

Brown Sugar Pillows

"Half-Square Triangle Heaven", featured in
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Web Bonus pattern for pillows
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(16" square for pillow 1, 18" square for pillow 2)

Materials You Will Need:

Fat eighth each of 6 cream prints
Fat eighth each of 6 beige prints
1/4 yard of beige print for outer border on pillow 1
1/4 yard of beige print for corded edge
2 yards of 1/2" cording
3/4 yard of backing fabric
16" square pillow form
18" square pillow form

Cutting Directions:

From the Fat eighths of cream and beige prints, cut:

(5) 4" squares from each fabric for a total of (30) cream and (30) beige print squares, then cut each square diagonally in half to make (60) cream triangles and (60) beige triangles

From the beige print for outer border on pillow 1, cut:

(2) 2-1/2" x 16-1/2" strips
(2) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strips

From the beige print for corded edge, cut:

(2) 2-1/2" x 42" strips

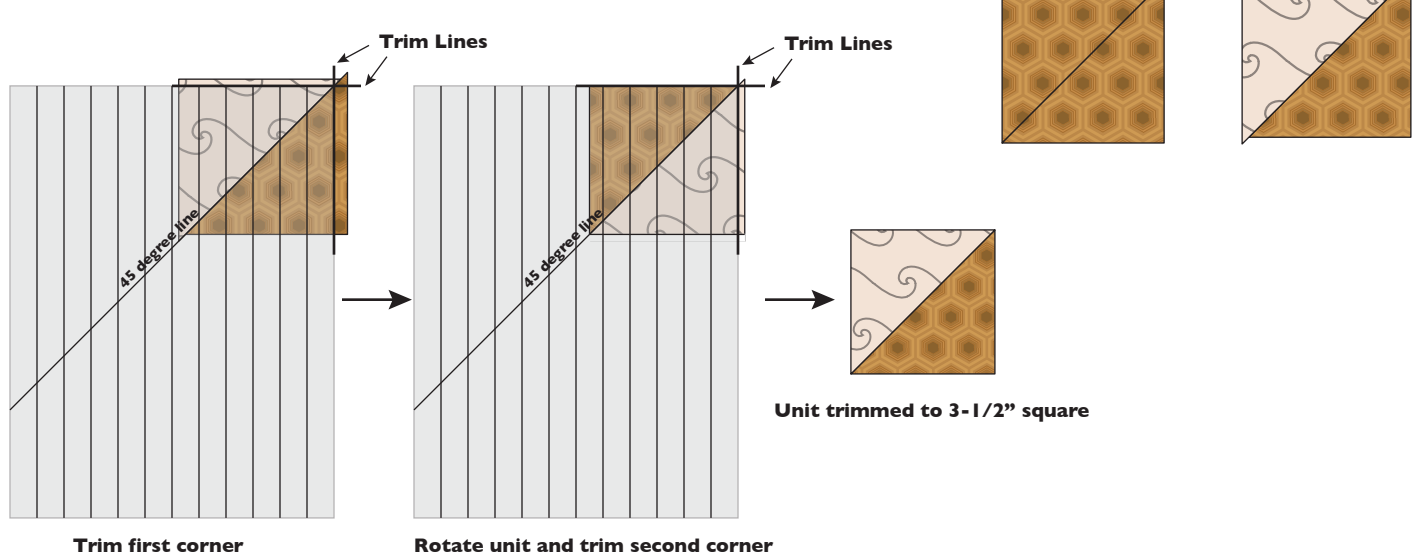
From the backing fabric, cut:

(2) 12-1/2" x 18-1/2" pieces
(2) 11-1/2" x 16-1/2" pieces

Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

MAKING THE BLOCKS

1. Sew each cream triangle to a beige print triangle. Make a total of (52) half-square triangle units. Do not worry if the edges do not line up, that will be fixed in the next step.



2. Trim two corners of each half-square triangle unit to make each unit 3-1/2" square. Keep the 45 degree line of the ruler on top of each unit's seam line during trimming.

ASSEMBLY (for Pillow 1)

1. Lay out (16) blocks into (4) rows of (4) blocks each referring to the quilt photo for orientation of the lights and darks of each block. Sew the blocks into rows and sew the rows together to complete the pillow center.

2. Sew the 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" beige print strips to the sides of the pillow center. Sew the 2-1/2" x 16-1/2" beige print strips to the top and bottom.

3. Trim the selvages and sew the 2-1/2" x 42" beige print strips for the cording together end to end to make a long strip. Trim the strip to 72". Fold the strip in half wrong sides together and insert the cording.

ASSEMBLY (for Pillow 2)

1. Lay out (36) blocks into (6) rows of (6) blocks each, referring to the quilt photo for orientation of the blocks. Sew the blocks into rows and sew the rows together to complete the pillow center.

FINISHING (for Both Pillows)

1. Turn under 1/4" twice along one long edge of each 11-1/2" x 16-1/2" and 12-1/2" x 18-1/2" piece. Stitch next to the fold with matching thread to make a narrow hem on each piece.

2. Right sides together, layer Pillow 1 and the smaller backing pieces together as shown. Insert the cording unit into the seam so that the raw edges of the fabric strip are even with the outer edges of the pillow and backing pieces. Tuck the ends of the cording unit into the center.

3. Right sides together layer Pillow 2 and the larger backing pieces together as shown. Stitch around the entire outer edge of each unit using 1/4" seam allowance. Clip the corners and turn each pillow right side out.