

Snow Buds™ Peppermint Bench Pillow

12" x 26"

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Materials Needed:

- 2 Snow Buds Art Prints
- Fabric 1: One Fat 8th for trees
- Fabric 2: One FQ background for trees, tree trunks, pinwheels
- Fabric 3: 1/3 yard for pinwheels
- Fabric 4: 2/3 yard for borders and backing
- Small scrap of brown for tree trunks (1" x 9" piece needed)
- Cotton Batting: 13" x 27" piece
- 14" zipper
- 12" x 28" pillow insert

Before Getting Started:

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

Cutting:

1. Trim both Snow Buds Art Prints to 8 ½" x 8 ½" squares.
2. Fabric 2:
 - a. Cut two 1 ¼" x 9" strips
 - b. Cut three 2 ½" x 3" rectangles
3. Fabric 1 and Fabric 2: Make fifteen 1 ½" x 2 ½" flying geese using your preferred method.
4. Fabric 3
 - a. Cut two 1" x WOF strips for pillow flange. From each strip subcut:
 - i. One 1" x 26 ½" strip
 - ii. One 1" x 12 ½" strip
 - iii. Iron strips in half lengthwise WST
5. Fabric 2 and Fabric 3: Make sixteen 1 ½" HST's using your preferred method
6. Fabric 4:
 - a. Cut two 2 ½" x WOF strips. From each strip subcut:
 - i. One 2 ½" x 22 ½"
 - ii. One 2 ½" x 8 ½"
 - iii. Set aside remaining fabric for backing

Assembly:

Trees

1. Using the fifteen 1 ½" x 2 ½" flying geese units, refer to Diagram 1 for assembly of each tree unit.
 - a. Tree 1: Sew four units together
 - b. Tree 2: Sew five units together
 - c. Tree 3: Sew six units together
2. Sew one 2 ½" x 3" Fabric 2 rectangle to the top of each tree unit (these will be trimmed in *Tree Trunks step 3*).



Tree Trunks

1. Using the two 1 ¼" x 9" Fabric 2 strips and 1" x 9" brown fabric strip, make a strip set with the brown fabric in the middle. Should measure 2 ½" wide by 9" long when sewn together. Subcut one 2" section, one 2 ½" section, and one 3" section.
2. Sew one tree trunk section to the bottom of each tree unit. Tree one: 3" trunk, Tree 2: 2 ½" trunk, and Tree 3: 2" trunk.
3. Measure and trim each tree unit to 2 ½" x 8 ½". Trim at the Fabric 2 rectangle on the top of each tree unit.

Pinwheels

1. Make 4 pinwheel squares using the sixteen 1 ½" HST's. Using four HST's, make a pinwheel square that will measure 2 ½" square. Refer to Diagram 2.

Pillow Top Layout: Refer to layout Diagram for all pillow top units.

1. With RST, sew one pinwheel square to each end of the two 2 ½" x 8 ½" Fabric 4 border strips. Iron seams toward border strips.
2. With RST, sew tree units to the Snow Buds Art Prints in order shown. Iron all seams toward art prints.
3. With RST, sew the two 2 ½" x 22 ½" Fabric 4 border strips to top and bottom of tree/art panel unit. Iron seams towards border.
4. With RST, sew pinwheel border units to each end of the pillow top unit, completing the border. Iron seams toward border.
5. Layer the pillow top unit on top of the 13" x 27" piece of cotton batting and stitch-in-the-ditch around the center and the border.
6. Sew Fabric 3 flange pieces to pillow top edges. Raw edges facing out and using a 1/8" seam allowance to attach all four pieces, over lapping pieces in corners. This gives the look of piping and rounded corners when finished.

***Embellishments:** (Optional) At this stage you can add some beading or decorative stem stitching to your pillow top. Find custom embellishment kits at www.pineneedles.com. Show your creativity!

Backing

1. From the remaining Fabric 4, cut two 13" x 28" rectangles. Fold in half RST to make two 13" x 14" rectangles.
2. Take zipper and "snug it up" to folded edge **inside** one of the rectangles (zipper teeth facing up). Sew ¼" from fold, making sure to catch the zipper tape.
3. Open the fabric and iron down both sides away from the zipper and top stitch. Repeat with second backing piece. When complete it should measure 13" x 29".

Finishing Up:

1. With RST, center the pillow top on the backing. Note: the backing will be slightly larger.
2. Pin all around edges, making sure to unzip the zipper about 4 inches so you can turn the pillow right side out.
3. Sew ¼" seam around edges back tacking zipper section to reinforce.
4. Remove pins, trim your pillow backing and finish with an overlock or zigzag on the raw edges for a finished look.
5. Turn pillow top right side out and slightly push out the corners.
6. Insert Pillow form.

This pillow looks great on a bench, couch, or wherever a touch of whimsy suits you!

Diagram 1

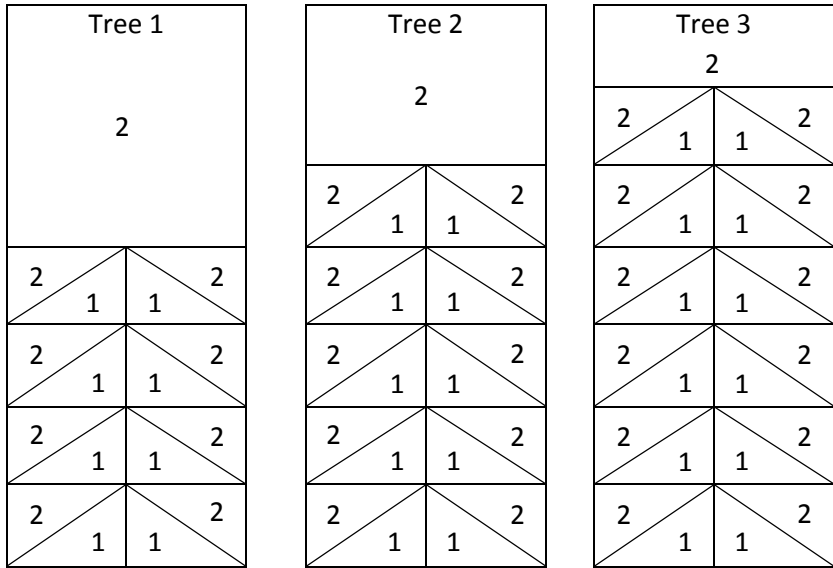
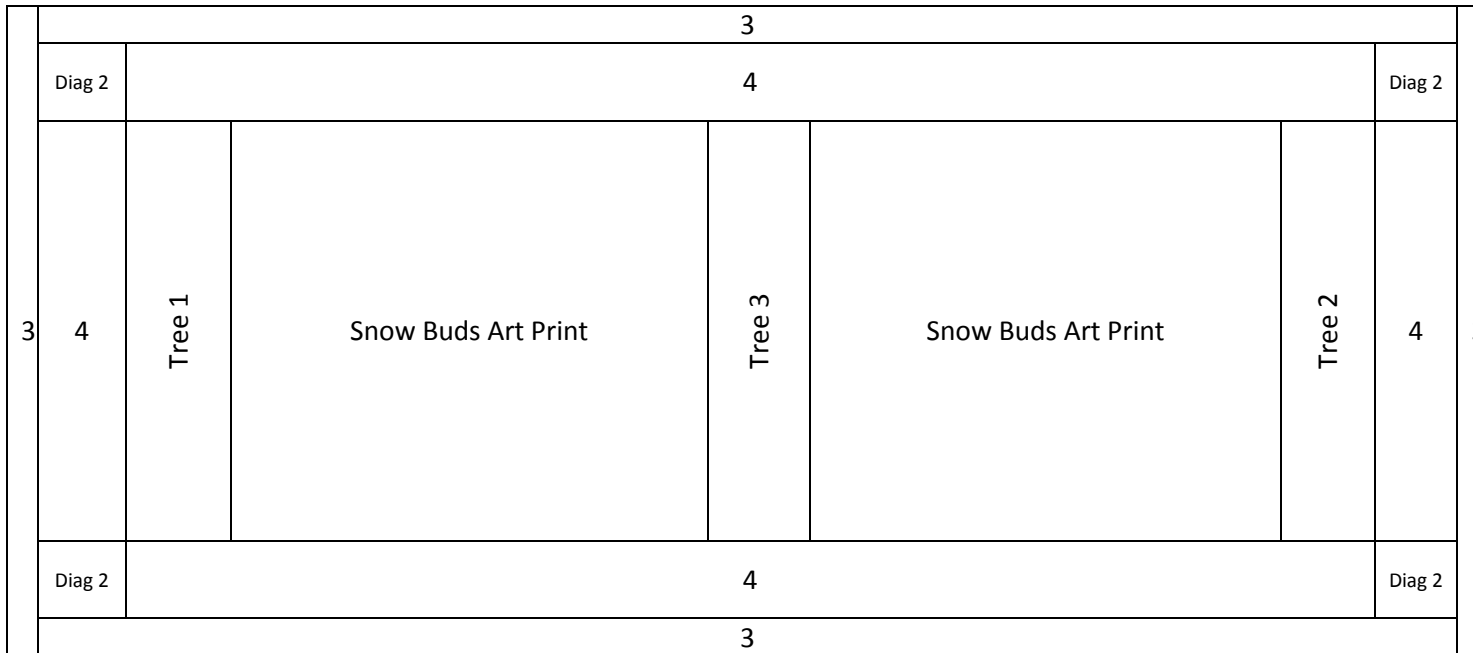
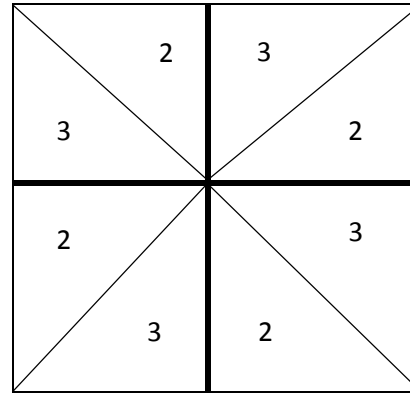


Diagram 2



Suggested Fabric:

Fabric 1: AYC 15900-213 Evergreen
 Fabric 2: AYC 15900-15 Ivory
 Fabric 3: AYCM 15904-97 Rose
 Fabric 4: AYCM 15904-69 Midnight
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