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## Summer Taffy Bolster Pillow Skill Level: Intermediate

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Summer Taffy Bolster Pillows are easy to sew on your machine and one can easily be made in a day. They look great when grouped with pillows of other shapes and sizes and are perfect for a girl's room or perched on your favorite chairs. Instructions are provided for both ruffled and pleated ends. Finished size - 16" x 4".

### Fabrics Needed

Fabric A	1 fat quarter
Fabric B	1 fat eighth
Fabric C*	¼ yard straight cut
Fabric D*	¼ yard straight cut

\*Fabric C can be used for both the inside and outside of the ruffle or pleat at the end of the pillow. If so, eliminate fabric D and replace with ¾ yard of fabric C.

### Materials Needed

Pellon <sup>®</sup> 987F Fusible Fleece	½ yard
Pellon <sup>®</sup> Perfect Loft <sup>®</sup> Cluster Fiber Fill	1 bag
Thread	

### Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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# Assembly

Seam allowance is ½" unless otherwise noted.

## Step 1. Cutting Instructions.

Fabric A	Cut one 17" x 16" rectangle for outer pillow body
Fabric B	Cut two 5" circles using the template found on page 3
Fabric C	Cut two 3" x width of fabric strips for outer ruffle/pleat*
Fabric D	Cut two 3" x width of fabric strips for inside ruffle/pleat*
Fusible Fleece	Cut one 16" x 15" rectangle
	Cut two 5" circles using the template found on page 3

\*If fabric C is used for inside and outer ruffle, eliminate the cut for fabric D and cut two 5" x width of fabric from fabric C.

Step 2. For pillow body, center the fusible side of the 16" x 15" rectangle of Fusible Fleece on the wrong side of the 17" x 16" rectangle of fabric A. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 3. Quilt on the sewing machine using a long stitch. Sample used a diagonal long stitch and straight square stitches.

Step 4. For bolster ends, place the fusible side of one Fusible Fleece 5" circle on the wrong side of one fabric B 5" circle. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions. Repeat for remaining circles.

Step 5. Using the template, mark the seam allowance on the Fusible Fleece for both circles.



Step 6. For the pleated ruffle, see step 9. For the gathered ruffle, place one fabric C strip right sides together with one fabric D strip. Sew the length of the strip. Repeat with remaining strips.

NOTE: If using the same fabric for outer and inside ruffle, fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Then continue with Step 7.

Step 7. Place the two short ends of the strip right sides together. Stitch. Press seam open. Fold the strip in half lengthwise along the long seam and press. Starting and stopping at the short end seamline, sew the raw edges together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and a large gathering stitch. Repeat with second strip.

Step 8. Pull bobbin thread gently to gather the strip evenly until the strip measures  $15\frac{3}{4}$ ". Repeat for second strip.

Step 9. For the pleated ruffle, place one fabric C strip right sides together with one fabric D strip. Sew the length of the strip. Repeat with remaining strips.

NOTE: If using the same fabric for outer and inside ruffle, fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Then continue with Step 10.

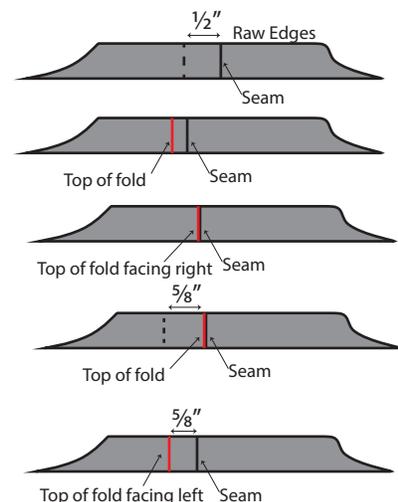
Step 10. Cut the strips to  $16\frac{3}{4}$ " each. Place the two short ends of the strip right sides together. Stitch using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam open. Fold the strip at the seam and press. Working on the raw edges, begin folding the fabric at the short end seamline, pinning each pleat as it is made.

Step 11. Go out  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the seamline. Fold the fabric up  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Place the fold so that the foldline aligns to the short end seamline. Measure  $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the foldline and make another  $\frac{1}{4}$ " fold in the opposite direction from the first fold. Pin to hold. This is one pleat completed. See diagram at right.

Step 12. Repeat step 11, thirteen more times, with each pleat measuring  $\frac{5}{8}$ " across with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " tuck on each side. The edges of each pleat should butt up against the pleats next to it. The 13th pleat will end back at the seam line.



Portion of Ruffle Circle Shown

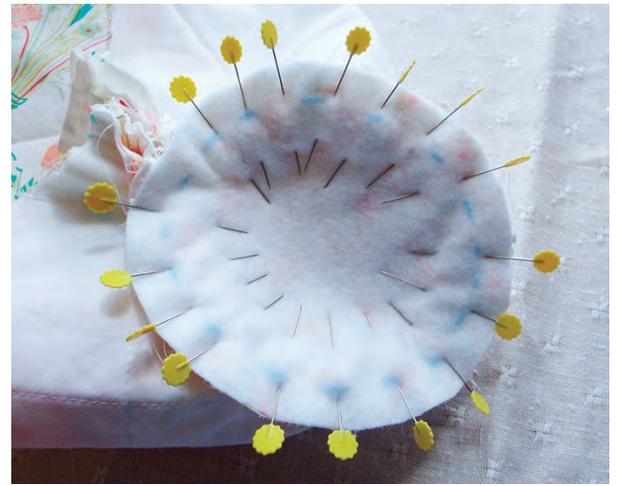


Step 14. Place one bolster end piece right side up. Place one ruffle right side up on top of the bolster end piece aligning the long raw edges. Pin together.

Step 15. Baste around the bolster end piece. Repeat for other bolster end piece and remaining ruffle. Remove pins.

Step 16. Place the pillow body right side up. Fold in half lengthwise so it measures 17" x 8". Stitch along the length of the pillow, leaving a 4" opening in the center for turning. Press seam open at the ends.

Step 17. Place one bolster end piece right sides together with the pillow body and the ruffle in between. Align the raw edges and the bottom seam with the short end seam. Pin around the entire circle.



Step 18. Stitch, using a 1/2" seam allowance or following the drawn line. Repeat for other end of the pillow.

Step 19. Turn pillow right side out. Press. Fill with Fiber Fill at the ends and then towards the center. Stuff generously and form the pillow, smoothing the stuffing inside as it fills.



Step 20. Hand sew opening with a back stitch to close.



# Summer Taffy Bolster Pillow Template

Set printer to 100%, actual size.

