



NORTHSIDE

Shop Hop

Ruffle Cushion



LITTLE
SPLITPEAS MODERN QUILTING

RUFFLED CUSHION

Little Splitpeas' Vintage Blue Jay Ruffled Cushion pairs their Blue Jay block with layers of soft, oversized ruffles for a sweet, nostalgic finish. Inspired by vintage Laura Ashley bedding from the late 1980s and early 1990s, this quilted cushion features rounded corners, a practical envelope back, and plenty of romantic charm. Choose your favorite florals to create a cozy statement piece that feels both playful and beautifully timeless.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Finished size: Approximately 16" square + ruffles

Closure: Envelope back

Skill level: Confident beginner

SUPPLIES

Available in a Kit at Little Splitpeas

ITEM	SIZE / AMOUNT
Completed Blue Jay Block	Trimmed to 17" × 17"
Batting	At least 17" × 17"
Cushion lining fabric	At least 17" × 17"
Inner ruffle fabric	(5) 4 ½" × WOF strips
Outer ruffle fabric	(5) 10 ½" × WOF strips
Pillow back fabric	(2) 11" × 17" rectangles

Additional Supplies

- Basic sewing supplies: machine, rotary cutter, ruler, and mat, pins or fabric clips
- Coordinating thread (recommended: 40 wt thread for ruffles)
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Circle template or drinking cup
- 18" x 18" pillow form

CREATE THE CUSHION TOP

1. **Make your blue jay block** as shown in the Northside Shop Hop pattern kit, using fabrics of your choice.
2. **Make a quilt sandwich** with this block, batting, and whatever fabric you want to use for the lining of your pillow (this will not show, so even muslin would work).
3. **Quilt as desired.**
4. **Trim and square** your block to 17" X 17".
5. **Using a circle template or drinking cup**, trace the curve on the edge of your pillow corners, then trim on the line.

CREATE THE RUFFLES

TO MAKE THE INNER RUFFLE:

1. **Cut 5 strips WOF by 4.5"** then sew them together at a 45 degree angle, like you would binding.
2. **Fold this long strip** in half with wrong sides touching, then press.
3. **Trim and join the ends** together creating a circle that is 102" long.

TO MAKE THE OUTER RUFFLE:

1. **Cut 5 strips WOF by 10.5"** and join these together also at a 45 degree angle.
2. **Fold this long strip in half** with wrong sides touching, then press.
3. **Trim and join the ends together** creating a circle that is 102" long.
4. **Turn your stitch length dial** on your machine to the largest number.
5. **Lay the inner ruffle on top of the outer ruffle** so that raw edges are touching, and stitch baste them together 1/4" from the edge, and again at 5/8" leaving long thread tails at the beginning and ending of your basting stitch. Do not backstitch.
6. **Fold this circle in half** and mark both ends with chalk, then fold that half in half again and mark these ends with chalk. You should now have four chalk marks evenly spaced from each other on your ruffle.

ATTACH THE RUFFLES

1. **Pin each of the four marks** to a corner of your quilted bird block. The smaller ruffle should be facing the block front (right sides together).
2. **Gently and slowly**, pull the 2 long thread tails along your fabric to ease the ruffle into the same size as your pillow front.
3. **Pin this into place** along the entire outside edge.

MAKE THE PILLOW BACK/ENVELOPE

1. **Cut two pieces of fabric** that are 11" X 17".
2. **Hem the edge of these pieces** by folding under (wrong sides together) one of the 17" edges by ½" and press.
3. **Fold that raw edge under again by ¼"** then press, pin, and topstitch this hem down. Don't forget to turn your stitch length dial back to 2.5".
4. **Repeat these steps** on your second piece of pillow back fabric.

ASSEMBLE THE CUSHION

1. **Lay the hemmed pieces** on top of your bird block (right sides together) with the two hemmed edges overlapping in the center of your pillow block.
2. **Pin all the way around**, then trim the corners to match the rounded edges you created earlier.
3. **Using a ½" seam allowance**, stitch all the way around the edge of your pillow, backstitching at the beginning and end of your seam.
4. **Turn your pillowcase right side out** and check that your seam caught all the layers.
5. **Gently pull out any basting stitches** that show on the ruffles, then stuff your pillowcase and enjoy your new Blue Jay pillow!