

PATCHPLAY

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PILLOW TALK

9" x 12"

August

## SUPPLIES:

- One blue, green, yellow and orange striped fat quarter.
- Cream fabric approximately 10" x 7".
- Scraps of yellow, orange, green, brown, and cream fabric, approximately 2 ½" x 15".  
You will need two pieces of cream fabric.
- Dark orange, yellow-orange, and yellow embroidery floss
- Cotton batting approximately 10" x 3".
- Pencil.
- Embroidery needle.
- 10" x 13" pillow form. See [www.patchplayquilting.com](http://www.patchplayquilting.com) for a free pattern for the pillow form.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut one 10" x 3" piece from cream fabric. Trace the embroidery design found at the end of these instructions on this piece of fabric using a light box or window.
2. Place the 10" x 3" piece of batting behind the 10" x 3" piece of mottled blue fabric. Pin if needed.
3. Embroider the words with two strands of dark orange floss. Embroider the suns with two strands of yellow-orange floss. Embroider the sun rays with two strands of yellow floss. You will be embroidering through the batting as well. Trim this piece to 9½" x 2½".
4. Cut six 2 ½" squares of green fabric.
5. Cut twelve 2 ½" squares of cream fabric.
- 6 Cut six 2 ½" squares of yellow fabric.
7. Cut six 2 ¼" squares of orange fabric.
8. Cut three 1 ½" squares of brown fabric.
9. Place green square on top of cream square. Draw a diagonal line across the square and sew ¼" away from diagonal line on both sides. Make six of these. Cut apart on diagonal line and press seam, pressing to the cream side. Trim these pieces to 1 ½" squares. You should have twelve green and cream half-square triangles.
10. Place yellow square on top of cream square. Draw a diagonal line across the square and sew ¼" away from the diagonal line on both sides. Make six of these. Cut apart on diagonal

line and press seam, pressing to the yellow side. Do not trim these pieces yet. You should have twelve yellow and cream half-square triangles.

11. Place yellow and cream half-square triangles on top of orange  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " squares. Orange squares will probably be a little bit larger, but just center them. Make sure the seam on the yellow-and-cream half-square triangle goes from left to right and not up and down. Mark a diagonal line on the orange squares from top to bottom and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from diagonal line on both sides. You will be sewing across the seam on the yellow-and-cream half-square triangles. Cut apart on diagonal line and press seam, pressing to the orange side. You should have twelve yellow, cream, and orange squares. Trim these pieces to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". Make sure to center the place where the yellow, cream, and orange fabrics all meet.

12. Make nine-patch blocks following the picture and sewing the following rows:

1 green-and-cream half-square triangle, 1 yellow, cream, and orange square, and 1 green-and-cream half-square triangle. (Row 1)

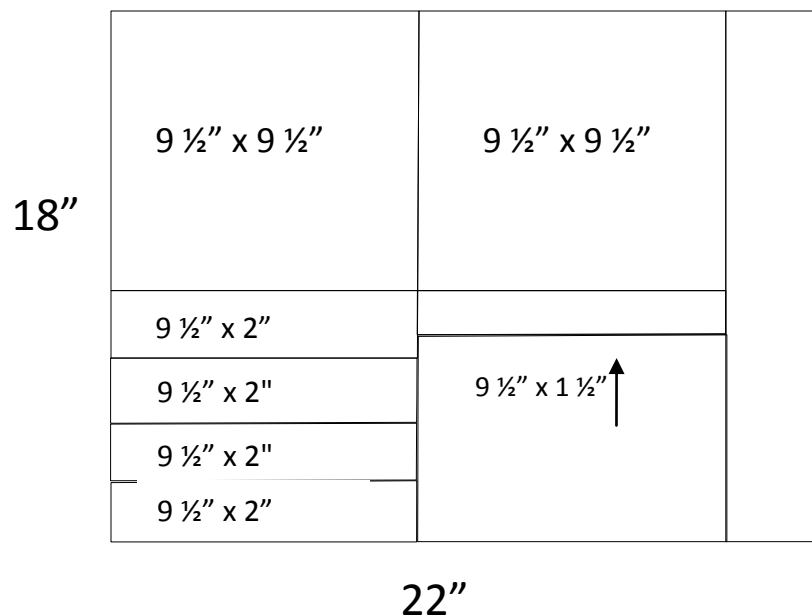
1 yellow, cream, and orange square, one brown square, 1 yellow, cream, and orange square. (Row 2)

1 green-and-cream half-square triangle, 1 yellow, cream, and orange square, and 1 green-and-cream half square triangle. (Row 3)

13. Sew one each of rows 1, 2 and 3 together to make a block. Press seams between rows open to reduce bulk. Make three blocks.

14. Sew three completed sunflower blocks together to make a row that measures  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Use picture as your guide. Press seams between blocks open to reduce bulk.

15. Cut striped fat quarter following the diagram below.



16. Sew the 9½" x 1½" strip to the bottom of the embroidered word strip. Then sew the sunflower blocks strip (9 ½" by 3 ½") to the bottom of that 9½" x 1½" strip.
13. Sew a 9½" x 2" strip to the top of the embroidered word strip and to the bottom of the sunflower blocks strip.
14. Sew a 9½" x 2" strip to each side. This will complete the pillow top.
15. Press a double ½" inch hem on one side of both 9½" x 9½" squares. Sew along this folded edge.
16. With right sides together pin a 9½" square to the pillow top along one short side. Pin the second 9½" square to the other short side of the pillow top. The hem edges should overlap in the middle. Sew around all four sides of the pillow top.
17. Turn right sides out. Smooth out corners with a blunt pair of scissors. Insert pillow form.

Thanks for playing with Patchplay!



Close-up of Sunflower Block

Hot



Lazy



Daze