

winter trees pillow

by amy garro



photo illustration by joan phelps

We loved Amy's design from the moment we saw those pointy little stylized tops marching across the pillow! The cool winter tones have us dreaming about snowflakes already, but this versatile design lends itself to just about any palette.

overall materials:

- (5) fat eighths, 9" X 22"; 3 solids and 2 prints for trees
- 1/8 yard for inner border
- 1/8 yard, can be fat eighth, for outer border
- 1/8 yard for binding
- fat quarter for pillow front backing
- 1/2 yard for pillow back
- 18" square batting for pillow top
- (2) 11" X 17" sheets of paper for paper piecing templates
- 16" pillow form

Templates for this lovely pillow can be found on our website, GenerationQMagazine.com.

cutting instructions:

- Precut your tree fabric using the numbers on the templates for fabric placement; odd numbers for prints, even numbers for solids. Arrange fabric in order of preference before precutting. There are 2 templates that are mirror images of one another, so the numbers will be the same in Template A and Template B.
- Print 1: cut (4) 3" squares for piece 1; (4) 3" X 7" rectangles for piece 5.
- Print 2: cut (4) 3" x 7" rectangles for piece 3; (4) 3" X 7" rectangles for piece 7.
- Solid 1: cut (4) 3" X 5" rectangles for piece 2.
- Solid 2: cut (4) 3" X 7" rectangles for piece 4.
- Solid 3: cut (4) 3 1/2" X 7" rectangles for piece 6.
- Pillow back: (2) 11 1/2" X 16 1/2" rectangles.

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finished pillow size:
16 1/2" square

skill level:

Hey, confident
beginner...here's a
chance to use your
paper piecing skills

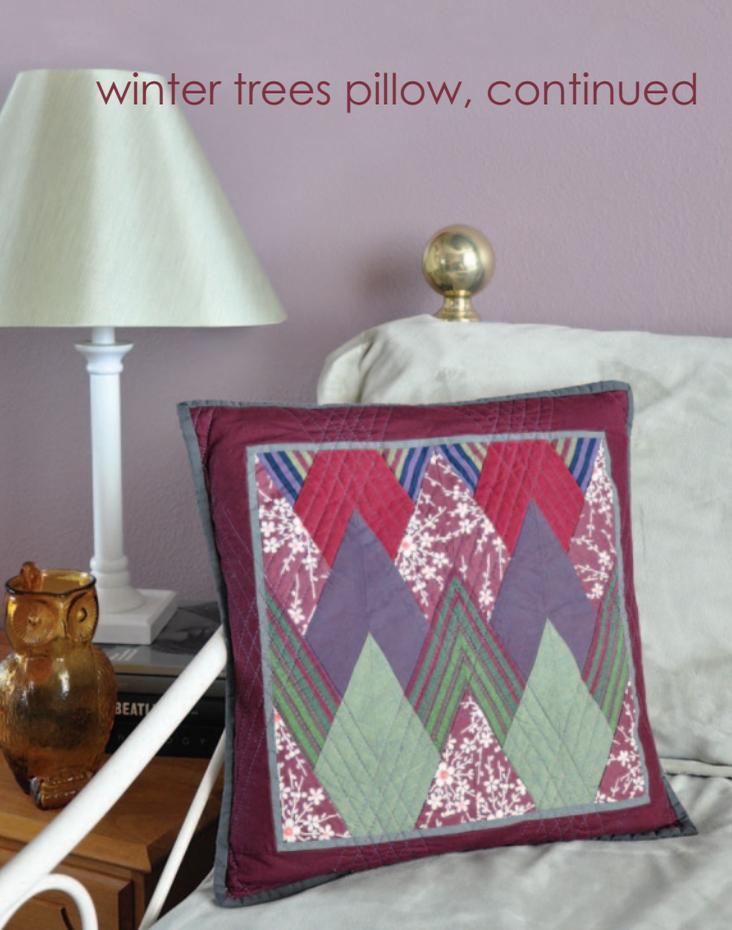
- Inner border: cut (2) 3/4" X WOF strips; then cut (2) 3/4" X 12 1/2" strips and (2) 3/4" X 13" strips.
- Outer border: cut (2) 2 1/4" X WOF strips; then cut (2) 2 1/4" X 13" strips and (2) 2 1/4" X 16 1/2" strips.
- Pillow top backing: cut (1) 18" square for backing.
- Binding: cut (2) 2 1/2" X WOF strips.

piecing instructions:

NOTE: The technique used to create this pillow top is paper piecing. Our website, GenerationQ-Magazine.com has a tutorial on paper piecing taken from our June/July 2013 issue. Please check our site for more information.

1. The fabrics are sewn from 1 to 7 for both A and B templates. You will need 2 copies of each template.
2. Reduce stitch length for paper piecing. Cut templates apart and mark A and B. Align print 1, piece 1 and solid 1, piece 2 and sew on the line between pieces 1 and 2. Press, trim away excess fabric and clip threads.
3. Align piece 3 (print 2) with pieces 1 and 2 and sew on the line between 1/2 and 3. Press, trim

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but with two sons under the age of two (and a sweetie who makes sure she gets plenty of crafty time) she mostly fills her time with giggles and stitches. She loves designing quilts and would probably rather do that than even sew (but someone has to make everything she sketches!). She started crafting at age 4 and machine-sewing garments at age 7, but when quilting became her focus in 2011, she hasn't looked back!

- away excess fabric and clip threads.
- Align piece 4 (solid 2) with pieces 2 and 3 and sew on the line between 2/3 and 4. Press, trim away excess fabric and clip threads.
- Continue until all fabric has been sewn to the paper template.
- Trim all four sides being sure to keep your 1/4" seam allowance.
- Arrange templates like the photo. Sew all 4 templates together to complete pillow top. Remove paper being careful not to remove any stitching.
- Sew 3/4" X 12 1/2" border strips to top and bottom. Sew 3/4" X 13" border strips to the sides.
- Finish outer border strips in the same manner. First sew the 2 1/4" X 13" strips and then the 2 1/4" x 16 1/2" strips.
- Sandwich top, batting and pillow top backing fabric, baste and quilt. Sample was quilted in a vertical straight line. Trim to 16 1/2" square.
- For pillow back, fold a 1/2" hem, wrong sides together along 1 long sides of each 11 1/2" X 16 1/2" rectangle.
- Lay finished pillow top, right side up on table. With right side down, place 1 rectangle with hemmed edge towards the center and align raw edges with pillow top. The other pillow back rectangle will go right side down with hemmed edge towards the center on top of everything. The raw edges of the pillow top and (3) edges of both pillow backs should align. Pin in place and stitch all around the pillow, pivoting at the corners and using 1/4" seam allowance. (See diagram.)
- Trim corners to reduce bulk and turn right side out.
- Bind as you would a quilt.
- Stuff with pillow form and enjoy! ✨