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## Reversible Basket Weave Quillow Skill Level: Intermediate

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Make this reversible traditional 'quillow' for everyone on your list. This tied lap quilt folds up into a pocket to become a pillow. Children of all ages would love one of these. Pattern used the basket weave block. Finished size is 44" x 64".

### Fabrics Needed

Fabric A	1 1/2 yards
Fabric B	1 1/2 yards
Fabric C	1 1/2 yards
Fabric D	1 1/2 yards
Fabric E (solid)	1 yard

### Materials Needed

Legacy by Pellon Eco-Cotton™ Blend	1 1/4 yd
Embroidery Thread (to tie layers together)	
Thread	

### Tools Needed

Sewing Machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutting tools and supplies

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## Cutting Instructions - Basket Weave Block and Border

Cut twenty-two 2" strips of Fabrics A, B, C, and D. Cut six 4 1/2" strips of border fabric.

Fabrics A and B will be used for top quilt. Fabrics C and D will be used for bottom quilt.

With right sides together, sew strip A to B and C to D using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam toward the darker fabric. Repeat until all strips are used.

Sew two sections of A/B and two sections of C/D together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward the darker fabric. Repeat until all sections are used.

Using rotary tools, even the end of these sections.



Cut sections into sixty-three 6 1/2" blocks.

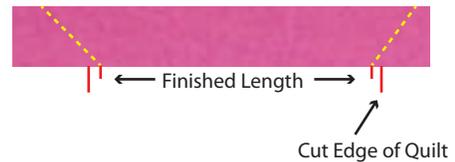


Lay blocks on a table, alternating the orientation of the blocks as shown, 6 blocks across, 9 blocks down. Set aside the remaining 9 blocks for both the A/B quilt and the C/D quilt.

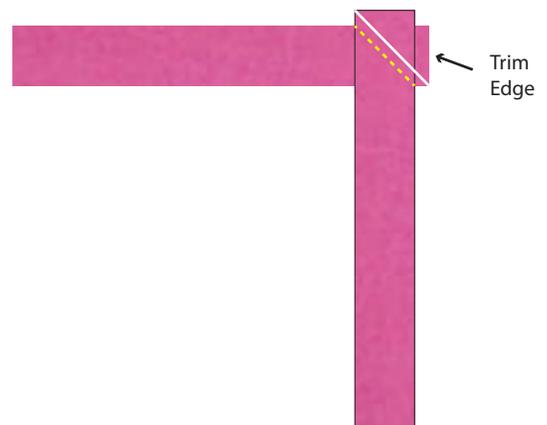


Sew the blocks together, press seams toward the vertical striped blocks. Then sew the rows together, pressing seams open.

Measure your quilt both horizontally and vertically. Mark two of the border strips the same length as the horizontal measurement. Mark again 1/4" in from the length measurement. Lay a ruler on the fabric at the 45° angle. Mark stitching line. Sew top and bottom borders onto quilt, stopping stitching at sewing line.



Place two border strips right sides together as shown. Mark a 45° sewing angle on strips as shown. Sew. Trim seam. Press strips.



Repeat instructions for marking top and bottom borders for the side borders. Sew side borders on.

Turn quilt to wrong side. Match drawn seams at each corner. Sew mitered corner starting at quilt and ending at the outside edge. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". Press seam in one direction.



Sew remaining blocks into two 3 block x 3 block sections.

OPTIONAL: Sample cut four of the 6 1/2" blocks in half, placed them around four 6 1/2" blocks and added a 4 1/2" border strip on one end. This method will add an additional illusion of hiding the pocket when quilt is unfolded.



Cut one piece of batting 18 1/2" square. Layer the two pillow pieces right side together on top of the batting. Stitch on three sides.

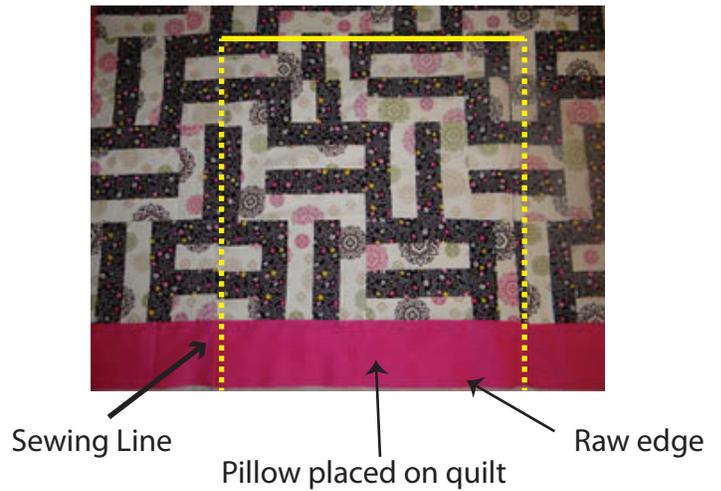
NOTE: If the option of adding a border piece to the pillow section was used, be sure and leave that side open when piecing the two pillow sections together.

Turn pillow section right side out. Press gently.



## Assembling the Quillow

Sew the pillow piece to the quilt top that will be used as the back of the quillow. Center the pillow piece to the center of the quilt with both facing right side up. Align the raw edges (this will not be sewn). Pin in place. Sew the sides of the pillow, backstitching at start and stop. Use a narrow seam. Raw edge end and opposite the raw edge will not be sewn.

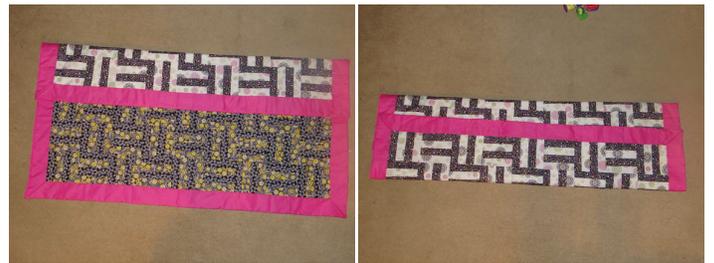


Place the two quilt tops right sides together. Place a layer of batting on the quilt top. Stitch in a 1/4" seam allowance leaving the side opposite the pocket open. Trim excess batting and corners. Turn quilt right side out. Iron the seams gently. Turn open end of quilt in 1/4". Applique the opening closed.



## Folding The Quillow

Lay the quilt with the pillow side down. Fold the long sides toward the middle using pillow edge for a guide.



Turn the pillow piece inside out over the folded sides. Fold the remaining quilt on itself and tuck it into the pillow creating the Quillow.

