

# Ambrosia Yo-Yo Pillow



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The perfect project for those lovely bits of fabric that we all have in our stash...

**Pictured above:** Front of pillow in Ambrosia Summer Color Story

**Pictured on left:** Back of pillow in Ambrosia Summer Color Store, front of pillow in Ambrosia Spring Color Story, back of pillow in Ambrosia Spring Color Story

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## Materials

### Miscellaneous

- 16 inch pillow form
- large gold Clover™ Yo-Yo Maker (optional)
- 3 decorative buttons
- 3" x 20" strip of lightweight fusible interfacing
- hand quilting thread (or other strong thread)

### Fabric - Pillow Front:

- 1 yard total of fabric scraps - at least six different colors or patterns, that can be cut into 2-1/2" and 5" squares
- 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" feature print for center square
- 9" x 20" scrap for the flange

### Fabric - Pillow Back

- 1 fat quarter for your main backing fabric
- 7-1/2" x 20" piece of a contrasting print for the center panel
- 4-1/2" x 20" accent print for the buttonhole panel

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
C1	C2					C7	C8
D1	D2					D7	D8
E1	E2					E7	E8
F1	F2					F7	F8
G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8
H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8

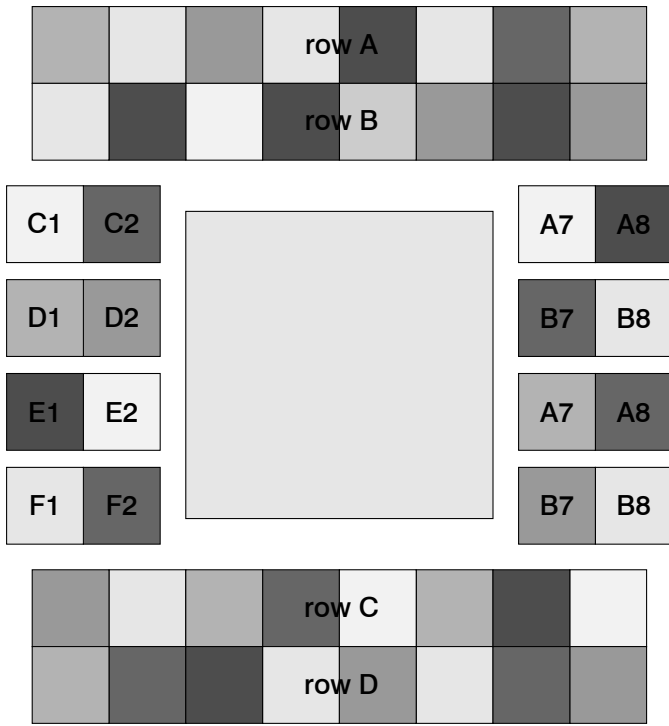
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## Instructions

\* All seams 1/4"

### Front of Pillow

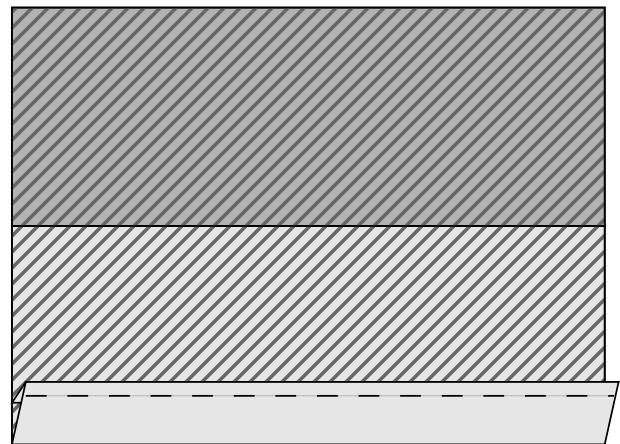
1. To make 20 yo-yos, gather your 20 approximately 5" x 5" assorted fabric squares. Use the Clover™ Yo-Yo Maker to make perfectly shaped yo-yos every time or, if you don't have a yo-yo maker, cut 20 4-1/2" circles. To make each yo-yo, use hand quilting thread (or another strong thread) and make running stitches about 1/4" long around the entire circle, while turning under the seam 1/4". Pull up the gathering thread to form a yo-yo and knot. Run the threads through the inside of the yo-yo before cutting off. Set aside.
2. Cut 48 2-1/2" squares for your patchwork.
3. Arrange the small squares around the central square in a pleasing pattern as shown in the diagram to the left, so that color and pattern are nicely varied. Now you are ready to piece. (I find it easiest to label each piece with a bit of masking tape at this point, but for those with better memories, that may not be necessary.)
4. Join A1 to A2, A3 to A4, A5 to A6, and A7 to A8. Join C1 to C2 and C7 to C8. Join rows E and G in a similar fashion. Press seams to the **RIGHT**. Continue sewing and pressing rows A and G together until you have strips of 8 squares.
5. Join B1 to B2, B3 to B4, B5 to B6, B7 to B8. Join D1 to D2 and D7 to D8. Do the same for rows F and H. Press seams to the **LEFT**. Continue sewing and pressing rows B and H together until you have a strip of 8 squares.
6. Now sew rows A and B together. Sew rows H and G together. Press.



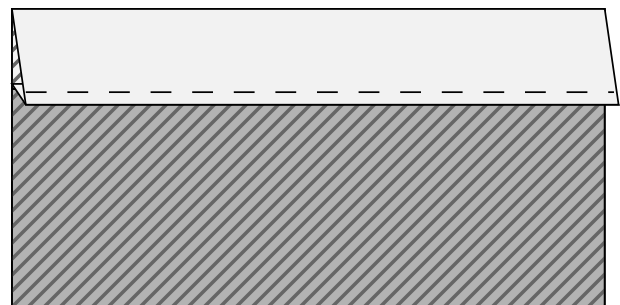
8. At this point, you should have units that look like the diagram on the left. Now join the C, D, E, and F panels on the left. Join the same panels on the right. Sew these units to both sides of your central square.
9. Piece the AB unit and the CD unit to the central panel.
10. Now you just need to add the material for the flange. Cut two 2" x 16-1/2" strips. Sew them to the sides of your central unit. Cut two 2" x 19-1/2" strips. Sew them to the top and bottom.
11. Following the pattern photo, tack on the yo-yos to the seam that runs along the outer edges of the main panel. Try to stitch through the seam allowances to increase the stability of the attachment. There are six yo-yos on each side (including corners). You are done with the front of the pillow!

### Back of Pillow

1. Take the fat quarter of the main fabric for the back of the pillow and cut two pieces that are 7-1/2" x 20". Set aside.
2. Cut the interfacing into a 1-1/4" strip and a 1-3/4" strip.
3. Take the contrasting piece of fabric that is 7-1/2" x 20" and press one of the long edges under 1/4". Slip the 1-1/4" wide piece of interfacing under the fold and iron onto the wrong side of the fabric. Fold over again, with the crease on the edge of the interfacing. (This will stabilize the area where you sew the buttons.) Turn the fabric WRONG side up and stitch 1/8" away from your original fold, encasing your interfacing strip.
4. Join one of the main fabric panels to the other raw edge of this contrasting center panel. Press seam toward center panel.
5. Now take the 4-1/2" x 20" piece of accent fabric and join it to the other main panel along the long edge. Press seam toward accent fabric. Press the other long edge of the accent fabric under 1/4". Slip the 1-3/4" piece of interfacing under the fold and iron onto the wrong side of the fabric. Fold over again, so that the folded



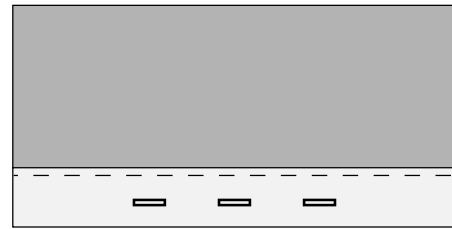
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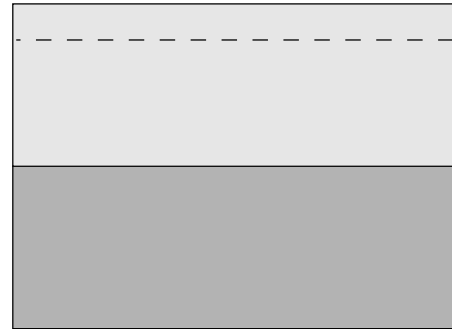
Step 5

edge meets the seam on the wrong side of the fabric. Press. Turn the fabric right side up and stitch 1/8" away from the seam, encasing both the folded edge and the seam allowances.

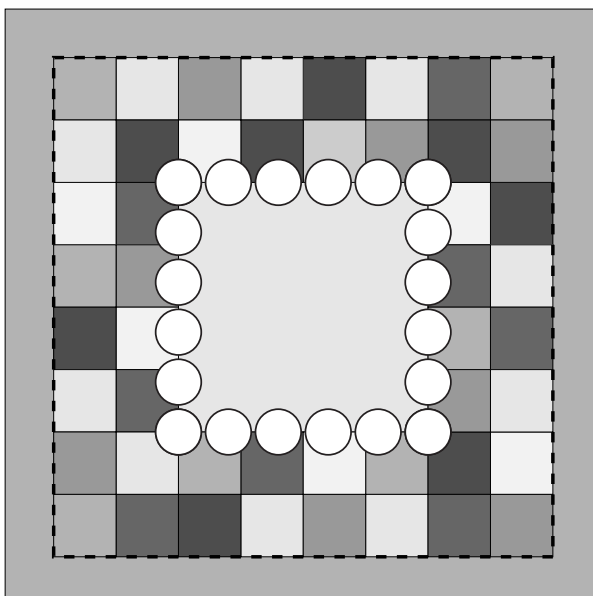
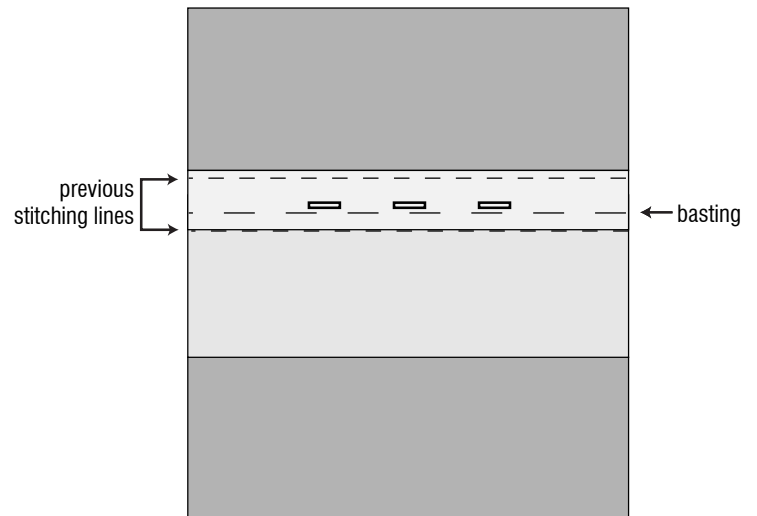
6. Turn the accent piece right side up again with the finished edge closest to you. Make a mark in the center of the fabric, 1" from the finished edge. Make another mark 4" to the right and another 4" to the left, also 1" from the finished edge. These will be the centers of your buttonholes. Stitch the buttonholes so that they run parallel to the finished edge.
7. Position this "Buttonhole unit" on top of the "Button unit". The finished edge of the Buttonhole unit should sit right on top of the stitched line of the Button unit, as shown on the right. Set your stitch length as long as it will go and baste the two units together.
8. Open up the buttonholes a bit and make a tiny mark on the contrasting fabric right through the center of each buttonhole. You can use these marks to attach your buttons accurately later.
9. Square up this main panel so that it measures 19-1/2" x 19-1/2". You are done with the back panel!



"Buttonhole unit"



"Button unit"



## Finishing

1. Pin the front and the back of the pillow wrong sides together. Stitch around all 4 sides.
2. Remove basting stitches and turn the pillow right side out. Press.
3. Pin the pillow along the edges so that it lies square. With front side up, stitch "in the ditch" around the entire pillow, where the flange meets the patchwork.
4. Sew on buttons and enjoy your "yo-yo pillow"!