

NIGHT FLIGHT PILLOW FIGHT

Finished Size: 24" x 24" or 24" x 24" x 12"



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Note on Night Flight

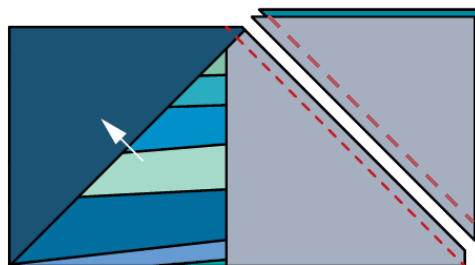
Both pillows were made with half square triangles leftover from assembling Night Flight. It is important when assembling the large flying geese units that you make them oversized so the half square triangles are large enough for this project.

Assemble Large Flying Geese Units

Step 5: Trim Step 4 unit to 6" x 11".

Step 7: Use 6" squares of mottled navy.

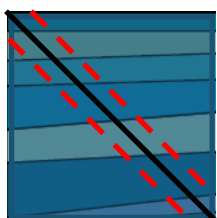
Step 8: After sewing on the diagonal line, sew an additional line $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the diagonal line. When trimming, you'll trim between the two sewn lines. Repeat when adding the triangle on the opposite corner. You'll be left with one flying geese unit and two half square triangles for each block.



The two triangles from each flying geese unit will not be identical. The improv lines will run in different directions. If you want the lines to all be the same on your pillow you will want to pay attention to which half square triangles you use when laying out your pillow. In the samples, we only paid attention in the very center, but it's up to you how exact you want to be.

Half Square Triangles

Use strips of fabric to piece an improv block that is Half Inch larger than the finished half square triangle.



Layer a background square right sides together with the improv square. Mark two stitching lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the center diagonal line. Stitch on the lines.

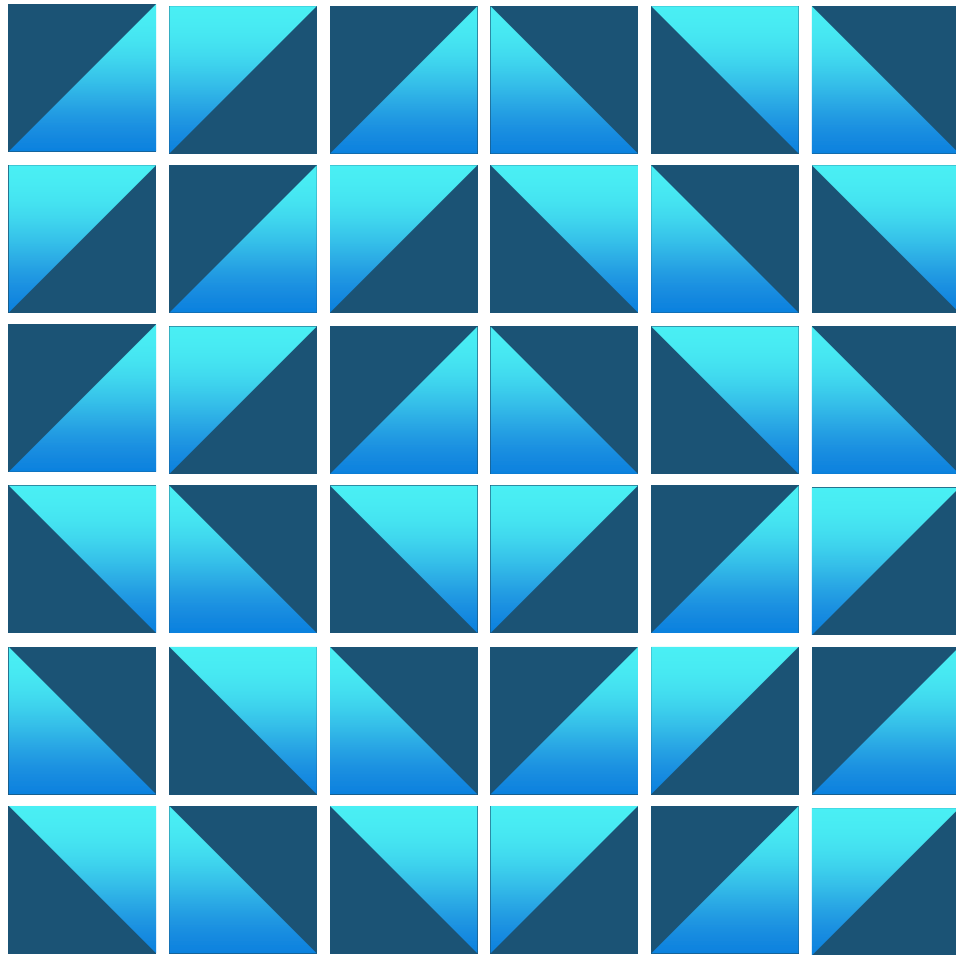
Cut down the center and press towards the background fabric.

Trim the half square triangles to the designated size.

Supplies for Pillow

- 36 Half Square Triangles Trimmed to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Yard of Fabric for the Back
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of Fabric for the Piping (or use scraps from Night Flight for a scrappy look like the sample)
- $2\frac{7}{8}$ yards of $\frac{3}{16}$ " Cording
- 20" zipper





Pillow Assembly

Pillow Top

Assemble the half square triangles as shown in the diagram above. Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam sew the blocks into rows. Press the seams in each row in opposite directions.

Sew the rows together. Press the seams in one direction. The finished pillow top should measure $24 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $24 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

If desired, layer the pillow top with batting and quilt. The sample was not quilted. Set aside.

Pillow Back

Cut two 15" x 26" pieces from the backing fabric.

Sew 26" sides right sides together with a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam. Press seam open.

Open up the zipper and lay it face down so the teeth are sitting on the seam centering it left to right. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the seam allowance through the zipper tape and the seam allowance (not pillow back).

Pinch up the seam allowance so it is against the edge of the zipper and sew through the seam allowance and the zipper tape.

Zip up the zipper. Flip to the front and sew the unattached side of the zipper in place.

Sew and then backstitch across the seam a couple of times then pivot the fabric and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the zipper tape. Stop when you get to the other end of the zipper and backstitch.

Using a seam ripper, open up the seam between the seam lines.

Trim back to $24\frac{1}{2}$ " x $24\frac{1}{2}$ " centering the zipper left to right.

Piping & Final Assembly

Cut 3 - 2" strips of piping fabric. Join the strips together using diagonal seams.

Lay the cording down the center of the wrong side of the piping strip. Wrap the fabric around the cording with the edges matching. Using a zipper foot or piping foot on your machine, sew as close as you can to the cording without sewing through the cording.

Trim the piping seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. The Grande Groovin Piping Tool is recommended for easy trimming.

Sew the piping onto the pillow top. The edge of the piping should align with the edge of the pillow and be touching the right side of the pillow. Snip the seam allowance at the corner to help ease around the 90° angle. Sew right on the previous stitching line ($\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance). Leave the first $1\frac{1}{2}$ " of the piping unstitched for connecting at the end. Use your preferred method for connecting piping or

- Sew piping on pillow top stopping about 2" from the starting point.
- Trim the piping so you have about a 1" overlap.
- Open up the piping and trim just the cording so it butts up with the cording at the beginning.
- Fold the overlapping fabric under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Fold this fabric around the area where the cording butts up and stitching in place.

Unzip the zipper in the pillow back part of the way. Place the pillow back on sandwiching the piping in between. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Turn the pillow right side out through the zipper. Stuff or insert a pillow form.

Supplies for Ottoman

- 36 Half Square Triangles Trimmed to 5" x 5"
- 1 ½ yards of Fabric for Base and Sides
- 3 ½ yards of Canvas for the Back of Top, Base, and Sides (will only be seen when stuffing ottoman)
- ⅓ yard of Fabric for the Piping
- 5 ½ yards of 3/16" Cording
- 20" Invisible Zipper
- Fiberfill



Ottoman Assembly

Side Panels & Base

The side panels and base can all be quilted as one big piece and then cut apart. Layer canvas, batting, and 1 ½ yards of exterior fabric. Quilt as desired. On the sample, an allover triangle design was used.

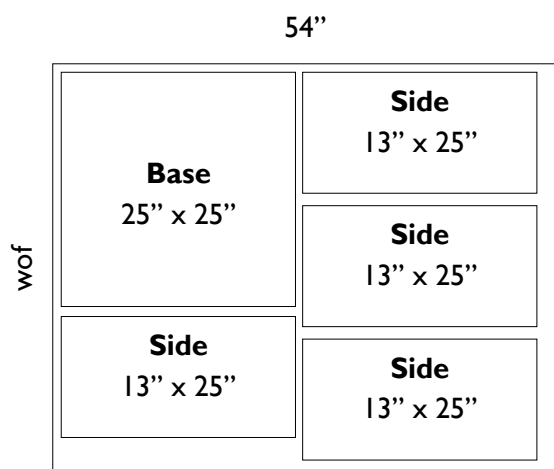
From the quilted panel cut:

- (1) 25" x 25" (Base)
- (4) 13" x 25" (Side Panels)

Ottoman Top

Layout the top as shown on page three. Assemble using ½" seam allowances.

Layer the top, batting, and canvas. Quilt as desired. On the sample, lines were quilted in the background sections. The improv areas were not quilted.



Piping

Cut 5 - 2" strips of piping fabric. Join the strips together using diagonal seams.

Optional: To add a little more texture to the piping, a decorative stitch was sewn down the center of the piping fabric before wrapping it around the cording.

Lay the cording down the center of the wrong side of the piping strip. Wrap the fabric around the cording with the edges matching. Using a zipper foot or piping foot on your machine, sew as close as you can to the cording without sewing through the cording.

Trim the piping seam allowance to ½" seam allowance. The Grande Groovin Piping Tool is recommended for easy trimming.

Sew the piping onto the ottoman top. The edge of the piping should align with the edge of the top and be touching the right side of the top. Snip the seam allowance at the corner to help ease around the 90° angle. Sew right on the previous stitching line (1/2" seam allowance).

Piping can be ended as it was for the pillow. Or alternatively, an additional strip can be wrapped around to finish the cording.

Using a 2" x 3" strip of piping fabric, fold the 2" edges in towards the center wrong sides together to create a strip 1" x 3" strip and press.

Trim the two edges of piping so they butt up exactly. Wrap the strip that was just made around the piping to cover the raw edges of the piping and sew down with the piping. Trim the raw edges of the strip even with the ottoman top.

Repeat for the ottoman bottom.

Ottoman Assembly

Join the 13" sides of the side panels together using a 1/2" seam allowance. Start sewing 1/2" from the raw edge and end 1/2" from the opposite raw edge backstitching at both ends.

Sew all the side panels together to create a loop.

An invisible zipper was installed in the seam between the ottoman base and one of the side panels using an invisible zipper foot.

Open the zipper and place the right side of the zipper to the right side of the fabric, placing the coil of the zipper on the seam line (1/2" seam allowance). The zipper should be centered on the panel.

Stitch from the top of the zipper tape to the zipper pull on both sides.

To sew the right side of the zipper: Raise the foot and position the coil in the right groove of the invisible zipper foot, so the center needle position will sew to the left of the coil.

To sew the left side of the zipper: Raise the foot and position the coil in the left groove of the invisible zipper foot so the center needle position will sew to the right side of the coil.

Close the zipper.

Finish the seam by moving the bottom of the zipper out of the way and matching the fabric edges.

Sew the remainder of the bottom panel to the sides panels using a 1/2" seam allowance sandwiching the piping between the top and sides. The seams should be aligned with the corners of the base.

Sew the top panel to the other side of the loop using a 1/2" seam.

Turn right side out through the zipper and stuff with fiberfill.