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Pieced Ruffle Pillow with Christmas Tree Applique

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Finished Pillow Size: Approximately 21 x21" - Fits 14" pillow form



Required Materials:

3/8 yard background for pillow applique

1/3 yard for tree applique

Small scrap for tree trunk

1/8 yard for pillow border

½ yard for pillow back

5/8 yard main ruffle print

1 – 2 ½" jelly roll strip each of 4 different prints for patchwork in ruffle

16 x 16" piece of batting

Cutting Instructions:

Download and cut tree applique and trunk.

Background for applique – cut one 12 ½” square

Borders: cut 2@2” WOF. Sub-cut to 2-12 ½” and 2-15 ½”

Ruffle print: Cut 3 @ 4 ¾” WOF (this part is on the very outer edge of the front of the ruffle and on the back side of the ruffle). Cut 3 @ 1 ¾” WOF (this part is the small part that is right up against the face of the pillow)

If you don’t already have your 2 ½” strips for the patchwork section of the ruffle cut them now - 1@ 2 ½” WOF strip of 4 different prints.



Sewing instructions:

Pin and glue baste (we use Quilter’s Choice Basting Glue) tree and trunk onto the background. Place a sheet of stabilizer of your choice (we use newsprint or Stitch n’ Tear) under your whole background. Stitch all the way around the raw edge of the tree and trunk – zig zag, blanket stitch, straight narrow edge stitch, etc.) Tear away or remove the stabilizer.

Stitch the 12 ½” borders onto each side of the appliqued block, and then stitch the 15 ½” border pieces onto the top and bottom. Press the seam allowances away from the center.

Place your pillow top right side up on a piece of batting that measures at least 16 x 16”. Sew the pillow top to the batting ¼” from the edge on all four sides. Quilt if desired.



To make the patchwork border stitch the four 2 ½" strips together along their long edges into a strip unit that is about 10 ½" by 41". Iron all seam allowances to one side. Using a rotary cutter sub-cut into 2 ½" patchwork rows (you will get 16 of them) and stitch all into one long strip along the short edges that measures about 128" long.

Stitch the 3- 4 ¾" wide ruffle pieces along the short edges together of all 3 pieces to make 1 long strip. Repeat this process with the 1 ¾" ruffle pieces.

Stitch the 4 ¾" ruffle strip onto one long edge of the pieced ruffle, and stitch the 1 ¾" ruffle strip onto the other long edge of the pieced ruffle. Press the seam allowances away from the pieced section of the ruffle. Trim off the short edges of your ruffle unit so that they are straight. Sew those two short edges right sides together, so that you have a large circle. To make your ruffle, fold the unit in half long-ways, with the wrong sides together so that the raw edges meet, then iron very flat. Machine baste the raw edges ¼ inch from edge. Stitch about 3/8" from raw edge using a shirring or ruffling foot. Gather your ruffle so that it measures approximately 56". With raw edges even, and using a slightly larger than a 3/8" seam allowance, stitch the ruffle onto the pillow top on all four sides pivoting at the corners.

Pin your ruffle to the pillow top in the corners, so that it stays in place while sewing the backing on.

Split the half yard backing fabric along the fold. Take one half of the pillow backing and fold the selvage edge (wrong sides together) about 3". Place this right sides together on your pillow top, about 4" away from one edge. Take the other back piece and place it on top of all layers, right side down, about 4" away from the opposite edge. Pin all around. Stitch from the backside of the pillow right on top of, or just inside your ruffle stitching, all around the pillow. Trim off the excess backing and batting. Flip right side out. Stuff and enjoy!

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