

Single Act of Kindness with Acreage

Supplies:

- Fat quarters of 3 Acreage prints (designed by Shannon Gillman Orr for Moda Designs)
- 18" of Moda Bella Solid fabric for middle
- A piece of muslin 18" square
- Embroidery thread, hoop and needle
- 18" Pillow form (or 16" if you don't like tight fitting pillow forms!)



Embroider:



—> <u>Download the embroidery pattern HERE</u>

- 1. After you've downloaded and printed the text pattern, center the text onto your fabric using a light box or window and a ruler.
- 2. Trace the text onto your fabric using a washable quilt marker if you are using lighter thread or just a pencil if you are using black thread. Trace the garlands on the top and bottom of your text.
- 3. Embroider your text. I used DMC Pearl Cotton size 8 on all of the text except the little words. I used one strand of 6-ply DMC black thread for the little words. I used 2 strands of DMC teal for the garlands.

Once your embroidery is done, place it on your design wall for later.

Raspberry Kiss Blocks:

Follow <u>this tutorial HERE</u> for block construction. But follow the sizes below using only two fabrics instead of three like the tutorial.



For each block, follow these measurements:

1 1/2" x 3 3/8"

2 7/8"

cut two squares in half diagonally

- 1. Make 6 blocks with your focus fabric + one of your other FQ fabrics. Make 6 more with the same focus fabric and the other FQ you have.
- 2. After you've sewn all of your blocks, put them on your design wall the way you would like them placed. I alternated each block around the embroidery center.
- 3. To sew it the way I did, sew two alternate blocks together then sew that strip onto the left side of the embroidered middle. Do the same for the two blocks on the right of the middle.
- 4. Sew four alternating blocks together for the top row and four for the bottom. Sew the top row matching seams to the top of the middle piece. Do the same for the middle.

*Hint: if you are the type to nest your seams better after pressing, by all means press away! If you are like me, don't press your seams in opposite directions. Just nest them together before you press them pinning for accuracy.

You should have your finished pillow top!

The Rest of the Project:



- 1. Sandwich your pillow top with batting and a piece of muslin. Quilt it however you'd like. I used dense matchstick quilting around my Xs and tiny meandering around my embroidery to make both pop out.
- 2. To create your backing pieces, cut a 10"x16" piece from two of your fat quarters. Sew a hem on each of the 16" edges of your backing.
- 3. Place the two backing pieces with hem edges together, wrong sides on top of the wrong side of the pillow top, and sew all the way around your pillow edge with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- 4. Cut your binding strips at 2.5" width and bind the edges of the pillow exactly as you would a quilt.

Voila! You are done!! Insert your 18" pillow form. You will love it!



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Blessings,