

# Silent Cinema

Patchwork Pillow by Jenean Morrison



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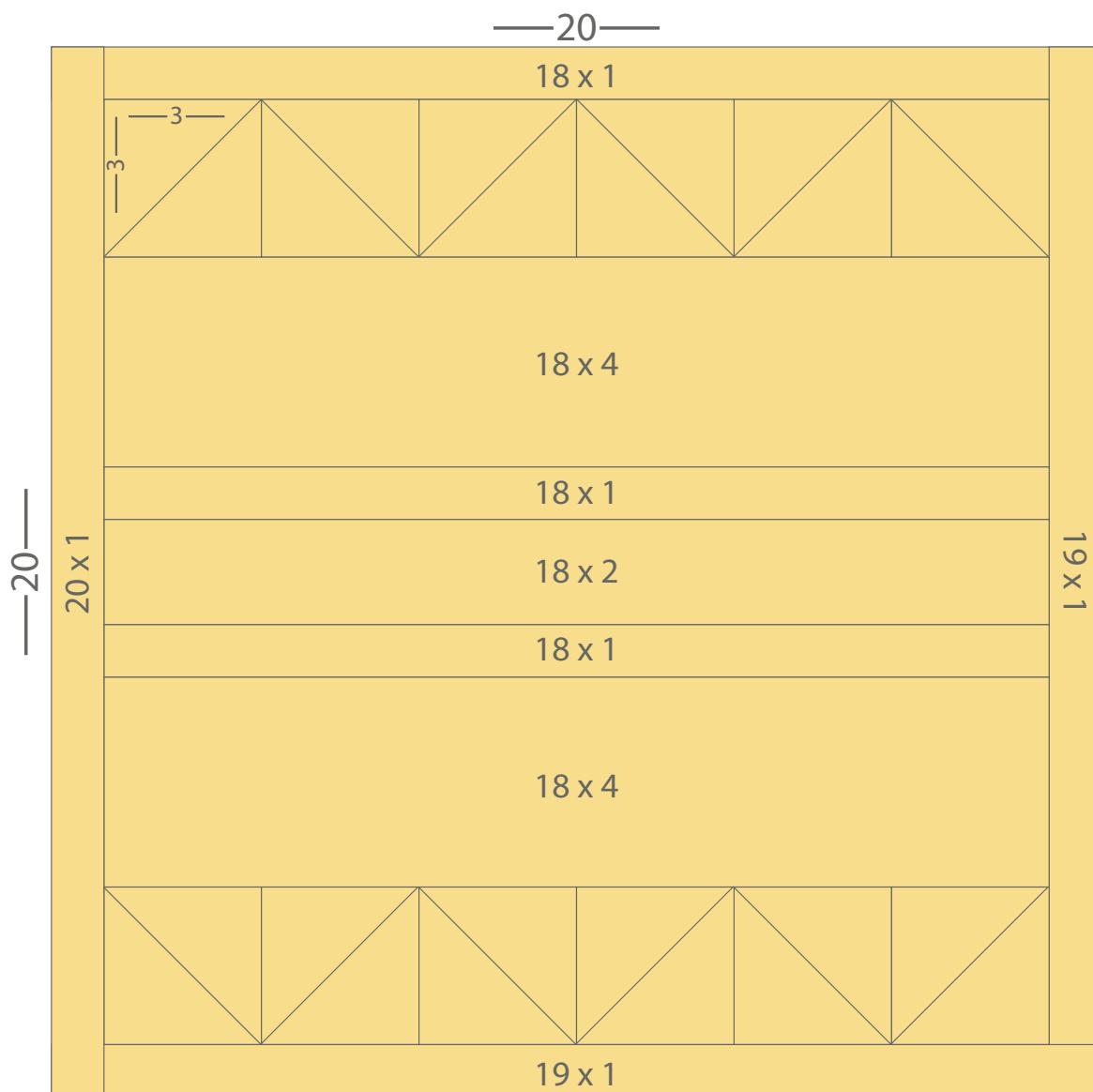
## Sewing Tools You Need

Any Sewing Machine

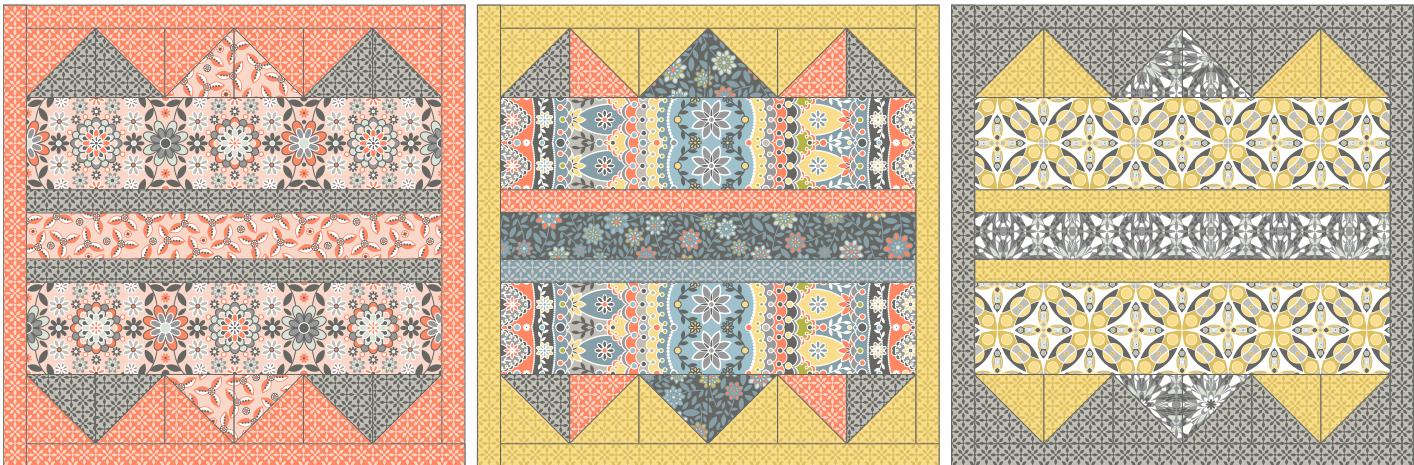
## Fabric and Other Supplies

- I don't have a specific yardage amount as that isn't really how I approach quilting. Instead, simply look for large and small fabric scraps or pre-cuts that compliment one another. You'll need both small pieces as well as a few larger strips. I used various combinations of prints from my newest collection, *Silent Cinema for Free Spirit Fabric*.
- 20" x 20" pillow form
- See-through ruler
- Specialty square or triangle see-through rulers (optional)
- All purpose thread
- Iron and ironing board
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat or scissors
- Straight pins

The grid below shows the FINISHED measurements for a 20" x 20" pillow form. Cut measurements are listed below. I used a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout.



Looking at your fabric, decide how you'd like to place your pieces. Below are three examples of fabric combinations I came up with, using this layout:



For the center strips, cut the following:

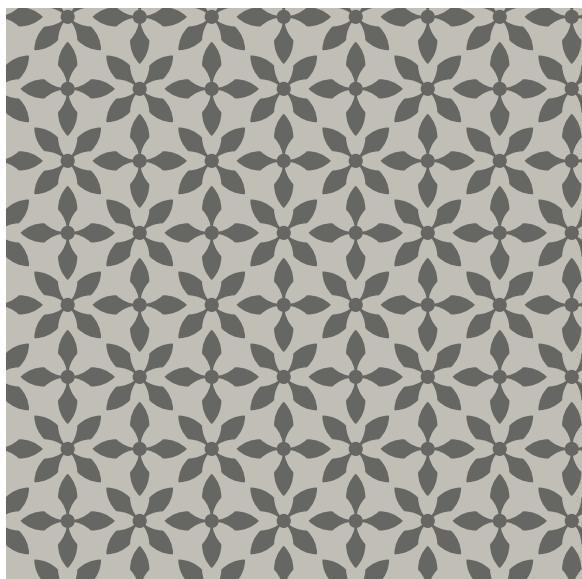
TWO 18½" x 4½" rectangles  
ONE 18½" x 2½" rectangle  
TWO 18½" x 1½" rectangles

For the outer border, cut the following:

ONE 18½" x 1½" strip  
TWO 19½" x 1½" strips  
ONE 20½" x 1½" strip

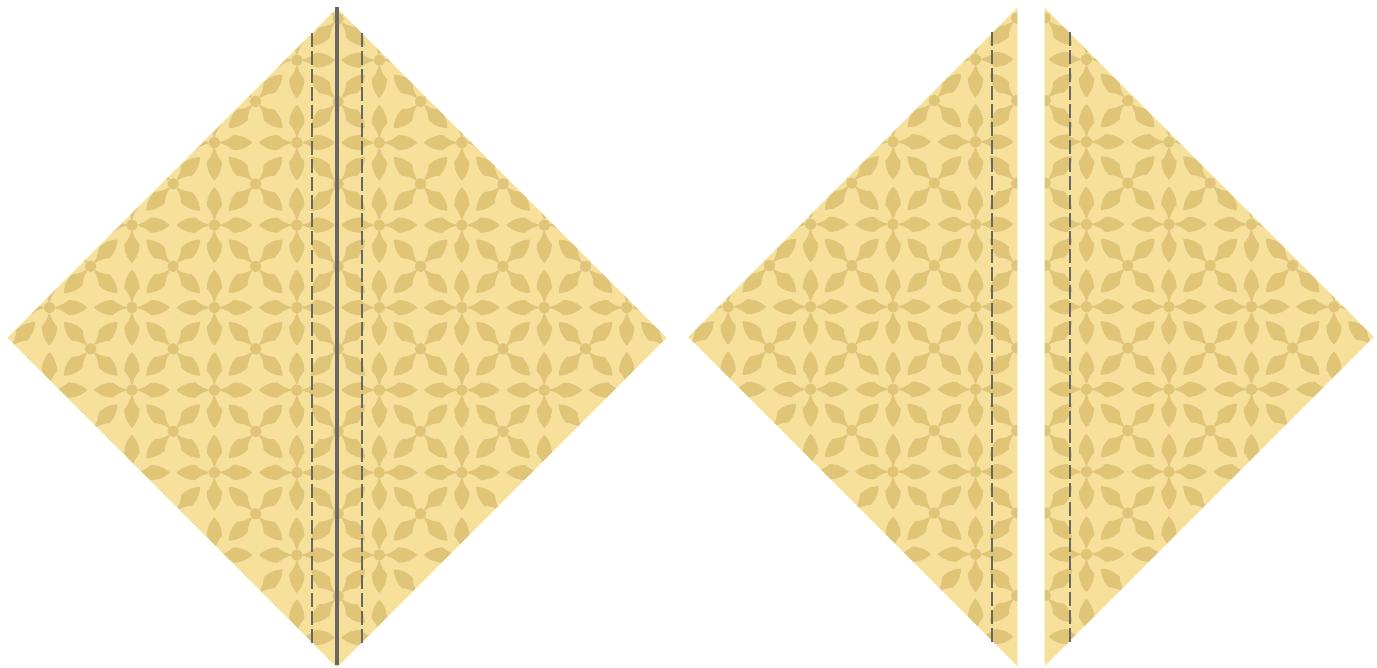
For the triangles, cut TWELVE 4" x 4" squares.

You will need a total of 12 half-square triangles to make up the triangles on the top and bottom of the layout. These half-square triangles can be created two at a time. First, place TWO 4" x 4" squares right sides together.

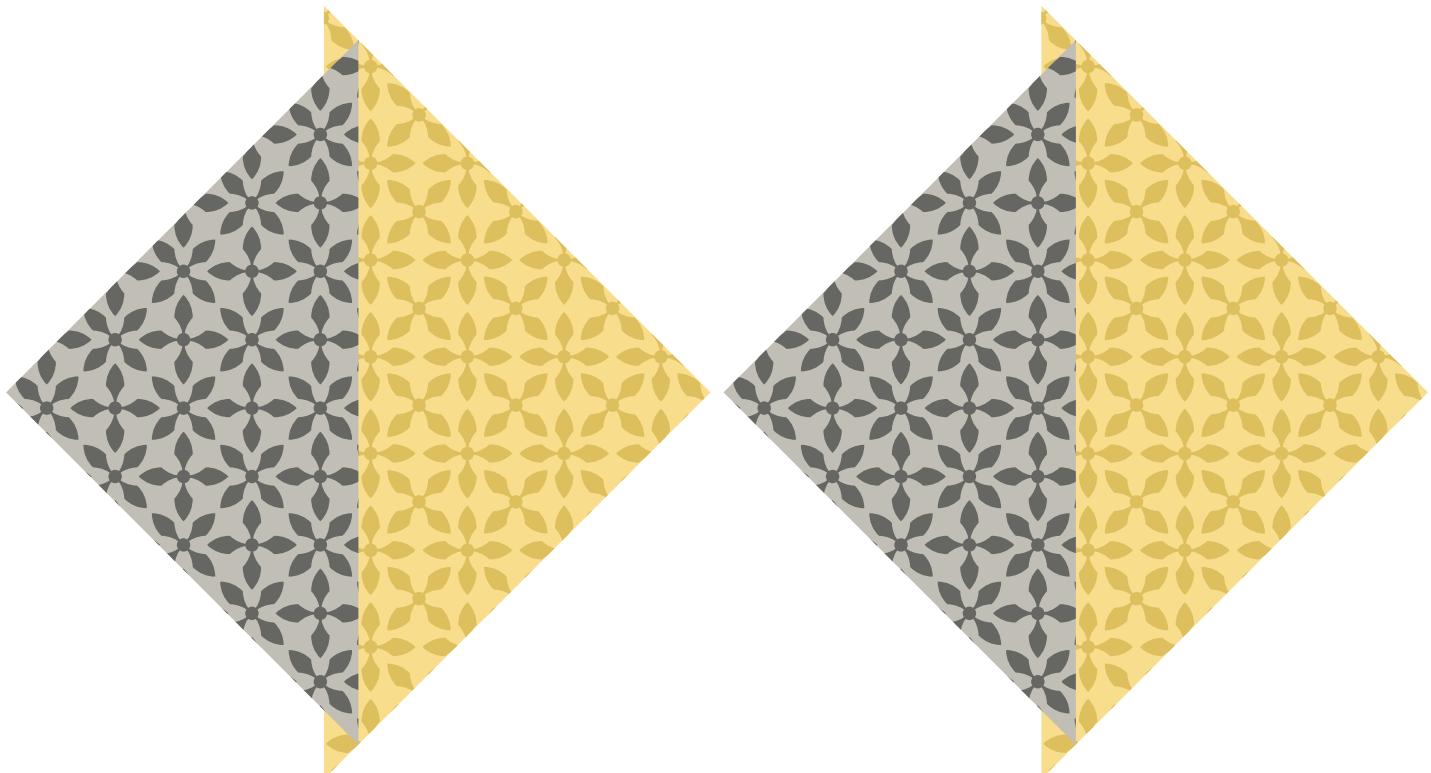


Draw a line down the center of the square, from corner point to corner point.

Sew a line of stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to either side of this drawn line. When both lines of stitching are complete, cut along the drawn line.



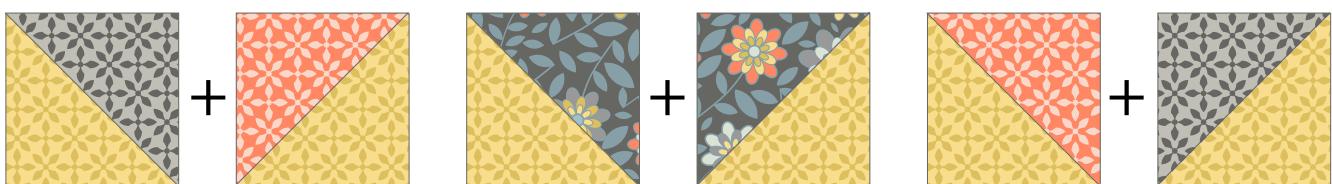
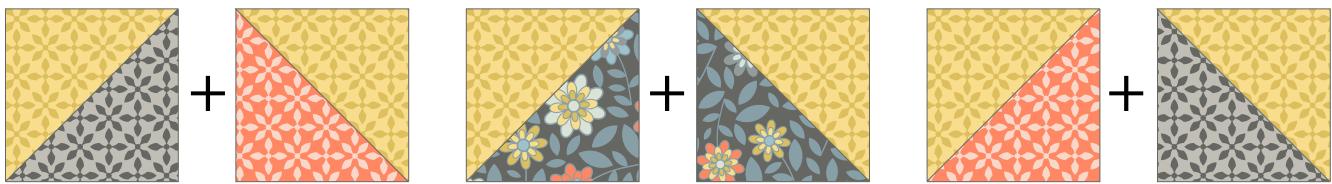
Press the triangles open and you have a perfect square made up of two complimentary triangles.



Trim the squares to 3½" x 3½". Keep the squares evenly centered on both sides.



Using ¼" seams, you are now ready to begin the assembly of the pillow top. It helps to have the grid nearby as a guide. Start by sewing your 12 half-square triangles into sets of two.



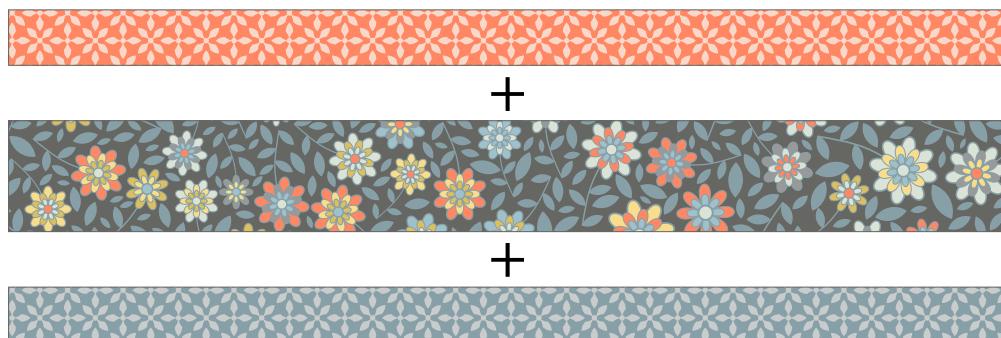
You will end up with six rectangles.



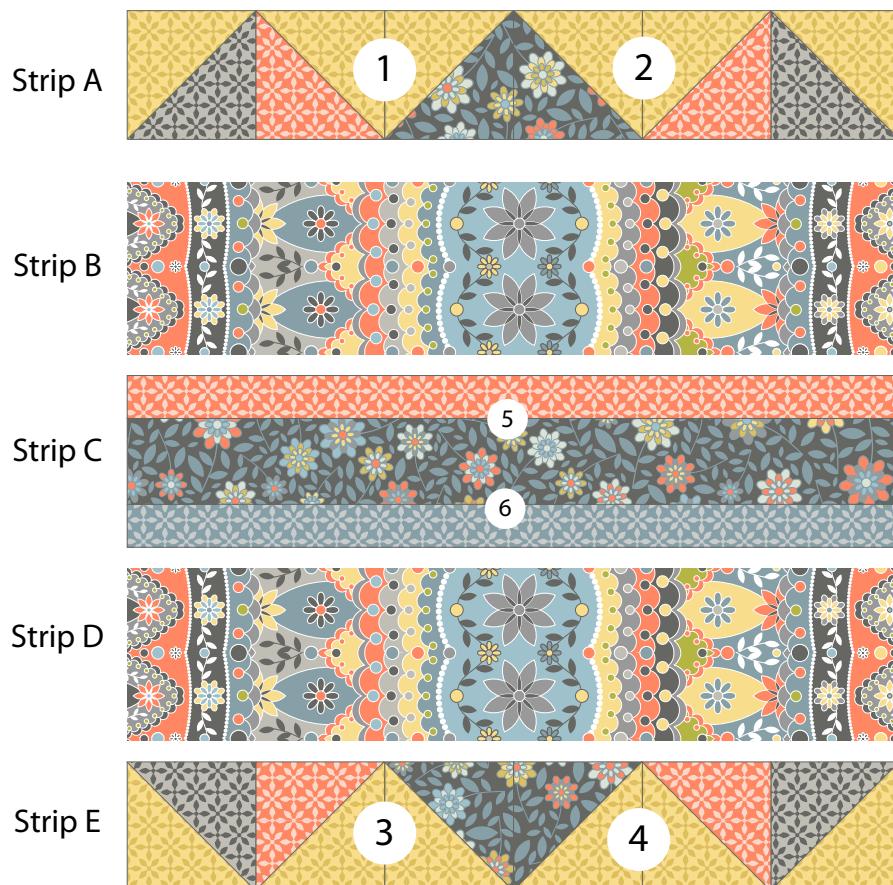
Still following the grid, sew three rectangles together along the short sides to form one 18½" x 3½" strip. Repeat to create a second 18½" x 3½" strip with the remaining three rectangles. (These seams are shown in my diagram below as steps 1,2,3,4.) Set aside.



Next, sew the three center strips together along their long sides, narrow strip to wide strip to narrow strip.



Complete the top by sewing the pieces together in the following order shown below. Sew Strip A to Strip B. Sew Strip D to Strip E. Then sew both strips to the center strip, Strip C.

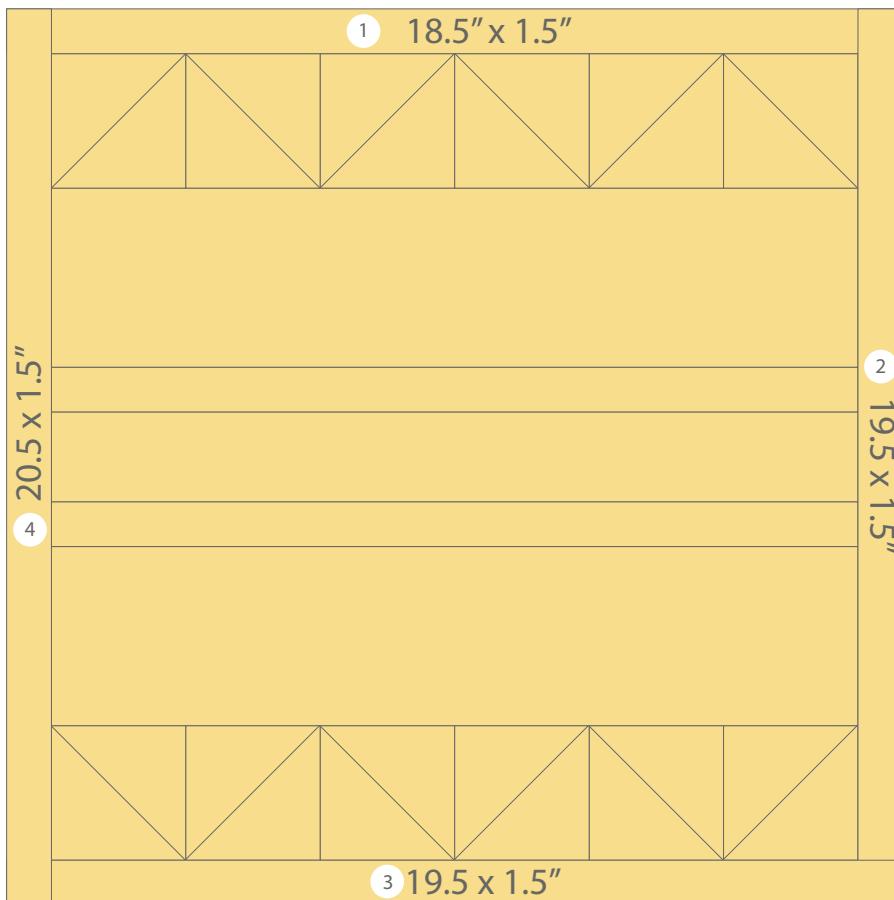


To form the outer border, start by sewing your 18½" border strip along the top edge of your completed pillow front.

Rotate the pillow 90°, then sew one of the 19½" strips along the next side.

Rotate 90° again, and sew your second 19½" strip along the third side.

Finally, sew your 20½" strip along the fourth side.



### Pillow back options

I concentrated my guest tutorial on the steps to make my original patchwork design for the front of your pillow. For the pillow back, you can simply cut a 20" x 20" complimentary fabric for the back and sew the your completed front to this back - right sides together, leaving an opening for turning and inserting the pillow form, then hand sewing this opening closed.

I like to change out my pillow covers periodically and so chose to make an standard envelope pillow back instead for mine. Sew4Home has a number of great step-by-step tutorials for how to do this easy pillow back construction. Check out:

[Patio Party: Sunny Throw Pillows](#)

[Organic Cotton Box Pleat Pillows](#)

[Festive Fall Ruffled Pillows in Three Big Sizes](#)