

Lillian's Storytime Pillow

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This pillow is perfect for cuddling up with a great book! Whimsical in its fabric choice (1001 Peeps by Lizzy House from Andover Fabrics), it is the perfect project to satisfy your embroidery craving and your patchwork quilting expertise!

Fabric Requirements:

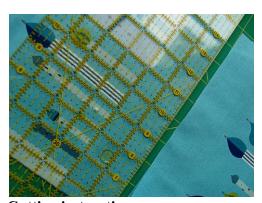
- *Assorted fat quarters of 1001 Peeps by Lizzy House
- *small piece of white muslin (6.5"x6.25")





Supplies:

- *Pretty embellishing ribbon/trim
- *pencil
- *embroidery thread
- *batting



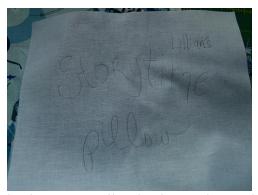
Cutting instructions:

- *Cut 4 2.5" squares from 5 different fat quarters
- *Cut 2 6 3/4" x 4 1/4" rectangles from the Royal Castle fat quarter (side blocks)
- *Cut 1 17 ½" x 7 ¾" panel from the Towers fat quarter (top part) (fussy cut it!!)



*Cut a little piece of castle out to embellish the embroidery panel

Let's get this thing going!!!



*Take your pencil and write out the words "Storytime Pillow"; You can add a loved one's name at the top right to personalize it like I did!!

*Using really cool embroidery thread and back stitching, stitch the letters you just wrote!



(Somehow I totally forgot to take pics of the next steps, but I have faith in you that you will figure it out for sure!!!)

*Take your 2 ½" squares and sew them into four strips, 5 squares each strip. Sew two strips onto the sides of the muslin. Matching seams at the corners, sew the other two strips onto the top and bottom of the embroidery square.



*Place the little piece castle fabric and zigzag around the edges of the castle piece.



*Add the two rectangles on the sides of the patchwork square. And add the panel at the top. Voila! Your pillow top (almost!!)



*Make your quilt sandwich (top, batting, backing) and pin it together.





*Start your quilting. I sewed diagonal lines on the patchwork squares.





*On the rest of the quilt outside of the patchwork square, I just doodled with a matching thread color! So fun!!



*Time to embellish! Put your trim around the square of embroidery...



*Zigzag on the trim rounding the edges as you go...





*Take your 1001Peeps fat quarter and cut it in half the long way. (10.5" x 18")

*Trim the Rectangles to 10.5" x 17"



*Hem the inside edge of each side of these two pieces





*Place the back pieces on the front of the pillow right sides together. Pin them together with one of the back pieces overlapping the other.



*Sew completely around the pillow.



*Trim the comers and turn the cover right side out! Yay!!

*Fill the cover with a 17.5"x17.5" pillow form. (I created one specifically for this pillow. Instructions for that will be on my blog!! http://sallysangelworks.typepad.com)



*and you have your Storytime Pillow!!!





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Thanks so much to my darling friend Julie! Be sure to check out her store for great deals and gorgeous fabric at http://theintrepidthread.etsy.com.