

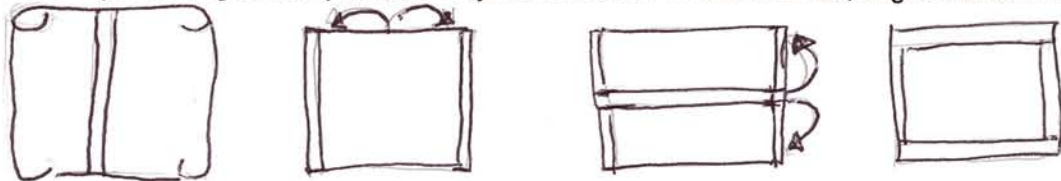
**BEGINNING MYSTERY PILLOW QUILT--Putting the blocks together**

Sew blocks together in the order listed on the chart to the right. Since this quilt can be busy, I recommend a narrow frame border, finished 1 inch wide, usually from the center fabric, then a larger outside border.

1	2	4	3
3	4	2	1
1	2	4	3
3	4	2	4
1	3	4	2

**Cutting:** Cut (6) 1 1/2" x 43" strips of frame border Cut (6) 4" strips of outside border.

**Sewing:** Sew the short ends of border strips for narrow frame together into one long piece. Lay your quilt out flat. If space is a problem you only need a spot as long as the quilt since only the center 20" needs to be flat, edges can be rolled.



Place the two ends of the long border strip together, cut off selvages and place this cut edge at the edge of the quilt as shown, crossing the center of the quilt, as shown. Making sure that the two border pieces are straight and flat and haven't slipped in from the edge of the quilt; cut them parallel to the edge, at the edge. You are using the center of your quilt as a measure for the borders to be pinned and sewn to the outside borders that are parallel to this center. As you ease this border to your quilt and repeat for the ends, it will guarantee you have a rectangle quilt. Pin more heavily if you have differences in border and quilt length. Repeat for outside borders.

**Backing:** Open your 3 1/3 yard piece of backing out full width and fold RST as pictured. Sew along one selvage edge until you get to one, inch from the fold, pictured. Stop, fold evenly to use fold as a measure and cut on fold. Your seam will run across the middle of the quilt back.



Purchase batting to measure 63" x 74". Do not use 100% cotton unless you are prepared to quilt about every 4 inches. A blend or any of the 100% polyesters allow you to tie or quilt further apart without the fabric tenting when washed. Do not put these pieces together until we make the pillow top, next month. It gets sewn in as we do the batting-backing step.