

# Come Swim With Me Pillow

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24" square, including flange

Web Bonus pattern for pillow by  
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## Materials You Will Need:

1/2 yard of light blue  
1/8 yard of light purple  
3/8 yard of medium purple  
1/2 yard of dark purple  
1/2 yard of dark blue print  
3/4 yard of backing fabric  
18" square of foundation fabric  
18" square of fusible fleece  
18" square pillow insert

## Cutting Directions:

From the light blue, cut:

- (1) 6" x 42" strip
- (2) 2-1/2" x 14-1/2" strips
- (2) 2-1/2" x 18-1/2" strips

From the light purple, cut:  
3-1/2" x 42" strip

From the medium purple, cut:

- (1) 3-1/2" x 42" strip
- (1) 2-7/8" x 42" strip
- (2) 2-7/8" squares

From the purple, cut:

- (1) 6" x 42" strip
- (1) 2-7/8" x 42" strip
- (2) 2-7/8" squares

From the dark blue print, cut:

- (4) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips
- (2) 4-1/2" x 18-1/2" strips
- (2) 4-1/2" x 24-1/2" strips

From the backing fabric, cut:

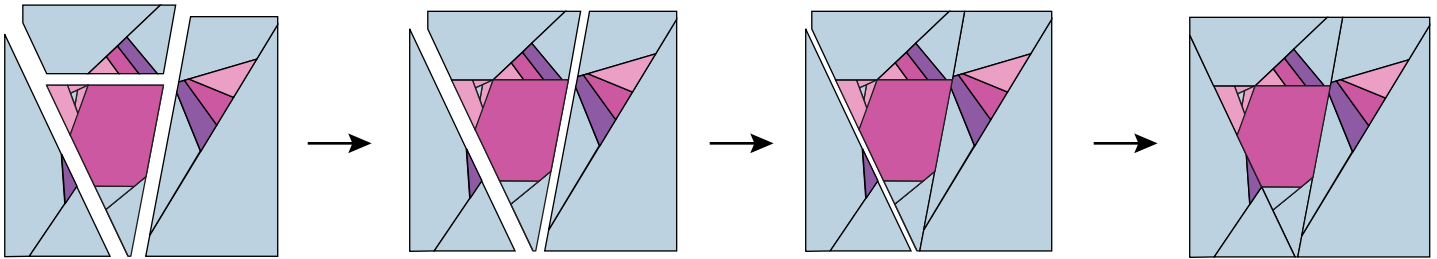
- (1) 24-1/2" x 20-1/2" piece
- (1) 24-1/2" x 14-1/2" piece

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

## Making the Block:

1. Trace all (4) sections of the fish block onto sheer foundation fabric. Trim each section 1/4" beyond the dashed cutting line.
2. Piece each section according to the numerical sequence and fabrics listed. Press each section and trim the fabrics even with the dashed cutting lines.

3. Join the top fin to the body of the fish. Press the seam towards the fin. Join the tail fin to the fish body. Press the seam toward the body. Sew the front fin to the fish body. Press the seam toward the body.



4. Press the entire block flat and trim to 10-1/2" square.

## Making the Pillow Front:

1. Layer a light purple 2-7/8" square on top of a purple 2-7/8" square, right sides together. Cut once from corner to corner to make (2) half-square sets. Repeat with the remaining squares for a total of four sets. Stitch each layered set together on the long diagonal edge with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam toward the purple triangle. Square each block to 2-1/2" if necessary.

2. Add the 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" dark blue print strips to the top and bottom of the fish block. Sew a block from step 1 to each end of the remaining 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" dark blue print strips, noting orientation. Add the pieced strips to the sides of the fish block.

3. Add the 2-1/2" x 14-1/2" light blue strips to the sides of the block and the 2-1/2" x 18-1/2" light blue strips to the top and bottom.

4. In the same way, add the 4-1/2" x 18-1/2" and 4-1/2" x 24-1/2" dark blue print strips to complete the pillow front.

5. Center and layer the fish block right side up on top of the 24" square fusible fleece square with the fusible side up. Fuse as recommended by the manufacturer. Quilt as desired.

## Making the Pillow Back:

1. On the 14-1/2" x 24-1/2" rectangle, press under 1/4" on the right-hand side. Fold the pressed edge under another 1/4" to make a clean 3-layer edge. Stitch this edge down with a scant 1/4" seam.

2. On the 20-1/2" x 24-1/2" rectangle press under 2" on the left-hand side. Open the fold and fold the edge under 1/2" and press. Stitch this folded edge with a scant 1/4" seam.

3. Refold the edge back on the 2" pressed line. Stay stitch the top and bottom layered edges with an 1/8" seam.

## Assembly:

1. Layer the larger rectangle on top of the fish block. Put the pieces right sides together with the folded edge of the rectangle in the middle and the right edges even.
2. Layer the smaller rectangle on the left side, right sides together with the fish block. The rectangles will overlap in the middle.
3. Pin the layers together as needed and stitch completely around the square with a 1/4" seam allowance.
4. Clip the corners and turn the pillow right side out. Open pillow flat, making sure edges are completely turned out.
5. Press and pin the outer border. Stitch all layers together by stitching in the ditch in the seam of the outer border. This creates the 18" space for the pillow form. Insert pillow form.

(shown at 100%)

