

# neighborhood pillow

This pillow is a fun way to use mini charm squares or scraps and highlight a favorite phrase. It finishes at 12"x16" with an envelope style closure.



## materials needed

- embroidered panel, trimmed to 4½" x 16½"
- mini charm pack or thirty-two 2½" squares
- ½ yard of background and backing fabric
- fat quarter of fusible fleece

## before you begin

- please read through all of the instructions
- all seams are ¼" unless otherwise noted
- WOF means width of fabric and fabric width must be at least 42"
- instructions assume you know how to make flying geese units

-factory cut mini charm squares can be slightly larger due to the pinked edges, so measure and trim or ease in as necessary

## cutting instructions

- sort your 2½" squares into two piles, one with sixteen roof squares and one with sixteen house squares. Set your pile of house squares aside, and trim your roof squares into sixteen rectangles measuring 1½" x 2½"
- from the background and backing fabric, cut a 12 ½" x WOF strip.
  - crosscut that strip into two rectangles, one measuring 9" x 12 ½" and one measuring 12 x 12 ½", these are your backing rectangles for the envelope style back closure
  - you should have approximately 21" x 12½" remaining from that strip, subcut two border strips 1 ½" x 16 ½" these are the top and bottom border strips for your pillow front.
- from the remaining 5 ½" x WOF background and backing fabric, cut two 1½" x WOF strips and crosscut into 1 ½" squares until you have thirty-two 1½" squares. You will have a small amount of leftover background fabric.
- cut the fusible fleece into a 12½" x 16½" rectangle, you may want to leave yourself an extra ½" around and then trim after fusing and quilting to help cut down on trimming thread tails from quilting.

## pillow front assembly

- Using your sixteen 1½" x 2½" roof rectangles and your thirty-two 1½" background squares, make sixteen flying geese units measuring 1½" x 2½" (figure 1)
- Sew one flying geese unit to one 2½" square from your house pile until you have sixteen house units measuring 3½" x 2½" (figure 2)
- Divide your sixteen house units into two piles of eight and sew each group together along the 3½" side until you have two units that consist of a rows of eight houses that measure 3½" x 16½" (figure 3)
- To finish the pillow front, sew a 1½" x 16½" border strip to the roof side of the top row of houses, and sew the other 1½" x 16½" border strip to the bottom of the other row of houses, this is your bottom row

of houses. Then paying careful attention to the orientation of your embroidered panel, sew the top row of houses to the top of the embroidered panel strip, and sew the bottom row of houses to the bottom of your embroidered panel strip. Your pillow front should measure 12½" x 16½" (figure 4)

- Now that the pillow front is complete, fuse the fusible fleece to the wrong side of the pillow front, taking care to use a fabric scrap or pressing cloth to cover the embroidery before applying the iron. Quilt as desired.

### finishing the pillow

- along one of the 12 ½" long edges of the 12" x 12½" backing rectangle, fold down the edge by ¼" and press, then fold down the edge again by ¼" and press, encasing the raw edge of the fabric in the fold. Topstitch 1/8" away from the edge to secure the hem. Repeat this process along the 12½" edge of the 9" x 12½" backing rectangle to hem it as well. Now that your backing envelope flaps are hemmed, you are ready to attach them to the pillow front.

- place the pillow front right side up, and layer the backing pieces on top with the right sides facing down, the raw edges of the backing pieces aligned with the raw edges of the pillow front, and the hemmed edges of the backing overlapping in the center of the pillow as shown in figure 5. Pin or clip the front and backing together and sew all the way around the outside of the pillow. Clip the corners to reduce bulk, and flip the pillow right side out, using a point turner to poke out the corners. Stuff the pillow and enjoy!

I hope you enjoy making this pillow, if you have any questions, please shoot me an email, [monogramsformakers@gmail.com](mailto:monogramsformakers@gmail.com), and I am happy to help. It makes my day to see your projects, if you make this pillow, I would love it if you tag me on Instagram @monogramsformakers or use the hashtag #neighborhoodpillow.

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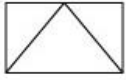


figure 1

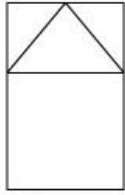


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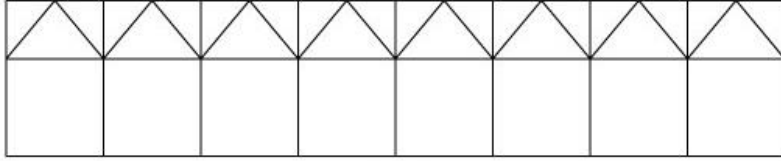


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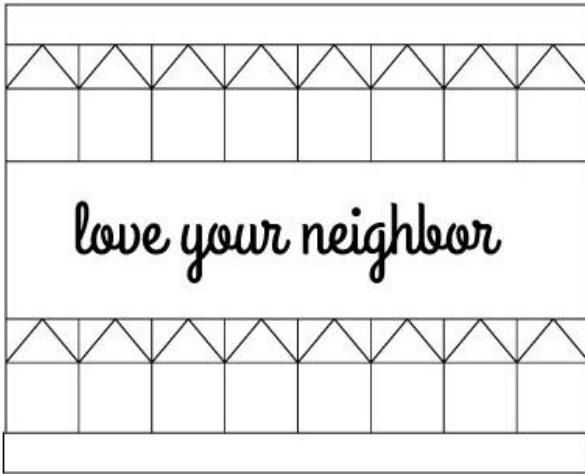


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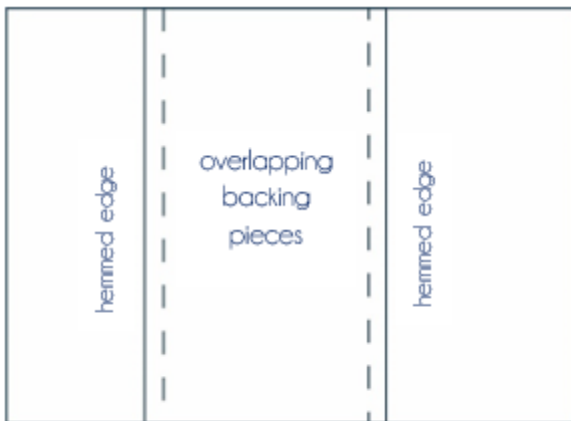


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