

Project: House and Heart Pillow

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Use precut 10-inch squares and fat quarters to create a reversible pillow. Appliqué house and heart shapes, then frame each appliquéd block with stripe and tone-on-tone borders. Fabrics are from the Pinfeathers collection by Carina Gardner and Simply Basics, both from Northcott Fabrics (northcott.net).

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Materials

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard multicolor stripe (appliqué, middle borders)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard tan bird print (appliqués, pillow front outer border)
- 18×22" piece (fat quarter) tan stripe (inner borders)
- 18×22" piece (fat quarter) dark tan tone-on-tone (pillow back outer border)
- 2—10" squares assorted light tan tone-on-tones (block backgrounds)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ "-diameter button: black
- Polyester fiberfill

Finished pillow: 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Finished block: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Project tester Jill Abeloe Mead cut the vertical stripe and tan bird print border strips lengthwise (parallel to the selvages) and the horizontal border strips widthwise so the stripes and bird motifs would run in the same direction in the finished pillow.

Patterns A-D are on pages 4 and 5. To use fusible web to prepare patterns for appliqué, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over patterns. Use a pencil to trace each pattern once, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside traced lines.
2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto wrong sides of designated fabrics; let cool. Cut out fabric shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From multicolor stripe, cut:

- 4—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×11" middle border strips (for directional fabric, cut lengthwise)
- 4—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×13" middle border strips (for directional fabric, cut widthwise)
- 1 of Pattern A

From tan bird print, cut:

- 2—2×13" outer border strips (for directional fabric, cut lengthwise)
- 2—2×16" outer border strips (for directional fabric, cut widthwise)
- 1 each of patterns B, C, and D

From tan stripe, cut:

- 4—1×10" inner border strips (for directional fabric, cut lengthwise)
- 4—1×11" inner border strips (for directional fabric, cut widthwise)

From dark tan tone-on-tone, cut:

- 2—2×16" outer border strips
- 2—2×13" outer border strips

Appliqué Blocks

1. Referring to **House Block Appliqué Placement Diagram**, position house, door, and roof appliqué pieces on a light tan tone-on-tone 10" background square. The roof should overlap the house upper edge by $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Allow a margin of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " at top and bottom to prevent appliqué pieces from being caught in seam allowances. Fuse all pieces in place following manufacturer's instructions.
2. Set your machine for a zigzag stitch with a short stitch length (8-10 stitches per inch). Using brown thread, machine-appliqué around house, door, and roof pieces. Sew black button to door appliqué to make house block.

3. Referring to **Heart Block Appliqué Placement Diagram**, center heart appliqué piece on remaining light tan tone-on-tone 10" background square. Fuse in place following manufacturer's instructions. Machine-zigzag-stitch around heart with brown thread to make heart block.

Assemble Pillow Front and Back

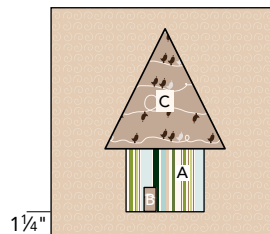
1. Referring to **Pillow Front Assembly Diagram**, sew tan stripe 1×10" inner border strips to side edges of house block. Add tan stripe 1×11" inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border.
2. Join multicolor stripe 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×11" middle border strips to side edges of house block. Add multicolor stripe 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ×13" middle border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward middle border.
3. Sew tan bird print 2×13" outer border strips to side edges of house block. Add tan bird print 2×16" outer border strips to remaining edges to make pillow front. Press all seams toward outer border. The pillow front should be 16" square including seam allowances.
4. Referring to **Pillow Back Assembly Diagram**, repeat steps 1 and 2 to add inner and middle border strips to heart block.

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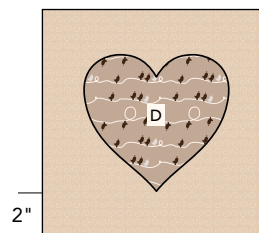
5. Join dark tan tone-on-tone 2x13" outer border strips to opposite edges of heart block. Add dark tan tone-on-tone 2x16" outer border strips to remaining edges to make pillow back. Press all seams toward outer border. The pillow back should be 16" square including seam allowances.

Finish Pillow

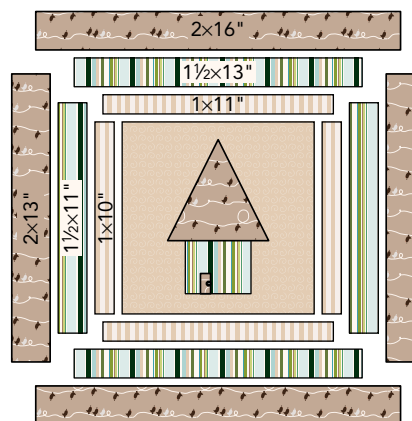
1. Layer pillow front and back with right sides together. Sew together around all edges, leaving a 4" opening on one side for turning, to make pillow cover.
2. Turn pillow cover right side out through opening; use a chopstick or the eraser end of a pencil to push out corners. Press; stuff firmly with fiberfill. Whipstitch opening closed to complete pillow.



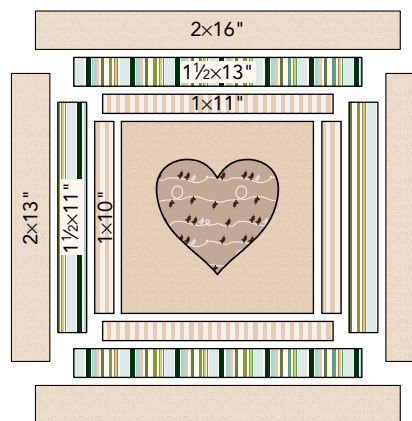
HOUSE BLOCK APPLIQUÉ PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



HEART BLOCK APPLIQUÉ PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



PILLOW FRONT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



PILLOW BACK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

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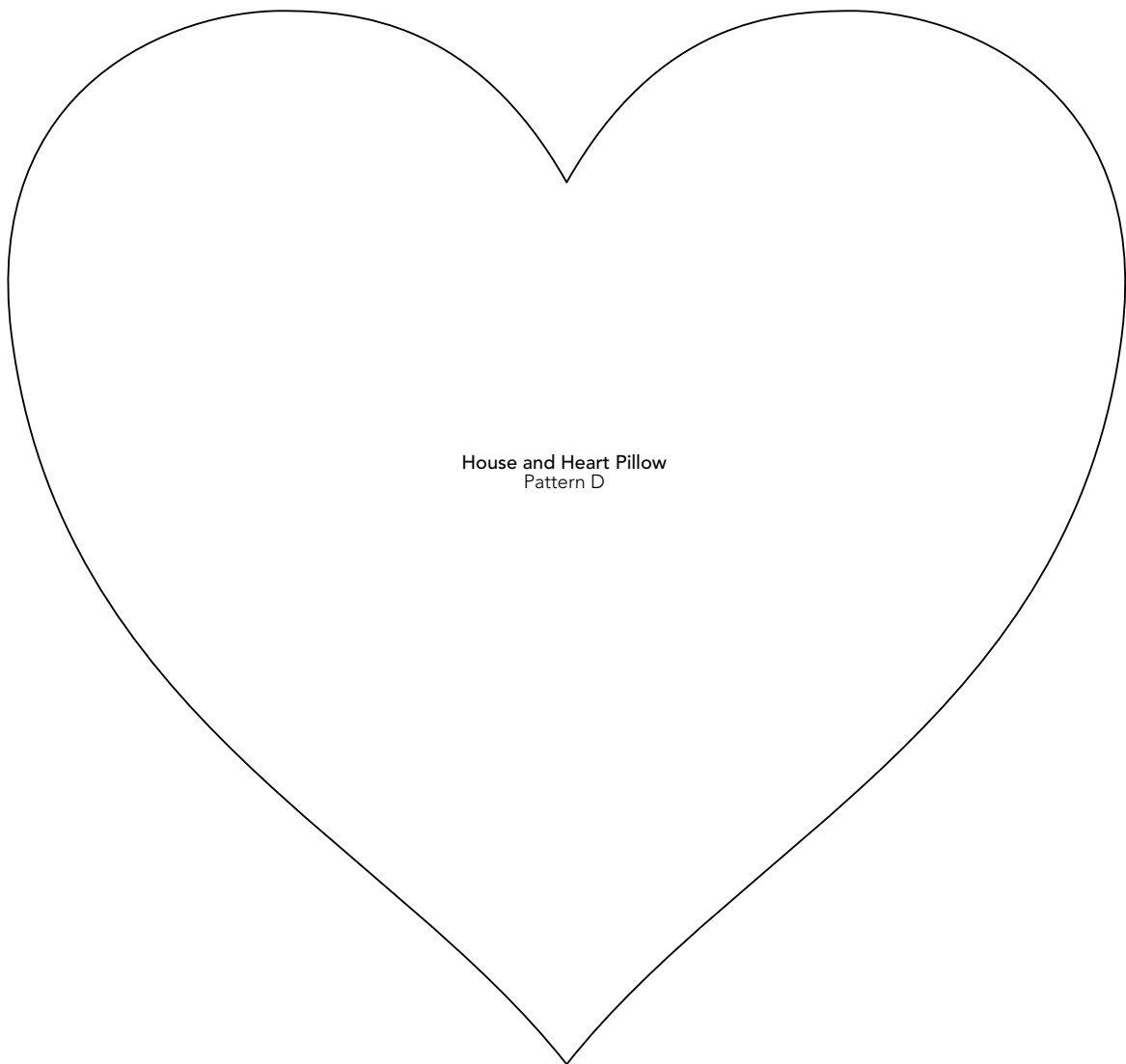
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Pattern C

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Pattern A

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