

Square-in-a-Square Pillow

Approximate Finished Size: 18" x 18"

The classic Square-in-a-Square quilt block is transformed into a textural pillow—appliqué style! Use your stash to make the patchwork your own.

Fabric Requirements (as shown)

- 8½" blue squares in a variety of Luxe Cuddle®, *Front Squares*
Cover sample uses Luxe Cuddle®: Galaxy Navy, Heather Chambray, Hide Navy, and Wild Rabbit Outer Space
- ½ yard Luxe Cuddle® Tuscany Ink, *Pillow Back*
- ½ yard Luxe Cuddle® Frosted Hide Navy, *Accent Square, Borders*

Suggested Notions

- Batting, 1 (22" x 22") square
- Zipper, 16" length
- Double-sided basting tape, 1 yard (⅛"–¼" width)
- Polyester filling for stuffing —or— 20" pillow insert
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors and/or craft knife
- Long, flower head pins and/or fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Basting spray
- Walking foot

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For more information on sewing with Cuddle®, scan the QR code or go to: offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner

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DIRECTIONS

Right Side

Wrong Side

• Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

Cutting + Preparation

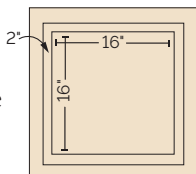
Using *Luxe Cuddle®*

- If necessary, trim the 4 blue squares to (8½" x 8½"). Label them *Front Squares*.
- From Tuscany Ink, cut:
 - 1 (15" x 19"), *Upper Back*.
 - 1 (5" x 19"), *Lower Back*.
- From Frosted Hide Navy, cut:
 - 1 (7" x 7"), *Appliqué*.
 - 2 (2½" x 17"), *Side Borders*.
 - 2 (2½" x 19"), *Top/Bottom Borders*.

Assembly

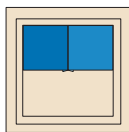
Mark the batting

- Draw a 16" square in the center of the batting.
- Draw additional lines 2" beyond the square.



Make the pillow front

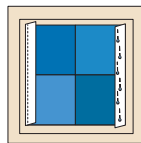
- Sew Front Squares into two sets of two. Finger press seams open.
- Spray baste the back of one set. Align on the top line of the 16" square.
- With *right sides together*, double pin the second set onto the first. Sew through all three layers.
- Spray baste the second set and flip it onto the batting.



Note: The four squares should fill the drawn 16" square.

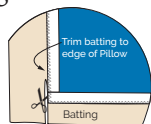
Add the Borders

- With right sides together, align and double pin the side borders to the center square.
- Sew to the 4-patch block. Spray baste, flip, and smooth to the batting.
- In the same manner, sew top and bottom borders to the pillow.



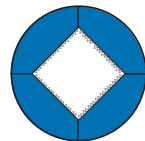
Note: The borders should align with the outer drawn line.

- Zigzag around the edge.
- Trim batting on the outer line.



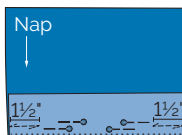
Add the appliqué

- Spray baste the wrong side of the Appliqué square.
- Align the four corners of the Appliqué with the seam lines of the 4-patch block. Pin in place.
- Use a 3x3mm zigzag to appliqué the edges of the white square.

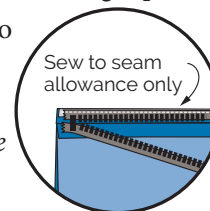


Make the pillow back

- Align the Back pieces with the naps in the same direction.
- Finish the interior edges with a zigzag or by serging.
- Flip the Lower Back onto the Upper Back, right sides together.
- Pin and sew a 1½" seam at both ends. Backstitch at both ends of the seams.



- Fold the Upper Back down behind the Lower Back, leaving the seam allowance standing.
- Add double-sided basting tape to the right side of the seam allowance of the Upper Back. Press to adhere.
- Place the *right side* of the zipper to the basting tape.
- Sew zipper tape to the allowance.
- Note: Zipper tape is sewn only to the seam allowance.*
- In the same manner, add a line of basting tape to the right side of the seam allowance of the Lower Back.
- Press the other side of the zipper tape to the basting tape. Again, sew the zipper to the seam allowance only.

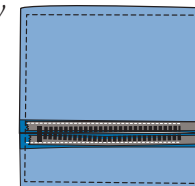


Finishing

- Open the zipper halfway.

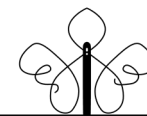
Note: The pillow will be turned right side out through the zipper opening.
- With right sides together, pin the corners of the Pillow Front to the corners of the Back. Continue to pin around the perimeter.

Note: Pin halfway between the corner pins, then double-pin between those pins. Pin a lot.
- Sew Back to the Front. Pivot at the corners with the needle down.
- Turn the pillow right side out through the zipper opening.
- Gently push out the corners with a point turner.
- Insert a pillow form or stuff as desired.



Cuddle® Basics

- Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
- Use a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen to trace appliques or mark measurements on reverse side of Cuddle®.
- Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
- Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
- Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
- Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
- Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
- Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!



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