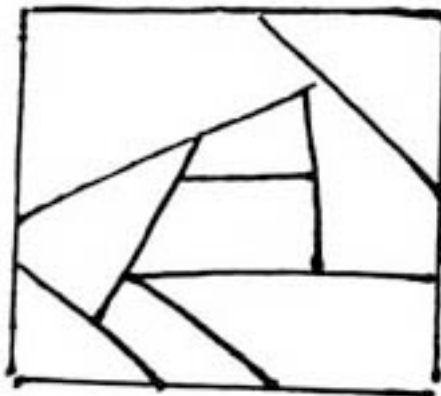
1. Take a piece of the solid color fabric and cut a 5-sided shape about 3 inches wide. (Think about a gabled house and you will have a five sided shape or make your own five sided shape.) We will call this the pentagon.



PLACEMENT OF FIRST PIECE
(RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER)



PLACEMENT OF SECOND PIECE
(RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER)



CONTINUE ADDING PIECES
UNTIL MUSLIN COVERED

2. Pin the pentagon face up on the center of the muslin square.

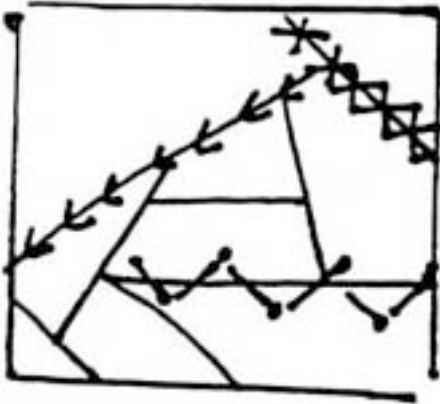
3. Take a piece of one of the patterned fabrics and cut a rectangle at least 2 inches wide and the length of one side of the pentagon plus an inch.

4. Lay the cut rectangle right side down along one side of the pentagon. Sew both pieces together through the muslin with a seam of 1/4 inch using small running stitches from one edge to the other.

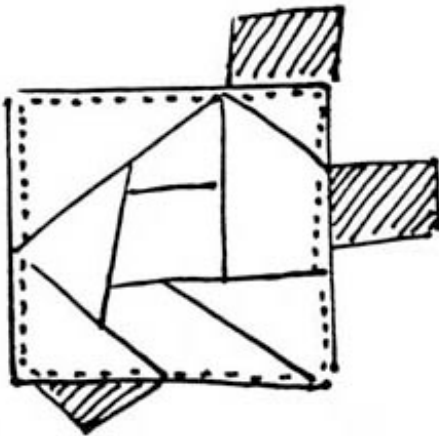
5. Flip the rectangle over, flatten it and finger press the seam.

6. Take another one of the fabrics and cut a rectangle at least 2 inches wide and the length of one side of the pentagon with enough overlap to cover the width of the first rectangle.

7. Lay the cut rectangle right side down along one side of the pentagon overlapping the end of the sewn side. Sew this piece through the sewn



ADD EMBROIDERY ON SEAMS (IF DESIRED)



CUT OFF ANY EXTENDED FABRIC--
BASTE ALL AROUND 1/4 INCH IN



ON BACK MUSLIM IN PERMANENT INK
WRITE:

- 1) DATE OF SEDER
- 2) PLACE OF SEDER
- 3) GUEST'S NAME

side and the muslin with a seam of 1/4 inch using small running stitches from one edge to the other.

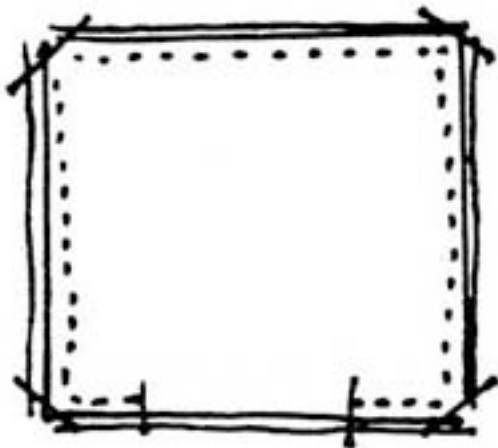
8. Flip the rectangle over, flatten it and finger press the seam.

9. Repeat the process building on each side of the pentagon. Do this as many times as is necessary to cover the entire original 6 inch muslin.

10. Using your muslin square as a guide, baste a line 1/4 inch from the edge on all sides of the muslin square. Carefully cut away any excess fabric from the pieced fabric.

You have now completed the top of the pillow.

11. On the second muslin square, use your permanent marking pen (Sharpie) to write your guest's name and the date and name of the seder. This will be the back of the pillow.

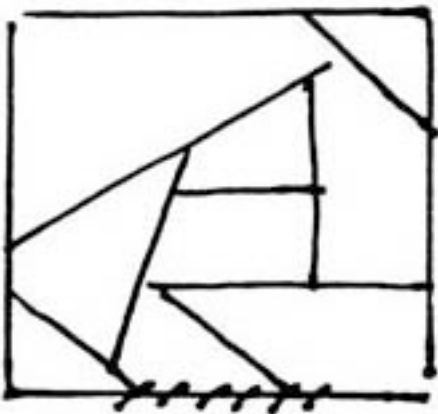


12. Finish your pillow by placing the top and back squares, right sides together and stitching them with a 1/2 inch seam allowance. Leave a 2 inch opening on one side to permit stuffing the pillow. Trim the edge to 1/4 inch from the seam. Turn the pillow right side out and stuff your pillow. Slip stitch the opening to close the pillow completely.

*PLACE RIGHT SIDE FRONT AND BACK TOGETHER

*STITCH TOGETHER WITH 1/2 INCH SEAM. LEAVE 3 INCH OPENING ON ONE SIDE FOR TURNING

*CUT CORNERS ON DIAGONAL TO ELIMINATE BULK



TURN PIECE TO RIGHT SIDES STUFF

SLIP STITCH OPENING CLOSED

The pattern described for this miniature pillow can be enlarged to make a reclining pillow. You may wish make the pillow the size that fits a ready made pillow form, such as a 12 inch pillow, and then adjust your fabric rectangles for the piecing accordingly.