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Blocky Bench Pillow
by Moda Fabrics

Pick two 12" finished blocks and two 6" finished blocks for this simple bench pillow setting.

16" x 38" finished

Block and Fabric Requirements

- (2) 12" finished blocks
- (2) 6" finished blocks
- 10" border/sashing fabric
- ½ yard backing fabric
- 30" zipper (we like the wide double-slide handbag zippers from ByAnnie)
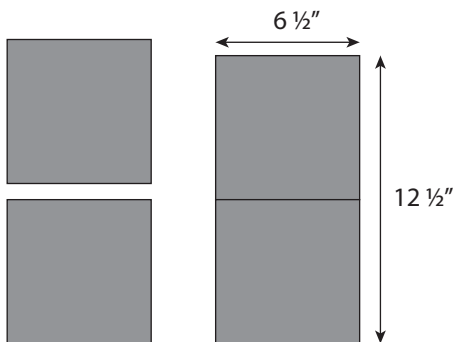- 16" x 38" bench pillow insert

Cutting Instructions

From border/sashing fabric	
4	2 ½" x 12 ½" sashing strips
2	2 ½" x 38 ½" top and bottom border strips
From backing fabric	
1	18" x 40" rectangle
From leftover border/backing fabric OR block scraps	
4	1 ¼" x 7" rectangles for zipper tabs

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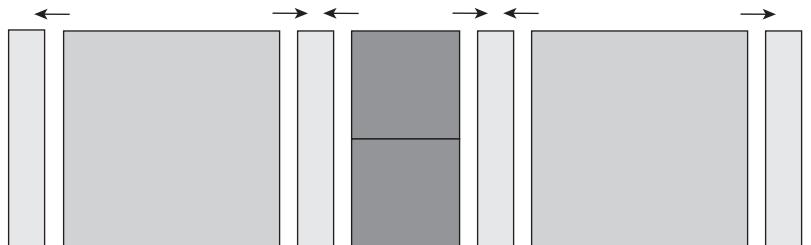## Assembly Instructions

Step 1

Join two 6" blocks as shown to create a center block unit measuring 6 ½" x 12 ½".

6 ½"

12 ½"

Step 2

Lay out two 12" blocks, center block unit, and sashing strips as shown. Join to create a pieced row measuring 12 ½" x 38 ½".
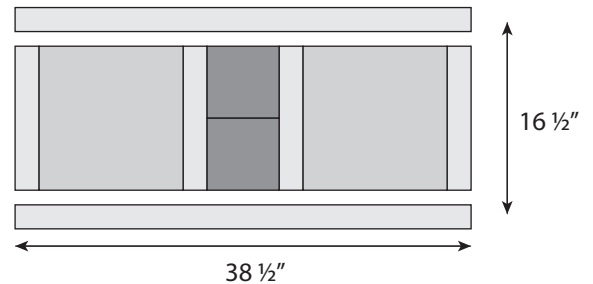
Press towards the sashing strips.

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Step 3

Join the 12 ½" x 38 ½" border strips to the top and bottom
of the pieced row as shown. Press towards the borders.

The completed pillow front should measure 16 ½" x 38 ½".
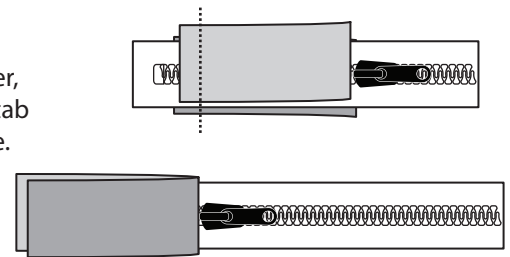
16 ½"

38 ½"

Step 4

If desired, quilt the pillow front and back. This may cause your
pillow front and back to shrink just a bit. That's OK — just trim
both pieces to the same size before assembling the pillow cover.

Step 5

Place one 1 ¼" x 7" zipper tab rectangle right-side down on top of one end of your zipper,
aligning the short edge with the zipper stop. Pin or clip in place. Place a second zipper tab
rectangle right-side up in the same spot underneath your zipper and pin or clip in place.
The zipper should be sandwiched between the zipper tab rectangles, and the
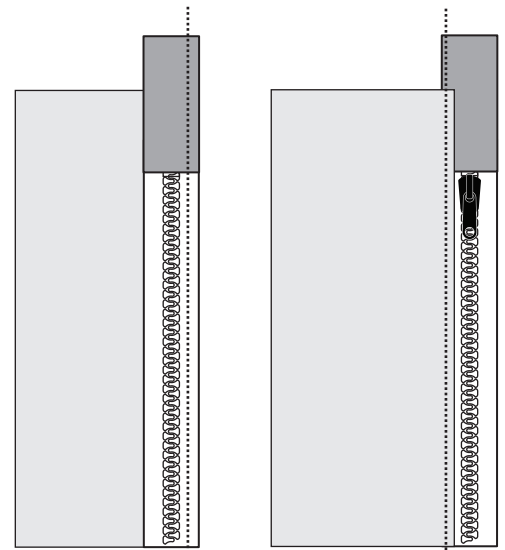right side of the fabric for both tabs should face the zipper.

Sew tabs in place ¼" from the zipper tab. Press fabric tabs out.

Step 6

Repeat step 5 on the other end of your zipper. When centered on the long edge of your pillow front, the tabs on your prepared zipper
should extend beyond the edge just a bit. You can trim those off later.

Step 7

Lay your prepared zipper face down and centered on top of your pieced pillow front.
The pillow front should be facing right-side up. Pin or clip the zipper in place.
Using your machine's zipper foot, stitch down the zipper, keeping the seam about
¼" from the zipper teeth. *Tip: Lengthen your stitch length to basting length and baste the zipper in place first,
then go back with a short stitch length to secure the zipper.*

Step 8

Press the pillow front out and
top stitch along the folded edge.

Step 9

Repeat steps 7 and 8 to stitch down
the zipper to your pillow backing.

Step 10

IMPORTANT: Open the zipper about halfway so you'll be able to turn the finished
pillow cover right side out.

With right sides together, align the three unfinished edges of the pillow front
and back. Using a ¼" seam, stitch along the edges to finish the pillow.
Tip: Lengthen your stitch length to basting length and baste first, then go back with a short stitch length for the final seam.

Turn pillow right-side out through the zippered opening and use a tool (crochet hook, chopstick, point turner)
to push out the corners. Add your pillow insert and enjoy!

*Use zipper foot to stitch
close to zipper teeth*

*Use zipper foot to topstitch
close to folded edge*