

Snow Buds™ Square Pillow

2nd Edition

16" Pillow

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Materials Needed:

- 1 Snow Buds Art Print
- Fabric 1: One FQ for border strips and HST
- Fabric 2: One FQ for HST, squares and pillow flange
- Fabric 3: Three FQ's for border strips and backing
- Fabric 4: One FQ for border strips
- 16" square piece of cotton batting
- One 18" nylon zipper
- 16" pillow form

Before Getting Started:

- HST = Half Square Triangle
- RST = Right Sides Together
- WST = Wrong Sides Together
- Use ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

Cutting Instructions:

1. Trim your Snow Buds Art Print to an 8 ½" square. Making sure to keep image centered.
2. Fabric 1:
 - a. Cut eight - 1½" squares
 - b. Cut four - 1½" x 3½" rectangles
 - c. Cut four - 1½" x 10½" rectangles
3. Fabric 2:
 - a. Cut sixteen - 1½" squares for border strips
 - b. Cut four - 1" x 17" strips for pillow flange
4. Using Fabric 1 and 2 leftovers, make sixteen 1 ½" HST's using your preferred method
5. Fabric 3: Cut four - 1½" x 8½" strips from one FQ, set aside remaining 2 FQ's for backing.
6. Fabric 4:
 - a. Cut four - 1½" x 8½" strips
 - b. Cut two - 1½" x 14½" strips
 - c. Cut two - 1½" x 16½" strips

Assembly:

Pinwheels

1. Using sixteen 1½" HST's, make four separate pinwheel squares, with a finished measurement of 2½" square. Be sure to reference Diagram 1 for fabric order and placement.

Outer Ivory Borders

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each of the eight - 1½" Fabric 2 squares.
2. Using the 1½" x 3½" and 1½" x 10½" Fabric 1 rectangle strips, position one 1½" Fabric 2 square on one end of each strip, sew on the drawn line and trim away excess ¼" from sewn line. You will have 8 strips total. **Important:** Refer to Diagram 2 and note the direction of the drawn line before sewing. This is important in later steps.

Inner Blue Borders

1. With the remaining 1½" Fabric 1 squares and the 1½" Fabric 2 squares, draw a diagonal line on the back of all 16 squares.
2. Place one Fabric 1 and one Fabric 2 square on each end of a 1½" x 8½" Fabric 3 strip, sew on drawn line and trim away excess by cutting ¼" from sewn line. Repeat with all four strips. **Important:** Refer to Diagram 3 for correct placement and direction of small squares.
3. Repeat above process with the four 1½" x 8½" Fabric 4 strips. **Important:** Refer to Diagram 3 for correct placement and direction of small squares.



- With RST sew Fabric 3 and Fabric 4 units together, refer to Diagram 4 for orientation, making sure the strips form a diamond shape in the center. Makes four inner border units. Finished size of 2½" x 8½".

Layout Assembly:

- Sew two inner border units on the left and right side of trimmed art print. Refer to Diagram 4 for orientation.
- Sew one pinwheel unit to the end of each remaining two inner border units. Refer to Diagram 4 for orientation.
- Sew pinwheel/border unit to top and bottom art print unit. Iron each unit toward art print.
- Referring to Diagram 5 for placement, sew a 3½" Fabric 1/2 outer border unit to a 10½" Fabric 1/2 outer border unit, making four outer border sets. One for each side.
- With RST sew the top outer border set to the art print unit, lining up the **Right** end of strip set with the right edge of art print unit (the **Left** side of strip will be longer than art print unit). Pin in place, begin sewing at the right edge of the art print unit and stop sewing 1" before the left edge of the art print unit. Add the rest of strip sets working clockwise, ironing towards outer strips. Once the last outer border strip set is attached, finish sewing on the top strip set.
- Attach Fabric 4 border strips to sides. Iron seam towards strip. Repeat with top and bottom strips.
- Position pillow top on batting square.
- Iron the Fabric 2 pillow flange strips, in half width wise, with WST. Sew flange strips on all four sides of pillow top, matching up raw edges, with ¼" seam allowance. Trim the excess strip ends off even with pillow top.

***Optional** – add embellishments to your pillow top here. Beads, sequins, sparkly snowflakes - endless possibilities!

Backing:

- Fold the remaining two Fabric 3 FQ's in half with RST. You should now have two - 22" x 9" rectangles.
- Take your zipper and "snug" it up to folded edge, inside one of the rectangles (zipper teeth up). Sew ¼" from fold making sure to catch the zipper tape.
- Open the fabric and iron down both sides away from the zipper teeth and top stitch. Repeat with the second rectangle. When complete it should measure approximately 18½" x 22".

Finishing Up:

- Lay backing and front of pillow RST, centering the zipper. The backing will be slightly larger (that's ok!).
- Pin all around the edges catching all the layers. Make sure you "unzip" the zipper about 4 inches so you can turn your pillow top right side out.
- Sew a ¼" all around the edge of the pillow. Back tacking the zipper sections to reinforce.
- Take your pins out trim your pillow backing and finish with an overlock or a simple zigzag stitch on the raw edges.
- Turn you pillow right side out and slightly push out the corners.
- Insert your pillow form.

Diagram 1

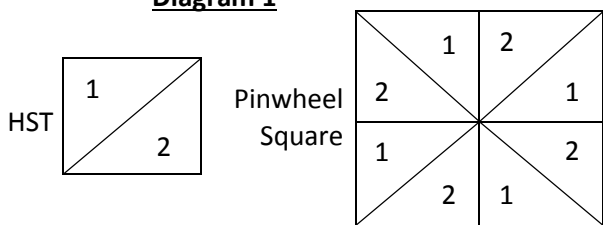


Diagram 2

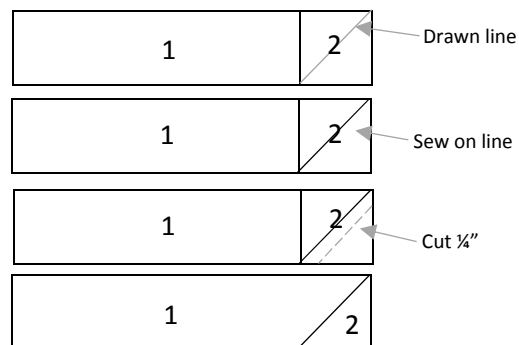


Diagram 3

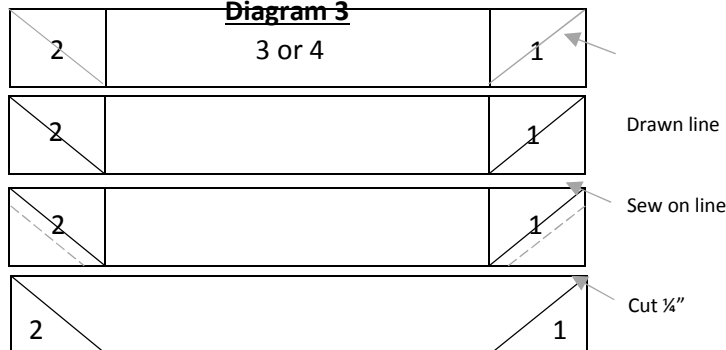
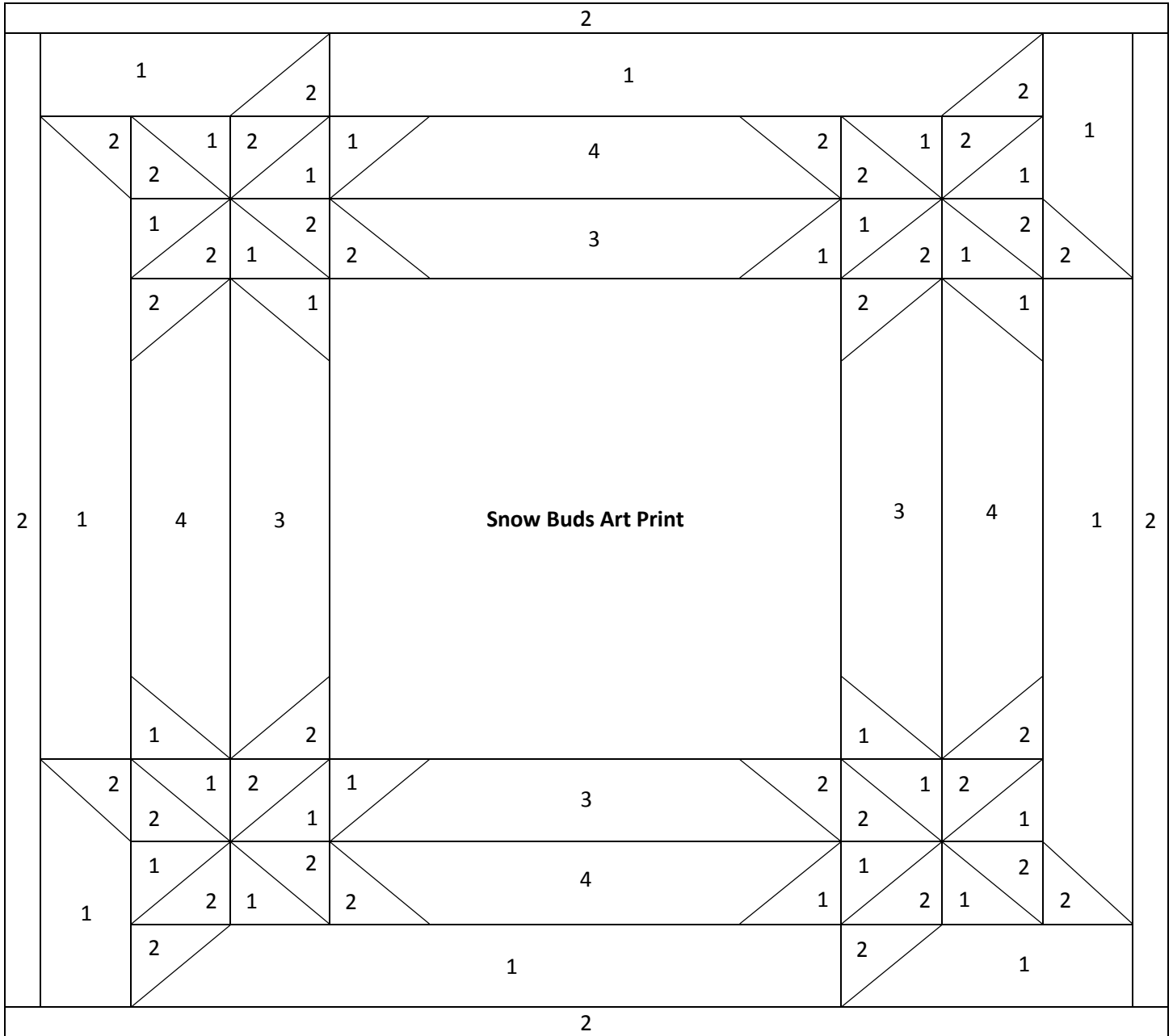


Diagram 4



Suggested Fabric:

Fabric 1: 1895-412 Buttercream

Fabric 2: 1895-38 Burgundy

Fabric 3: 1895-550 Big Sur

Fabric 4: 1895-239 Persia

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