

## "Jingle Ball Pillow"



Dress up this patchwork pillow with holiday fabrics, rick rack and a pompom ball trim. It will make a festive addition to your home décor.

### **Skill Level: Beginner**

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### **Supplies:**

Baby Lock Aria Sewing Machine

All-purpose thread to match fabrics

Holiday Jelly Roll or assorted holiday fabrics

½ yard of holiday fabric for the back of the pillow

Quilt batting (18" x 18")

3 yards of red rick rack

2½ yards of green pom-pom ball trim

18" square pillow form

Rotary cutting mat, rotary cutter and a ruler with a 45° degree angle marking

## Instructions:

1. Using the rotary cutting system, cut several 2½" wide strips from the holiday fabric. Or, select a variety of strips from the holiday jelly roll.
2. The pillow front consists of nine pieced blocks. To make one block, select four different patterned strips. Cut an 8½" length from each of the four strips.
3. Using a ¼" seam allowance, stitch the four strips together. Finished block will measure 8½" x 8½". Press the seams.
4. Next, trim the above block into a 6¼" x 6¼" block with diagonal strips. To do this, place ruler on top of the square, lining the 45 degree marking line up with the middle seam of the middle two strips. Make sure to keep the point of the ruler near the top edge of the block middle seam. Trim away the left and right side of the block.
5. Turn the block around so the bottom of the block can be cut along the diagonal lines. Do this by again lining the 45° angle marking along the middle seam of the two middle strips. The outside corners should match at the 6¼" marking on the ruler. Trim away the left and right side of the block on either side. The block should now measure 6¼" square.
6. Complete eight more blocks following Steps 2 through 5. Press the blocks.
7. Lay the blocks out in three rows with three blocks in each row. Stitch the blocks into rows and press the seams. Stitch the rows together and press.
8. Pin the quilt batting to the back of the pillow top. Quilt the pillow top by stitching-in-the-ditch, diagonally along each row.
9. Pin the rick rack in the middle of every other diagonal row. Stitch the rick rack in place down the center of the rick rack with matching thread.
10. Pin the pompom ball fringe to the outside edge of the pillow top, the balls should face towards the center of the pillow at this point.
11. Cut a piece of fabric for the back of the pillow measuring 16¼" x 16¼".
12. Pin the pillow front to back. The pillow front will have to be shifted to align properly since the pompom ball trim does not allow the pillow to lay flat when right sides are placed together. Pinning will make it easier to keep the pompom balls out of way when stitching the seam allowance.
13. Once the front is pinned, stitch the seams together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave an 8" opening at the bottom edge to allow for turning the pillow right sides out.
14. Turn out the pillow top and insert the pillow form.
15. Tuck the remaining seam inside of the pillow and stitch the remaining seam closed.

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