

September: Lozenges Pillow

10" X 18" Finished—from LynBrown.com



Supplies:

16 scraps at least 3"x 5". Various colors and values. (Could be a charm pack)

Scraps of whites/lights: Enough to cut 32 ea. 1 3/4" squares. Variety is key. Dig out your scrap bag.

Scraps of blacks/darks: Enough to cut 32 ea. 1 3/4" squares. Again, variety is key.

Cutting:

Various Colors: 16 ea. 3" x 5" rectangles

Whites/Lights: 32 ea. 1 3/4" squares

Blacks/Darks: 32 ea. 1 3/4" squares

Batting and Backing 11 1/2" x 19 1/2"

2 Pillow Backs 10 1/2" x 20 1/2"

Assembly:

1. Divide your rectangles by value. You are going to add white/light snowballs to the darker fabrics and black/dark snowballs to the lighter fabrics.

2. To Snowball: *To snowball, mark/press diagonal on smaller squares. Lay small square in corner of rectangle. Stitch along marked/pressed diagonal.*

Press small square over stitching to form triangle. Trim excess to 1/4".

An Important Note About Pressing: Generally, Snowball seams are pressed out. It's important however, on these lozenges to consistently press half the seams toward the center of the rectangle to make piecing them together easier. Here's how I think of it... ***Come Right In!***

What I mean is... press all the right hand snowballs toward the center of the rectangle. Now that is the Right top snowball AND the bottom Left snowball (*So however you turn the block, the top right snowball is always pressed in!*) (*Come*) ***Right In!***

Trust me on this... You'll be happy you did!

3. Once you have 8 rectangles with white/light snowballs and eight rectangles with black/dark snowballs, lay them out in four rows of four alternating the snowballs as shown. Stitch together. See how easy that is? Pillow top should measure 10 1/2" x 18 1/2".

4. Layer with batting and backing. I just quilted in the ditch along the seam lines using a Walking Foot. Easy peasy! Trim to measure 10 1/2" x 18 1/2".

5. Fold the Pillow Backs wrong sides together crosswise (to 10 1/2" x 10 1/4"). Layer atop the Right Side of your quilted piece, aligning raw edges with the folds overlapping at the center. Stitch all around, trim corners and turn through the opening created by the folds.

Inner Pillow: 3/8 yard of muslin/scrap fabric and Stuffing (I like PolyFil 100% Premium Polyester Fiberfill)

Cut: 2 ea. 10 1/2" x 18 1/2"

Assembly:

1. Place the two fabrics right sides together. Stitch around, leaving an opening to turn.
2. Turn and press. Stuff. Hand stitch opening close.



Press all the right hand snowballs toward the center of the rectangle. So however you turn the block, the top right snowball is always pressed in!

