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Pillows Gone Wild by Natalia Bonner

Hey there! It's been a little while. If you don't remember me, I'm Natalia from Piece N Quilt. I love to blog, sew, design and machine quilt. If you have a second, stop by my blog {piecenquilt.blogspot.com} and say hi. :)

Today I'm sharing a tutorial for a few pillows. This tutorial actually started out as a tutorial for just one pillow but somehow things got a little carried away (*hence the name, Pillows Gone Wild*) and now I'm sharing 5 pillow tutorials in one!



Ingredients:

- 1 Hometown Layer Cake
- 1/2 yard coordinating fabric for backing for each pillow
- 1 yard coordinating grey
- 1 yard coordinating ivory

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Instructions:



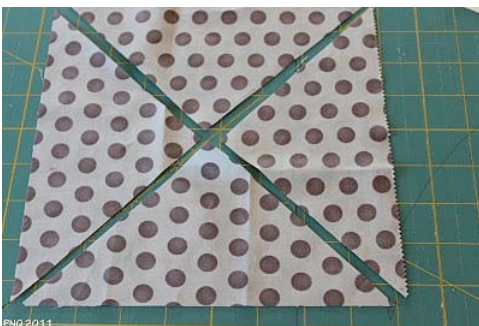
I will be sharing instructions/tutorial for each of the 5 pillows.
First up.
Square in a square 18" pillow.



Start by cutting your center square to 7 1/2"x 7 1/2"



Next cut four ivory strips,
2 strips 2"x10"
2 strips 2"x13"



Now take one layer cake square cut it down to 8 1/2"x8 1/2"
then cut it into quarters.



Lastly, cut two layer cake squares into halves.

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Sewing it all together...
 Begin by sewing the layer cake square that was cut into quarters onto the center square. For the best result, sew opposite sides then press, and then sew the other opposite sides.



Next, sew the ivory strips onto the outside.
 First the shorter strips.
 Second the longer strips.



Now sew the two layer cakes that were cut in half onto the outside of the block.
 Again for the best result, sew opposite sides first.
 Square up the pillow to 18 1/2" square.
 Now prepare the backing and finish the pillow.

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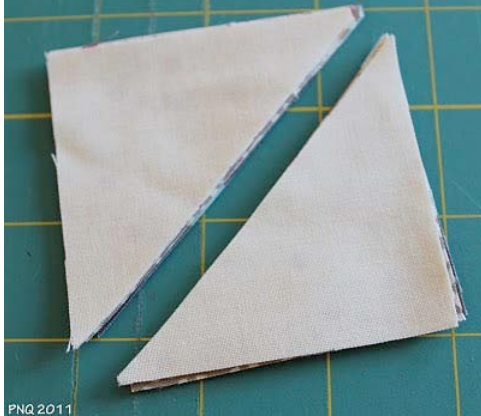
Next pillow.
 X's



Start by choosing 8 contrasting layer cake squares.



For each of the x's cut one strip that is 10"x 3 1/4"

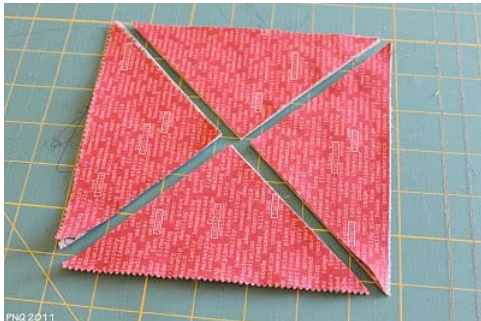


Also cut two 2 1/2"x2 1/2" squares from each of the X prints and then cut into halves (ending up with 4 triangles from each print).



Sew the points onto the ends of the long strips. You will have one long strip for each X.

For the sides of the X's you will cut:
Two short X print strips that are 3 1/4"x4"



Sew one of your points to the end of each of those strips. From the background print cut the four background prints into 6 1/2"x6 1/2" squares and then cut those into quarters.



Now, sew those background pieces onto the sides of the shorter X pieces. You will need two of these for each X.

Sew those side strips onto the long center X strip. You will have four X blocks like this.

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Sew those 4 X's together.



Now prepare the backing and finish the pillow.

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Next up.
Angles



Begin by cutting
9 - 4 1/2" squares.
Cut those in half diagonally.

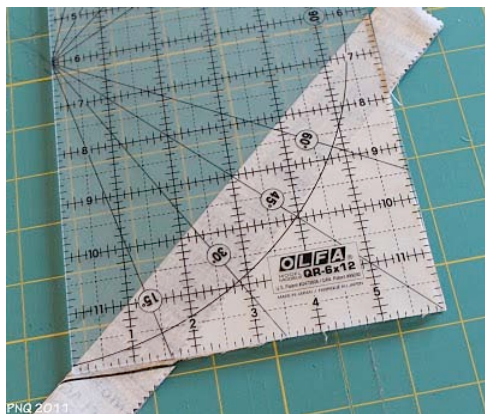
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Next from 9 different prints cut a 2 1/2"x10" strip.
Sew a triangle onto one side of each of the nine strips.



Press the strip in half.



Cut as shown in the image below.



This will give you nice points on the 2 1/2" strip.



Now sew a triangle onto the other side of the block.



Repeat until you have 9 angled blocks.

Sew the blocks together side by side in three rows.

Now prepare the backing and finish the pillow.

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Next up.
Squares and Knots



From your layer cake pick out 16 prints and grab 1/4 yard ivory.

From those prints cut 16 - 2 1/2" squares, 12 - 2 1/2" squares from the ivory, 5 strips and two strips.

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Sew the squares together into four strip sets as shown in the image.



Using the larger strips, sew those rows together into pillows.



I machine quilted the pillow top before putting it completely together.

Next, adding the knots.

Knots are a fun little element that can add a lot of detail to a simple pillow.



After pillow top is quilted Sew a 2"x6" strip onto each corner as shown in the image below. You will do the exact same thing to the prepared pillow back.



When you sew the back of the pillow to the front of the pillow instead of sewing straight across the corners, you will sew out and around each of the four knots. When the pillow is turned right side out it will look like this image.

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After you have inserted the pillow form simply tie those tails in knots.

Last but not least.
Inside out.

This pillow will require yardage.
You will need 1/8 yard three different prints.
Cut the three outer prints into 2 1/2"xWOF strips and then cut the center print into a 2 3/4"xWOF strip.
Sew the strips together side by side.

Press.

Cut into four sections using a 45° angle.
Sew those four pieces together first into two large triangles and then into one large square.
I machine quilted the pillow before adding the backing.



Add the backing...
Keep the pillow inside out. Measure in about 2" from each point and sew across each corner, as shown in the image below.



Turn the pillow right side out and you will end up with more of a boxy pillow.

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Yield:

It's fun to see how many pillows you can make from one layer cake.

I actually made a couple from each of these patterns and it was all from just one layer cake!
Enjoy.

I did machine quilt each of the pillow tops before putting the pillows together.

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