

skyquilter's Pattern For:

“Painted Sunflowers”



Pillow Cover 18"x18", with zipper back, no binding

Fabric Requirements

Pillow Front:

20" square piece of fabric (pieced or fussy cut from a panel or other fabric)

batting – 24" square cotton/poly

muslin – 24" square

Pillow Back:

½ yard fabric, cut into 2 rectangles, each 19 ¼" x 10 ¼"

14" zipper or longer

18" pillow form

Pillow Front

I chose a 20" square of fabric cut from a fabric panel. You could piece together a small quilt top, and trim to 20" square, if desired.

Quilting the Pillow Front

Layer the muslin backing, the batting and the 20" pillow front. Baste with safety pins, or use your desired method. I quilted my pillow front using a light gold 50-weight Aurifil cotton thread, doing some 'thread painting' and simple 'free motion quilting'. After quilting, trim your pillow front to 19". You can find quilting tips on my website at <https://skyquilter.com/quilting-a-quilt/>



Pillow Back



The pillow back is made using 2 rectangles of fabric (19 ¼" x 10 ¼" each) and a 14" zipper. Trim your zipper to 14", if longer. RST (indicates Right Sides of fabric Together). Use a non-matching thread color for your basting stitches, and a matching thread color for your final stitches. It will be easier to remove the basting stitches.

With RST, baste edge to edge where your zipper will be placed. Press open the basted seam. Lay your closed zipper, centered, on the open, pressed seam. Mark the ends of your zipper, and then remove the zipper. Leaving your basting stitches

intact, sew RST from the edge of both sides to where your zipper will start and end. Tack your stitches with a reverse-stitch. Press open the seam again.

Place the closed zipper centered on the basted seam line. Baste the zipper in place. Using a zipper foot, sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam line on both sides of the zipper, and across the top and bottom. Tack your stitches. You can now remove your basting stitches.

Finishing the Pillow

Place the pillow front and back, right sides together (RST). With zipper open, sew a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam around all sides. Trim the corners with scissors. Press the $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam toward the pillow on each side so it will lie nicely. Turn pillow cover right side out, carefully pushing corners out. Press. Insert pillow form.

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