

Patchwork Present Pillow



Finished Pillow Size: 24" x 24"

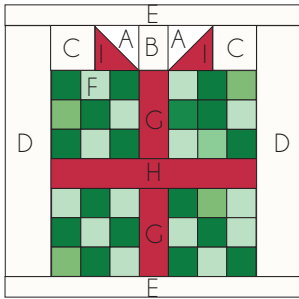
Fabric Requirements

Background	1 fat quarter - Bee Cross Stitch on Cloud Alpine
Present Prints	6 - 10" x 10" squares of assorted green fabrics (or 6 - 2 1/2" x 40" assorted strips)
Ribbon and Bow Prints	1/8 yard red print fabric
Border Print	1/4 yard pink print
Backing	3/4 yard
Batting	26" x 26" piece
Pillow Form	24" x 24"
Optional Pom Pom Trim	3 yards

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Pillow Assembly

All seam allowances are 1/4"



Make 1 - Unfinished Quilt Block - 20 1/2" x 20 1/2"

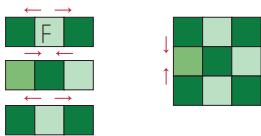
Cutting:

Background	<p>A - 2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares</p> <p>B - 1 - 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" piece</p> <p>C - 2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares</p> <p>D - 2 - 3 1/2" x 17 1/2" pieces</p> <p>E - 2 - 2" x 20 1/2" pieces</p>
Prints	<p>F - 36 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares from assorted present prints</p> <p>G - 2 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" pieces from ribbon prints</p> <p>H - 1 - 2 1/2" x 14 1/2" piece</p> <p>I - 2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares</p>

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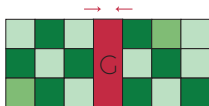
Step 1:

Create a nine patch block with 9 assorted F present print squares. Sew them together as shown. Make a total of four units.



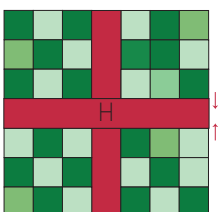
Step 2:

Sew two of the nine patch units together with a G ribbon print piece between them. Make two.



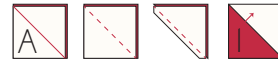
Step 3:

Sew the nine patch and ribbon units together as shown, with the H ribbon piece between the two units.



Step 4:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of an A background piece. Place this right sides together with an I print piece. Sew on the marked line, trim 1/4" away from the seam and press. Make two half square triangles.



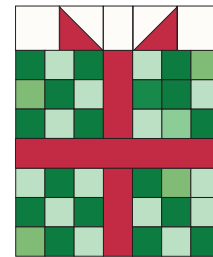
Step 5:

Assemble the top Bow section of the present by sewing two A/I half square triangles together with a B background piece in the center, aligning the half square triangles as shown. Sew a C background piece on the left and right sides of the ribbon unit.



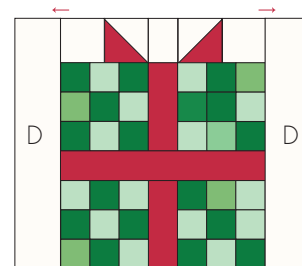
Step 6:

Sew the ribbon unit to the top side of the present unit.



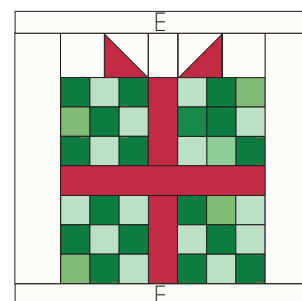
Step 7:

Sew a D background piece on the left and right sides of the present unit.



Step 8:

Sew an E background piece to the top and bottom sides of the present unit.

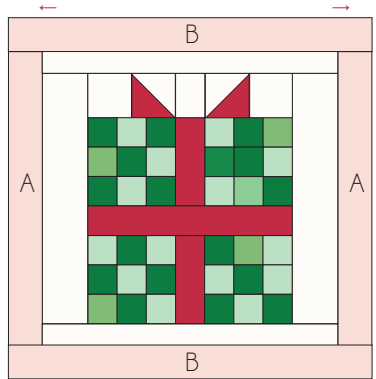


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Assembly:

Borders	A - 2 - 2 1/2" x 20 1/2" strips B - 2 - 2 1/2" x 24 1/2"
Backing	2 pieces 16 1/2" x 24 1/2"

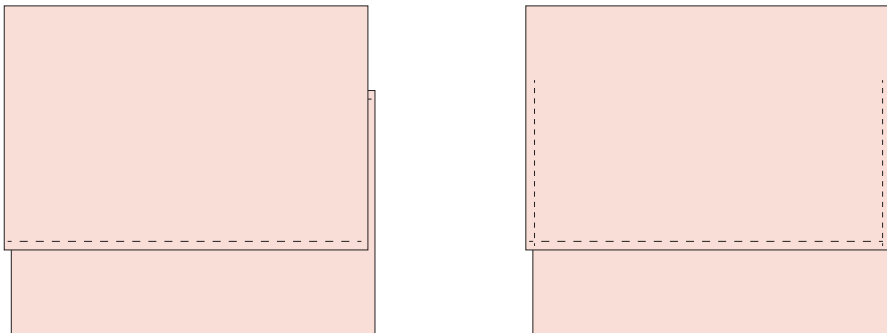
Sew the **A** border strips on the left and right sides of the block. Sew the **B** border strips on the top and bottom of the block.



Layer together the pillow top and batting and quilt as desired. Trim to 24 1/2" x 24 1/2". If you'd like, add a running stitch around 1/4" away from the seams of the present with a contrasting color of floss. You can also add cute trim here! Pom pom trim makes a great detail to the pillow. Sew the trim to the pillow top, after quilting, with the pom poms pointing in towards the pillow center and lining up the edge of pom pom trim with the raw edge of the pillow. Use a 1/8" seam to sew on the trim.

Finishing:

Hem the bottom edge of one of the 16 1/2" x 24 1/2" backing pieces by turning under the raw edge twice and sewing along the inside folded edge. Hem the top edge of the other 16 1/2" x 24 1/2" backing piece. Layer together the two pieces so the piece with the bottom hemmed edge is on top of the piece with the top hemmed edge, overlapping the two pieces together so they create a 24 1/2" square. Sew a basting seam where the two backing pieces overlap, 1/8" away from the edge.



Place the pillow front and backing right sides together and sew around all four sides. Clip corners, turn pillow cover right sides out and press. Place a pillow form inside the cover and press again if needed. Show off your cute new pillow!