

Hideaway Pillow – 16"

fat eighth for template pockets *

fabric 1 – slant pocket

fabric 2 – middle pocket

fabric 3 – square pocket

¼ yd fabric 4 – large pocket trim

fussy cut one strip 3 ¾" x 16 ½"

fussy cut one strip 1 5/8" x 16 ½"

¼ yd fabric 5 – large pocket middle

fussy cut one strip 6" x 16 ½"

cut one zipper tab 4" x 1"



1/3 yd lining fabric

cut one strip 7 1/8" x 16 ½"

cut one 11" x 16 ½" strip

1/2 yard pillow backing

cut 16 ½" x 42" strip

cut on fold, trim off selvage to create two – 16 ½" x 21" pieces

3 – 14" zippers to match or highlight the fabrics

16" pillow form

*Additional fabric may be necessary to get the right motif when fussy cutting.

Templates are on the last two pages of this pattern.

Read instruction before beginning. All seam allowances are ¼" unless noted.

The top template pockets are constructed first and then the lower large pocket second. Have fun making oodles of pillows with bright fabrics and colorful zippers.

A border fabric works great for the bottom pocket. If using a border fabric, the cuts for fabric 4 and 5 would be combined to make one cut of 12" x 16 ½".

Template Pockets:

Fabric is face up when cutting with the templates. Fussy cut by arranging template over the designs of your choice.

Pin slant pocket template to fabric #1. Cut one slant pocket.

Flip slant pocket template upside down (see picture below). Pin to fabric #2. Cut one for middle pocket.

Pin square template to fabric #3. Cut one square pocket.



Template Pocket Zippers:

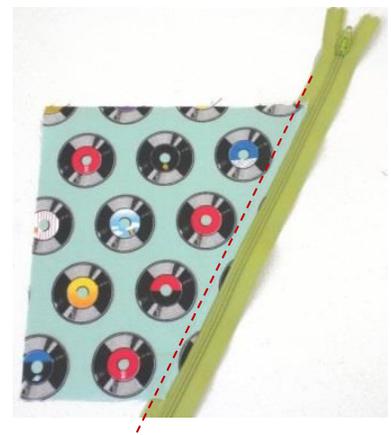
With slant pocket right side up, place zipper upside down having edge of zipper aligned with edge of fabric and zipper pull 3" above fabric (1). Using a zipper foot, stitch along the edge (2). Flip zipper right side up. Finger press seam flat (do not use an iron as the zipper can melt). Topstitch close to seam edge (3).



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DO NOT trim top and bottom of zippers at this point.

It's a little tricky aligning the middle pocket to the slant pocket. Place center pocket fabric face down on top of slant pocket zipper edge (4). Using a pin as shown, pin baste along top edge of zipper. Flip fabric to see if top edges of pockets are aligned (5). If not, rearrange pin, and check again.

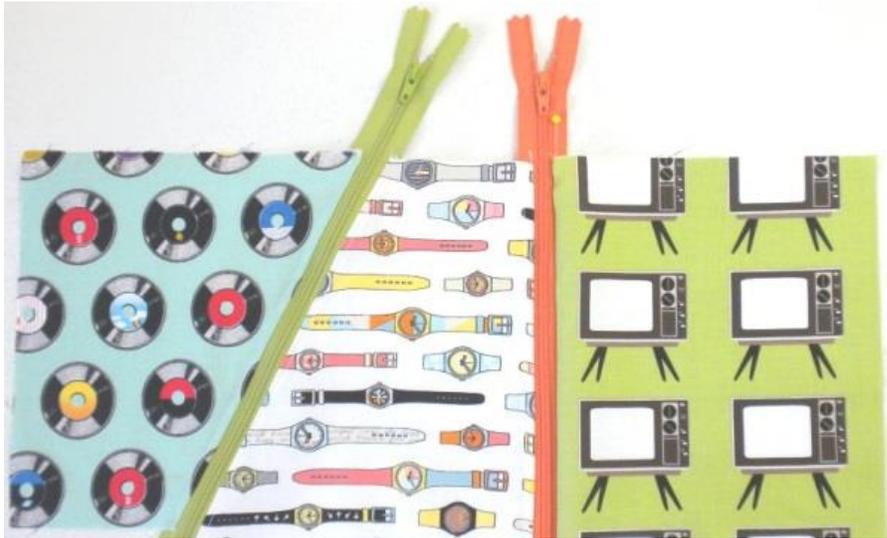


Best at this point to use a basting stitch to sew the zipper to the center fabric. If pleased with the result, stitch. Flip fabric. Finger press seam flat, but do not stretch fabric. Topstitch. Again, don't trim zipper.

With fabric right side up, place 2nd zipper face down aligning edge of zipper with edge of fabric and zipper pull 3" above the fabric (6). Stitch along edge of zipper. Flip zipper right side up. Finger press seam flat. Topstitch close to seam (7).



With fabric right side up, place square pocket face down, aligning edge of fabric with zipper. Pin baste as before to make sure fabrics are lined up. Stitch, flip fabric over, finger press seam, topstitch.

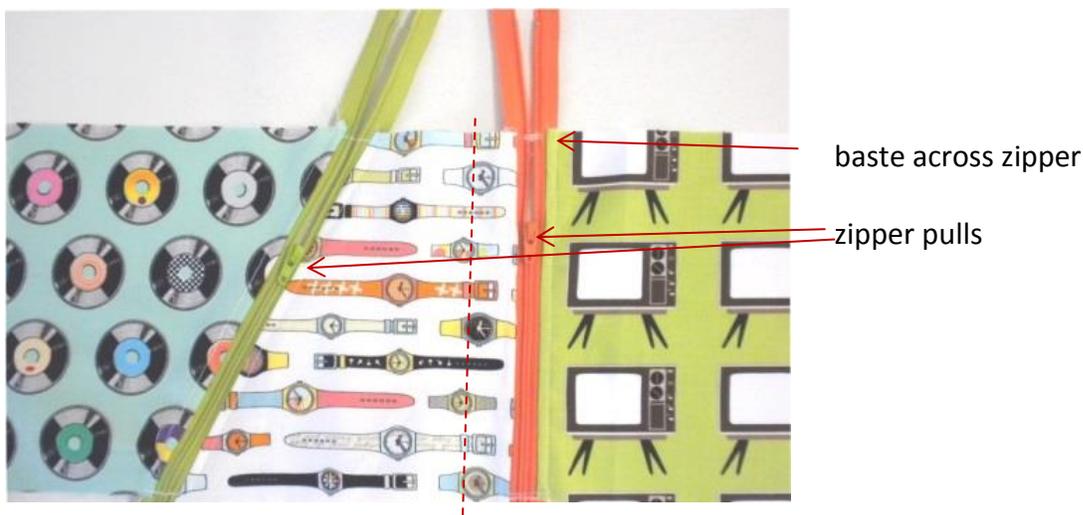


IMPORTANT - BACK UP ZIPPER PULLS ABOUT 3" towards center pocket.

Lining for Template Pockets:

Place 7 1/8" x 16 1/2" lining fabric face up. (Lining will show when the zippers are opened.) The lining is the correct size. Pin pocket unit to the lining, fudging pocket unit where necessary to match lining size.

Baste outside edges, carefully going back and forth over zippers in the seam allowance. Trim zipper ends. Stitch 1" from left of second zipper (9) (shown in red dashes). This will divide the pockets.

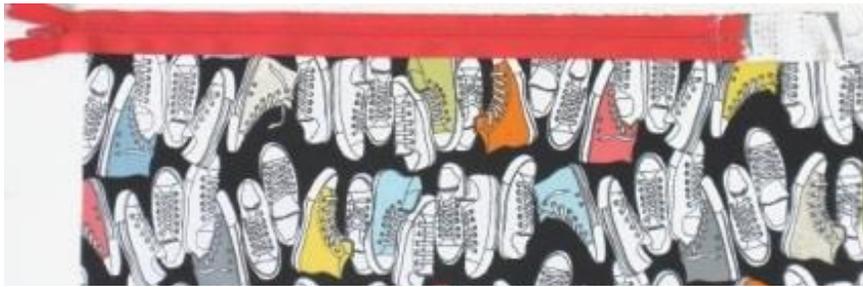


Large Zipper pocket:

Press one short end of zipper tab fabric under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Center and butt pressed edge of tab up to the zipper stop. Stitch along folded edge connecting the tab to the end of the zipper. This extends the zipper to fit the width of the pillow.



With zipper facing down and pull extending 2-3" past the fabric, align edge of zipper with top edge of the 6" x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " large pocket piece. Stitch using a zipper foot. Flip zipper up, finger press seam, top stitch.



With the 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " large pocket piece face down, align top edge with top zipper edge, matching right side edges. Zipper pull should extend past pocket. When sewing, have zipper on top. Flip fabric up, finger press seam, top stitch.



With right sides together, sew on the 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to bottom of large pocket. Flip fabric up, finger press seam down, top stitch.



BACK UP ZIPPER PULL 3-4" towards center.

With 11" x 16 1/2" lining fabric face up, place large pocket unit face up on top. Pin, matching corners and edges. Baste outside edges. Stitch slowly back and forth over zipper ends several times. Trim excess.



Assembling Front of Pillow:

With right sides together, center template pocket unit to top of large pocket unit. Stitch. Press seam to one side. Topstitch. This will divide large pocket from template pockets.

Trim sides of pillow to measure 16 1/2".

Trim top and bottom to measure 17 1/2".

Make a 1" pleat on both sides towards the bottom where the middle fabric meets the bottom fabric on the large pocket. The pillow top will now line up with the bottom of the lining. Baste. Pillow should now measure 16 1/2" square. (The pleat will make bottom pocket roomier.)



This completes the pillow front.

Backing:

Pull zippers towards center of pillow.

With wrong sides together, fold a 16 ½” x 21” backing fabric in half so it measures 16 ½” x 10 ½”. Make sure zipper pulls are backed up towards center of pillow. With pillow front facing up, place backing fabric on top with raw edges meeting at top, side and bottom. Pin around outer edges.



Fold second backing piece in the same way and pin to other half of pillow front. The fold of each backing piece will overlap in the center.

Stitch around outer edges using a 3/8” seam. Trim corners. Zig-zag in seam allowance if desired. Turn right side out. Carefully poke out corners. Insert pillow form.

Now the pillow is ready to hold hidaway items, which could be a Kindle or paperback book, reading glasses, tissues, ipod, or toys . . .

Pillows made in other fabrics



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Square Pocket

Cut One

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