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## Paper Snowflake Pillow Skill Level: Intermediate

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It is amazing that all snowflakes are so pretty, yet no two are alike. Create your own unique snowflake designs from fusible fleece and brighten up winter days with a snowflake pillow! Sample used Joy by Kate Spain for Moda fabrics, Ta Dot by Michael Miller, and Jingle by Ann Kelle for Robert Kaufman.

### Fabrics Needed

Background fabric	1/2 yard
Border fabric	One fat quarter
Muslin	1/2 yard
Pillow backing fabric	1/2 yard

### Materials Needed

14" Zipper (optional)	One
Pellon <sup>®</sup> 987F Fusible Fleece	One yard
Pellon <sup>®</sup> SF101 Shape-Flex <sup>®</sup>	1/2 yard
Pellon <sup>®</sup> 810 Tru-Grid <sup>™</sup>	10" Square
Pellon <sup>®</sup> Pillow Insert	One 16"
Thread	

### Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and related supplies  
Sharp scissors

Cut one 10" square of Tru-Grid™. Fold the Tru-Grid™ in half diagonally to form a triangle. Fold the triangle in half, lining up the folded edge. Make one more fold, this time into thirds as shown.



Crease after lining up the edges evenly. Snip the end of the folded Tru-Grid™ as shown.



Create the snowflake design by cutting notches and curved sections from the folded sides, center and outside edge.



Unfold the snowflake to see the finished design.



Cut two 10" squares from the Fusible Fleece. Use a double layer of fleece to minimize the pillow background fabric from showing through.

**IMPORTANT:** Layer the fleece squares so the glue side is facing down on both pieces.

Pin the snowflake pattern onto the fleece layers.



Cut the snowflake design with sharp scissors, keeping both fleece layers pinned in place. After cutting, remove the pattern, but keep both fleece layers pinned together.

Cut one 13" square of background fabric. Fold the square into quarters and finger press. Unfold and use the pressed markings to center the fleece snowflake layers onto the background square. Pin into position with glue side facing down.





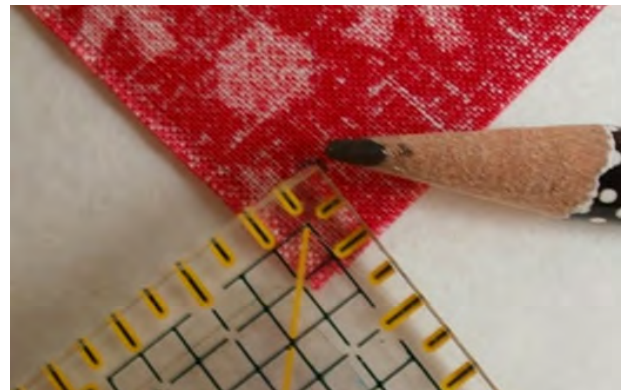
Flip the background piece over and press lightly from the back to start fusing the fleece. Remove the pins and fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

Using white thread, stitch the fleece snowflake design onto the background. Sew through both layers of the fleece near the edges. Square the background piece to 12-1/2", keeping the snowflake design centered.

Make dots on the wrong side of the background fabric square to mark the center of each of the four sides. Mark 1/4" from each of the four corners.

Cut four 3-1/2" x 21" rectangles from the border fabric. Mark the centers of each of the four border strips on the wrong side. Pin each border into place, right sides together with the background square, matching centers.

Starting and stopping at each 1/4" dot, stitching using a 1/4" seam allowance. Be careful to not catch adjoining border pieces. Backstitch at the start and end of each seam.



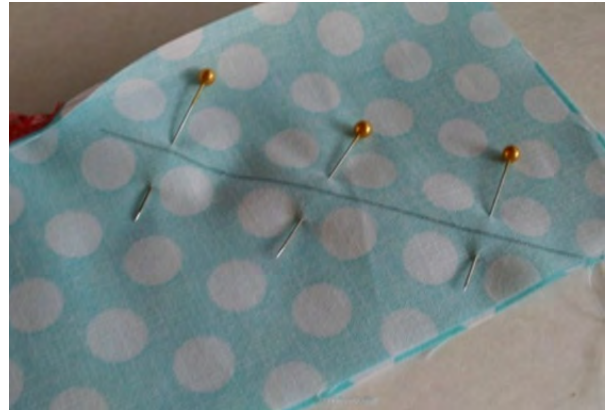
Press seams toward the border pieces. The ends of each border are free as shown.



Fold the pillow top in half diagonally, right sides together. Line up the borders along one point of the triangle to match the outer edges of the borders. Use a ruler to draw a pencil line on the wrong side of the strip, from the 1/4" corner dot to the outside edge of the border.



Pin the borders, right sides together. Stitch along the pencil line from the corner to the outside edge of the border strip to create a mitered corner. Repeat for the remaining three corners. Trim the mitered seams to 1/4" seam allowance. Press the mitered edges away from the center of the pillow top.



Cut one 18-1/2" square of Fusible Fleece. Fuse the Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of the pillow top following manufacturer's instructions.

Cut one 21" square of muslin. Back the fused pillow top with the piece of muslin. Pin the layers together. Stitch around the mitered border in the ditch to hold the layers together.



Quilt as desired. Sample used echo quilting around the outer edge of the snowflake and straight line quilting in the border.



After quilting, square the pillow top to 16-1/2" x 16-1/2".

For the pillow back, make a simple one-piece back, an envelope back or a covered zipper back. Use the Shape-Flex® to add strength and support to the pillow back.

See a tutorial for a covered zipper back here:

<http://eamylove.blogspot.com/2012/11/free-tutorialpillow-backs-with-covered.html>

Trim the finished pillow back to a 16-1/2" square. Pin top and back right sides together. Stitch using a 1/2" seam allowance.

