

Checkerboard Cherries Web Bonus: Bolster Pillow

Designed by **Kathryn Patterson**, based on the quilt by Susan Purney Mark

Finished Pillow Size
18" x 42" (includes prairie points)

Note: Appliqué templates are given without seam allowance.

Number of Blocks and Finished Size
3 Cherry Wreath Blocks 12" x 12"



Fabric Requirements

Assorted black/white prints (blocks, prairie points) 3 fat quarters* total
 12" x 12" piece each
 3 assorted green textures (leaves) 12" x 12" piece each
 2 assorted red textures (cherries) 8" x 9" piece each
 Assorted white/black prints (blocks, border, backing) 4 fat quarters* total
 Muslin (pillow form) 1 yd.**

Pillow stuffing of choice**

*A fat quarter is an 18" x 20-22" cut of fabric.

**Not needed if using a purchased 14" x 38" pillow form.

Planning

Be sure fat quarters measure at least 18" x 20" before beginning cutting. We recommend you not wash your fat quarters prior to cutting. Instructions are included for making your own pillow form, but feel free to substitute a purchased 14" x 38" form if you prefer.

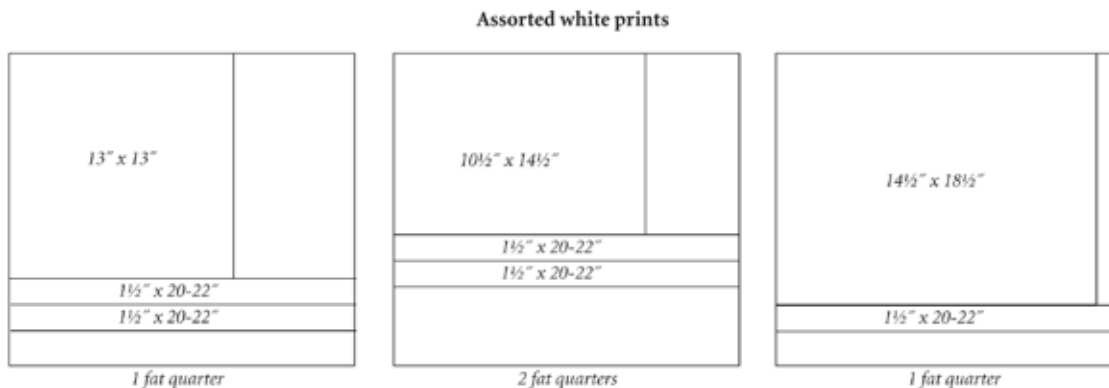
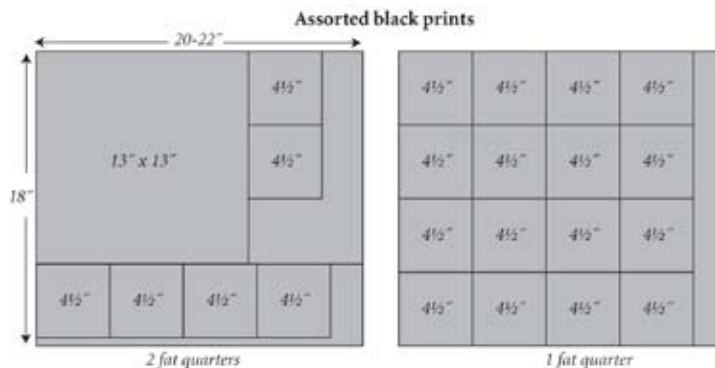
Cutting Instructions

Note: Cutting instructions for fat quarters are shown in Cutting Diagrams, below. Cutting instructions for green and red fabrics are on appliqué templates.

Muslin

2 strips 14 1/2" x 38 1/2"

Cutting Diagrams



Appliquéing the Blocks

1 Note: The appliqué background squares are cut oversized to allow for shrinkage during appliqué. Finger-press black 13" square in half on both length and width; use folds as placement guide. Referring to **Diagram I**, position 8 each Template A and B fabrics, keeping in mind that square will be trimmed to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" (finished size is 12" square). Appliqué in place. **Trim** to 12 1/2". Make 2 total Cherry Wreath Blocks with black backgrounds, and 1 with white background.

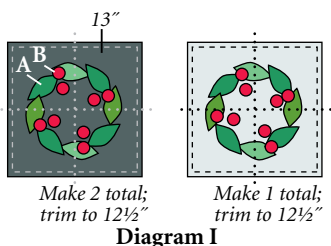
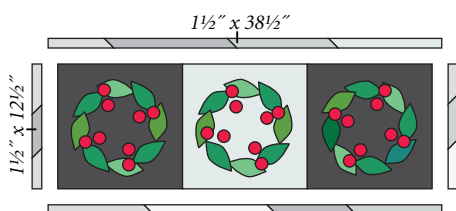


Diagram I

Pillow Top Assembly

2 Note: Refer to **Assembly Diagram** for following steps. Sew 1 row of 3 blocks to make block strip.



Assembly Diagram

3 Stitch 7 assorted white 1 1/2" x 20-22" strips together end-to-end using diagonal seams (**Diagram II**).

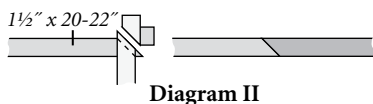


Diagram II

From pieced strip, cut borders in following lengths: 2 strips 12 1/2" each, and 2 strips 38 1/2" each. Sew 12 1/2" strips to sides of block strip. Sew 38 1/2" strips to top/bottom.

4 To make prairie point, refer to **Diagram III-A** and fold assorted black 4 1/2" square in half twice diagonally, wrong sides together. Press well. Make 28 total.

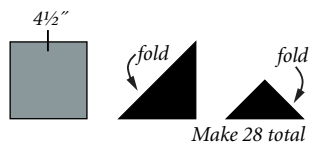


Diagram III-A

Arrange 4 along each short side and 10 along each long side of pillow top, aligning raw edges and spacing evenly (**Diagram III-B**). Baste a scant 1/4" from raw edges.

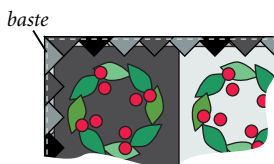


Diagram III-B

Finishing

5 Stitch assorted white 10 1/2" x 14 1/2" rectangles to white 14 1/2" x 18 1/2" rectangle to make pillow back (**Diagram IV**). Place pillow top and back right sides together; sew 1/4" seam around all sides, leaving 8" opening for turning on 1 long side. Trim corners and turn right side out; press.

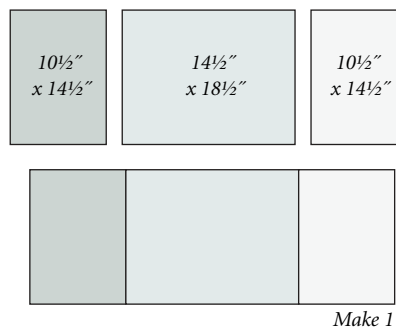


Diagram IV

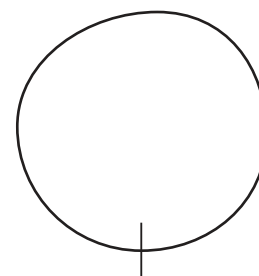
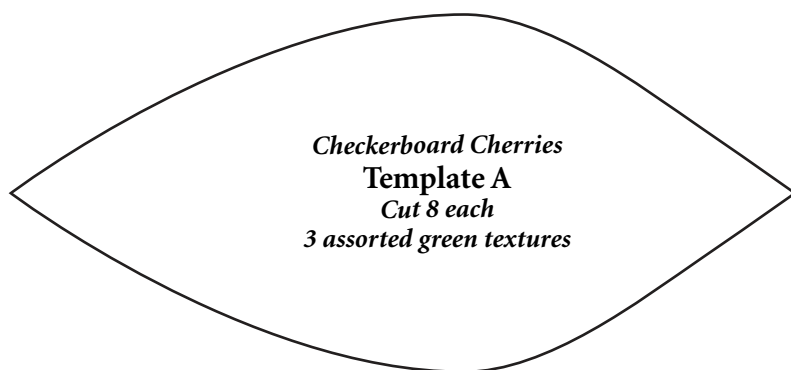
6 To make pillow form, place muslin strips right sides together and sew 1/4" seam around all sides, leaving opening for turning. Trim corners, turn right side out, and fill with pillow stuffing of your choice. Hand stitch opening closed.

7 Insert pillow form in finished case. Hand stitch opening closed.

Further Information

Susan Purney Mark and Daphne Greig own a pattern and design business called Patchworks Studio. To visit their website, go to patchworkstudio.com.

Checkerboard Cherries Web Bonus: **Templates**



*Checkerboard Cherries
Template B
Cut 12 each
2 assorted red textures*